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Susan Pascoe is a Commissioner with the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission established after the devastating bushfires on 7 February 2009 in which 173 people died. Prior to this she was a Commissioner with the State Services Authority (an independent statutory body which oversees the Public Service) chairing inquiries for the Victorian Government in regulatory and social policy. She chaired a review of the regulation of the Not-For-Profit sector in 2007–08, co-chaired a review of the institutional design and governance of regulatory bodies in Victoria in 2008–09, and chaired a review of the Government’s Indigenous Employment Strategy in 2008–09.

Ms Pascoe has led or been a member of several Australian delegations to the OECD and to UNESCO, including leading Australia's delegation to the UN World Education Forum in Senegal in 2001. Earlier in her career Ms Pascoe was professionally involved in the education sector where she held the roles of Chief Executive of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Chief Executive of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria. She was a member of a number of national taskforces investigating matters such as the need for civics and citizenship education, standards for literacy and numeracy, employment competencies and vocational education.

Ms Pascoe has undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in arts, education and administration. She was a visiting scholar at Harvard University in 1994, undertaking research for the Australian Government comparing educational standards internationally. She has held several positions of national educational leadership including as President and Medal recipient of its premier professional body, the Australian College of Educators.

She has published and presented in the areas of governance, regulatory reform, civics and citizenship and systemic reform. Ms Pascoe is a life member of the Australian College of Educators, and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Australian Institute of Management, the Institute of Public Administration of Australia and the Australian Council for Educational Leaders. Ms Pascoe chaired the Australian National Commission for UNESCO 2006–08, was a patron of the 2009 Parliament of the World Religions, and is a member of the Board of Cabrini Health.