

David Thodey is a global business leader focused on technology and telecommunications with more than thirty (30) years of experience creating brand and shareholder value. He works across the private sector, government policy and academic communities.

He is currently Chairman of Australia's national scientific research agency, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). The CSIRO is Australia's innovation catalyst, collaborating to boost Australia's innovation performance. As set out in its Strategy 2020, the CSIRO creates benefit for Australia through impactful science and innovation.

He is also Chairman of JobsNSW focused on job creation in NSW, and on the Advisory Boards of SquarePeg Capital and UHG.

Mr Thodey had a successful career as CEO of Telstra (Australia's leading telecommunications and information services company, with an international presence spanning Asia, Europe and North America) defined by a period of significant growth, transformation and shareholder value creation. Prior to Telstra, Mr Thodey's 22 year career at IBM comprised a number of senior marketing and sales positions including Chief Executive Officer of IBM Australia/New Zealand. He has worked in Asia for over 25 years.

He has extensive experience in information and communications technology (ICT), digital business, data services and digital services. He is known as an inspiring leader who builds extraordinary teams and winning cultures by creating career opportunities that challenge, provide a strong learning environment, and enable top talent to have an impact.

Mr Thodey holds a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and English from Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand. He attended the Kellogg School of Management Postgraduate General Management Program at Northwestern University in Chicago, USA. He has an honorary Doctorate of Science from Deakin University.

Former board memberships include co-chair of the Infrastructure and Investment Taskforce of the B20 leadership group, and Chairman of IBM ANZ, Director of The Global Services Mobile Association and Chair of Regulatory Committee, Directorships at TelstraClear, Information Technology (IT) Skills Hub, Industry Groups and Basketball Australia. He is an experienced board chairman and director.