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David Fricker joined the National Archives as Director-General on 1 January 2012.

David began his career at the Australian Customs Service in 1979 after completing a BA in Computing Studies. He held many positions within Customs, managing major innovative border management projects for passenger processing and cargo control.

In 1987 he moved to the private sector, joining Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) as a Senior Consultant and Account Manager, working with CSC's clients in the Defence, Science, Immigration and ACT Government sectors on Information Management, Strategic Planning and Project Management.

In 1993 David founded Business Synetics, a consultancy company providing Strategic Planning, Information Systems Architecture and Business Process Improvement services to a broad range of Federal Government agencies including Treasury, Health, Immigration and the intelligence community.

He left Business Synetics in 2002 to join the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) as it was embarking on an extraordinary period of growth and change. For five years he held the position of CIO, driving innovation in technical infrastructure, analytical capability and digital information management. He was appointed to the position of Deputy Director-General in July 2007, managing a program of change across the human capital framework, intelligence and information policy, legislative reform, protective security policy and the construction of the new ASIO central office.

As Director-General of the National Archives of Australia, David's strategic focus has been on the whole-of-government transition to digital records and information management; expansion of preservation capability for paper, audio-visual and digital records; acceleration of the declassification of sensitive archival documents; and the exploitation of emerging technology to enhance the public's access to archival resources.

David has been an active member of ICA since 2012, hosting the ICA Congress in Brisbane and achieving the office of President FAN in 2013. He is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.