



## Biography

Des is the Head of Business Assurance for Raytheon Australia.

Based in Canberra, Des is responsible for the organisation's Program Management & Risk; EHS; Security; Facilities; Special Projects; and Mission Assurance capabilities, including R6 $\sigma$  and Quality. He also coordinates the activities of Raytheon Australia's Senior Advisory Group.

Previously Head of Human Resources, Des has also held appointments in Business Development and Program Management.

Des joined Raytheon Australia from the Astronomy and Space Science Division of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), where he managed the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex as part of NASA's Deep Space Network (DSN). This role entailed coordinating Australian communications and launch support for missions such as the Mars Exploration Rovers, the Cassini/Huygens mission to Saturn and Titan, and the New Horizons mission to Pluto.

A former Lieutenant Colonel in the Australian Army, Des is a graduate of the Officer Cadet School Portsea, the Army Command and Staff College at Queenscliff and the Royal Military College of Science (Shrivenham) in the UK. His service included command of the Australian Army's Proof & Experimental Establishment (Port Wakefield), Career Advisor in the Directorate of Officer Career Management, Deputy Director (Concepts) in the Directorate General Land Development (DGLD), and regimental duty as an Artillery officer.

Des has Master's Degrees in Arts and Defence Studies, and a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Development. He also holds qualifications in project management and is a graduate of CSIRO's Leading the Research Enterprise (LRE) Program.

Des is a qualified Raytheon Six Sigma™ Specialist, and a Certified Professional (CAHRI) with the Australian Human Resources Institute. He was previously certified as a Master Project Director (MPD) with the Australian Institute of Project Management.