

### **Claire Thomas – Director Policy**

Claire Thomas joined the Business Council of Australia in June 2011. Her appointment builds on a long career in public policy, most recently as a Director with the Victorian Department of Treasury and Finance.

After a year with the ABS in Canberra, Claire spent some 10 years in policy related research at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research before joining the Victorian public service.

Claire subsequently occupied a range of senior leadership roles within Victoria's Departments of Treasury and Finance and Premier and Cabinet, leading teams advising on a wide range of economic, social and financial policy issues and reform strategies. Over that time she was variously responsible for fiscal strategy, budget coordination, economic policy, competition policy, taxation policy, climate change, environment and water policy, best practice regulation and market design.

Between 1999 and 2001 Claire and her husband spent three years undertaking a world circumnavigation on their 10.7 metre yacht *Beatrice*. In 2009 Claire was awarded a Public Service Medal for services to public policy.

Claire holds a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Western Australia and a DipEd from the University of Melbourne and has undertaken further postgraduate studies in both education and government law at the University of Melbourne.