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## **ROD KEMP**

### **APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

The Board of the Institute of Public Affairs announced today that Rod Kemp will become the Chairman of the Institute, effective from 1 August 2008.

The Institute of Public Affairs (IPA) is Australia's leading free market think tank. The IPA publishes the *IPA Review* which was recently voted the world's best free market magazine.

Rod Kemp served as Senator for Victoria from 1990 to 2008, and held several ministerial positions in four Howard governments.

He was Assistant Treasurer from 1996 to 2001, and Minister for the Arts and Sport from 2001 to 2007. As Shadow Minister for the Environment he developed the successful policy of the Howard government to devote a share of the proceeds of the privatisation of Telstra to environmental remediation.

Prior to entering the federal parliament he was the Executive Director of the IPA between 1982 and 1989. Under his leadership the IPA developed the path-breaking policies of deregulation and privatisation which were later implemented by Liberal and Labor state and federal governments in the 1990s.

Rod Kemp said he was delighted to accept the position of Chairman of the IPA. 'In recent years the scope of the IPA's activities has substantially increased, and it has more than doubled in size.

"The leadership of our recent Chairmen, Alan Stockdale and Dr Tim Duncan has been a significant factor in the IPA's success. Alan Stockdale as Chairman from 2002 until this year performed an outstanding service by setting the IPA's new strategic and policy focus."

Rod Kemp said that in the current political and policy environment in Australia it was essential to advocate policies which emphasised the role of the free market and individual choice.

"Less government regulation - not more - is the way to ensure that Australia is equipped to handle future challenges such as the environment and climate change, and to foster continued economic growth," he said.

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