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Until recently Mike Donnelly was Dean of the Faculty of Business and Enterprise at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Prior to taking up this post Mike was Founding Dean of the School of Business, Enterprise and Management at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh, and Founding Dean of Paisley Business School at what is now the University of the West of Scotland. Mike's academic interests cover public service performance and quality, strategic management and leadership, and operations management and research. He has organised and presented to academic conferences and published internationally in the field of public service quality and management. Although Mike has been a career academic and academic manager for over 30 years, he has extensive experience of working for government. He was chief of staff to the First Minister of Scotland and as special adviser to the Scottish Cabinet and various UK government Ministers during the Blair premiership, advising the UK Home Secretary during the major departmental restructuring. As well as advising central government, Mike also served as an elected member of Stirling District Council in central Scotland for 5 years. During this time he chaired a range of committees including those responsible for Leisure and Recreation, Equal Opportunities, Community Services, Public Housing and Finance. Mike has experience of working with charitable organisations too. He is a Trustee and non-executive board member of the Govan Law Centre - a leading law centre dedicated to providing access to justice for those excluded by cost or circumstance. Mike is also a non-executive director of The Star Project based which provides all-round social, professional and emotional support to individuals and families in deprived areas of Paisley,

Scotland. He was an "inspirational speaker" for the Yorkhill Childrens' Foundation – a charity dedicated to supporting the work of Yorkhill Childrens' Hospital in Glasgow, Scotland – presenting the achievements and work of the Foundation to community and business groups across Scotland as part of their information, communications and fundraising activities. Mike also served on the Board of Management of Quarriers – a not for profit focused on services for people with intellectual disabilities – chairing its fundraising committee for two years. Mike served on the Board of the Institute of Public Administration Australia (Victoria) and on the Committee of Management of Extended Families Australia – a charity that brings the gift of friendship to children with disabilities and their families. Mike holds the title of Honorary Professor at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland and is Adjunct Professor with the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia. He is also an Honorary Fellow of the Strategic Management Institute which is based in, Melbourne, Australia.

