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Rob Heferen was appointed to the position of AIHW Chief Executive Officer, commencing in July 2021.

Prior to this, Mr Heferen was Deputy Secretary Higher Education, Research and International in the Department of Education, Skills and Employment. He has also served as Deputy Secretary, Energy at the Department of the Environment and Energy and had responsibility for energy policy including electricity and gas markets, and fuel security. Mr Heferen was also Australia's representative on the International Energy Agency's Governing Board.

In April 2016 Mr Heferen was Deputy Secretary with the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science with responsibilities for Energy, Resources and the Office of Northern Australia. Before joining the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, Rob was the Deputy Secretary, Revenue Group at the Treasury from March 2011 – April 2016, with responsibility for tax policy, tax

legislation and revenue forecasting. Mr. Heferen was first promoted to Deputy Secretary in 2010 to the Department Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with responsibility for Indigenous Affairs.

Mr Heferen joined the Australian Public Service in 1989 as a graduate in the Australian Customs Service, worked at the Australian Taxation Office, and then had a number of years at the Treasury working on tax policy, Commonwealth/State financial relations and social policy.