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Paul Burke is a Professor of Economics and Deputy Director of the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University (ANU). His research is in energy and environmental economics, with a focus on countries in the Asia-Pacific region including Australia, Indonesia, China, Japan, and Vietnam.

Paul has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals including the *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Nature Geoscience*, *Nature Climate Change*, *Energy*, *Global Environmental Change*, and the *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. He received the *Economic Papers* Best Paper Prize in 2016 for his article on Australia's Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF). Ongoing research topics include urban air pollution in Australia, electric vehicle promotion policies in China, and energy transition in South-East Asia.

Among his contributions, Paul was Head of the Arndt-Corden Department of Economics (ACDE) at the ANU and program convener for the ANU Master of International and Development Economics and Master of Environmental and Resource Economics over January 2021 to January 2025. He was Convener for the Renewable Energy Policy and Governance in Asia-Pacific Countries program within the Zero-Carbon Energy for the Asia-Pacific research initiative at ANU over 2018–2024 and held a Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) from the Australian Research Council during 2016–2018. He serves on the Editorial Boards of *Asian-Pacific Economic Literature* and the *Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies* and has been on the Executive Committee of the Australasian Development Economics Workshop (ADEW) since June 2017. He was ACT Branch President of the Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) during 2017–2019.

Paul is active in policy discussions on energy and environmental policy in Australia and provided parliamentary evidence to the Inquiry into the Government's Direct Action Plan (2014) and the Joint Standing Committee on Trade and Investment Growth (2023). His media pieces have been published in outlets including *The Conversation*, *Australian Financial Review*, and *Jakarta Post*.

Paul has convened courses at ANU in microeconomics, environmental economics, and energy economics. He has been active as a Chair and panel member of PhD students and has delivered Executive Education training in applied economics for a range of public sector and open-enrolment participants.

Key research findings include on the size of Australia's clean commodity export opportunity, the effectiveness of carbon pricing in reducing emissions, the effects of fossil fuel subsidy reforms, and the impact of Australia's rooftop solar panel incentivisation scheme.

Paul holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics (Honours I and University Medal) from the University of Sydney and a PhD in Economics from the Australian National University. He won the AARES Undergraduate Prize for NSW in 2002 and is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia (FASSA).