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John Gillies joined the Commonwealth Public Service in 1979 with the then Fisheries Division of the Department of Primary Industries and Energy, working for five years on the implementation and management of the Australian Fishing Zone.

In 1984 he moved to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) in Townsville where he spent six years with the Authority in its park management and research and monitoring areas. While with GBRMPA, he was responsible for the development, management and review of environmental programs in the Park associated with infrastructure developments and tourism operations.

Returning to Canberra in 1991 to work with Environment Australia, John was responsible for overseeing the Oceans Rescue 2000 program and was subsequently one of the main contributors to the development of *Australia's Oceans Policy*.

Seeking new horizons, he joined the Australian Maritime Safety Authority in March 2000 and since October 2001 has been Principal Adviser – Policy and Regulatory of AMSA's Environment Protection Standards unit.

John has extensive experience in policy development, program and project management, maintaining up-to-date legislation and procedures, in particular relating to Australia's obligations as a signatory to IMO environment treaties.

John currently provides executive support for AMSA's management of Australia's National Plan to Combat Pollution of the Sea by Oil and Other Noxious and Hazardous Substances.

John has degrees in Fisheries Biology and Marine Biology.