



ROSE-MARIE WILLIAMS

POLICY, JOURNALISM, CODING, DATA | AUSGOV.INFO

OBJECTIVE

Provide rational arguments & information for the analysis of social, policy & political problems.

SKILLS

I am respected for my life experience, formal knowledge (degree in Sociology), technical skills & ability to synthesize knowledge across domains in the defence of human rights & accountability.

ARTICLES

[Innovation Australia](#)
[The New Daily](#)
[Eureka Street](#)
[AusVotes 2019](#)
[Independent Australia](#)

EXPERIENCE

FOUNDER • AUSGOVINFO • 2013 - CURRENT

Over the past decade, I have built & maintained multiple research projects using open data for the purposes of political transparency.

My very first project, BudgetAus ran off the first ever complete line item dataset of the federal budget which I created myself & which inspired the government to use my schema when they began publishing the same dataset in 2014.

My current domain was launched at the [Linux Australia Conference](#) in 2018 and has hosted projects using spending & revenue, charities, donations, tenders, grants, pecuniary interests & corporate tax transparency datasets.

I have engaged with the media extensively over the past decade from the launch of BudgetAus on the [front page](#) of the digital version of the SMH on budget day 2013 to being included in a list of projects on the Guardian Australia site & referenced in various media from radio with [Mark Colvin](#).

I have also engaged extensively with government in policy consultations across a diverse range of issues including [Australia's National Plans for Open Government](#) & various Parliamentary Inquiries. My submissions have been referenced in the Final Reports for these Inquiries.

My research has even been mentioned by name (along with others) on the floor of [Parliament](#) as a reason to hold a Parliamentary Inquiry.

FREELANCE JOURNALIST • VARIOUS • 2008 – CURRENT

I have been published by or referenced/interviewed & at times worked with media including those listed on the left.



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[Electronic Frontiers Australia](#)
[Crikey](#)
[Open Australia Foundation](#)
[AOGPN blog](#)
[Open Knowledge Foundation](#)
[The Conversation](#)
[IdeasHoist](#)
[ABC PM Radio](#)
[Power to Persuade](#)
[Croakey](#)
[International Budget](#)
[Partnership](#)
[Sydney Morning Herald](#)
[Online Opinion](#)
[New Matilda](#)
[No Fibs](#)
[Sunday Life Magazine](#)

POLICY TEAM • EFA.ORG.AU • 2018

I was instrumental in setting up the Online Safety Working Group & Data Ethics Working Group & recruiting other members to the policy team & represented the [EFA](#) at Australia's inaugural E-safety conference.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS (SOCIOLOGY) • 2005 • UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

I studied part time, achieving a credit average while raising & homeschooling my special needs & profoundly gifted son. My son began his university studies at age twelve through Open Universities Australia in the early 2000's.

I was particularly interested in Public Policy & completed a double-weighted unit in my final year. I used the case study of the government's response to the collapse of the Insurance Industry to create my first major online project aimed at teaching the public about the policy process.

CERTIFICATE IV SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT • 2015 • EASTERN SUBURBS BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTER

I created the business plan for an earlier version of my open data projects while on the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme.



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VOLUNTEERING

TELEPHONE COUNSELLOR • 1997-8 • NSW ASSOC FOR GIFTED & TALENTED CHILDREN

Provided information & support to parents of gifted children in advocating for their children.

TESTIMONIALS

I was impressed by the [Censusfail submission](#) to this (Inquiry) Committee. It very clearly showed some good analysis that would have helped the ABS to run a better Census if it had done such research before developing the Census proposal. It also saved me from explaining the current thrust in government with the Government Data Linkage Project, & its likely links to the Census.

Bill McLennan

FORMER HEAD, AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS, FORMER CHAIRMAN UNITED NATIONS STATISTICAL COMMISSION

I've worked with Rosie Williams on budget data transparency since November 2013. Rosie has developed her project into the best government data transparency initiative I know... continually updated & improved to make underlying data intelligible & to focus on key aspects for analysis. My interest has particularly been on the transparency of federal budget data.

Garry Brooke

FORMER DIRECTOR, APPROPRIATIONS MANAGEMENT TEAM, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE



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