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Jack Best has worked for many years in policy formulation, strategic planning and management in the health sector, advising a wide range of clients, including government, industry, health service and public and private sector medical clients.

He was particularly involved in the development of policy for rural and remote area health and of postgraduate medical training initiatives. In 1999, as a special adviser for the then Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care, he undertook a national "Rural Stocktake" of rural and remote health. A major recommendation of the "Stocktake" was the establishment of the national network of University Departments of Rural Health and Rural Clinical Schools.

From 1997-2003 Dr Best chaired the Strategic Research Development Committee, one of the four principal committees of the NHMRC. He is a former Deputy Secretary-General of the Australian Medical Association, former President of the International Society for Quality in Health Care and former President of the Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine. Dr Best was instrumental in the introduction by the Victorian Government of credentialing and privileging in rural Victoria and he established and chaired the Credentialing and Privileging Committees for both Alpine Health and the Moira Health Services for a number of years.

For ten years up to 2014 he was Director of Medical Services for four rural health services in north-east Victoria and was Director of Clinical Training for the Murray to the Mountains (M2M) Intern Program, which he established in north-east Victoria and which now has 15 interns across eight health services. He remains an adviser on medical administration and health care quality.