

## **THE HON. DR MICHAEL WOOLDRIDGE**

Michael Wooldridge initially trained in Science and Medicine and now works as a consultant specializing in health care policy, regulation and technology matters. He holds an adjunct Professorial appointment at Monash Universities and is Chairman the co-operative Research Centre for Mental Health in Melbourne and the Australian Institute of Tropical Health Medicine at Townsville.

In 1987, at the age of thirty, he was elected to the Australian Federal Parliament. He served as Deputy Leader of the Federal Opposition, Minister for Health and Aged Care (1996-2001) as well as chair of UNAIDS (Geneva) and East Asia/West Pacific Regional Chair of the World Health Organization.

He is the longest serving Federal Health Minister from the Coalition parties over the past 50 years.