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bio

Darcy Allen is a research fellow at free market think tank the Institute of Public Affairs, Editor of award winning quarterly magazine the *IPA Review*, and is in the final stages of a PhD in economics at RMIT University, Melbourne. Darcy has published peer review journal articles, book chapters, and conference proceedings. He has submitted and appeared as an expert witness before the Senate Standing Committee on Economics, Senate Committee on Red Tape and the Victorian Standing Committee on Economy and Infrastructure. He has regularly presented at conferences across Australia on topics ranging from public policy, the budget, blockchain technology, 3D printing, and the sharing economy. Darcy is a regular media commentator in national and state media with his research, comments and opinion articles having featured on the pages of *The Australian*, *Australian Financial Review*, *Herald Sun*, *The Age*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *The West Australian*, *Hobart Mercury* and *The Weekly Times*. Previously Darcy has taught several courses as an academic tutor, and has also worked as a copywriter.

professional experience and education

- 2017 – Present: Editor of the *IPA Review*.
- 2014 – Present: Research Fellow at Institute of Public Affairs.
- 2013 – Present: PhD Candidate (Economics) at RMIT University.
- 2015: Sessional Academic Tutor (Development Economics) at RMIT University.
- 2014: Sessional Academic Tutor (Microeconomics) at RMIT University.
Research Assistant (3D printing and the law) at Swinburne Institute for Social Research.
Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) First Class Honours, RMIT (GPA 3.9/4.0).
- 2009 – 2011: Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance), RMIT University.
- 2008: Completed Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

research output and commentary

Peer review

- Allen, D. W. E., & Potts, J. (2016). How the innovation commons contributes to the development and discovery of new technologies. *International Journal of the Commons* 10(2). 1035 – 1054.
- MacDonald, T. J., Allen, D. W. E., & Potts, J. (2016). Blockchains and the Boundaries of Self-Organized Economies: Predictions for the Future of Banking. In P. Tasca, T. Aste, L. Pelizzon, & N. Perony (Eds.), *Banking Beyond Banks and Money: A Guide to Banking Services in the Twenty-First Century*. 279-296. Cham: Springer International Publishing.
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- Allen, D. W. E. (2015). The innovation fundamental transformation. RMIT University Research Seminar, 2015.
- Allen, D. W. E. (2015) The entrepreneurial problem of the blockchain. *Sydney Blockchain Workshops*, December 2015.
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- Potts, J., Allen, D. W. E. *Keep your friends close, your enemies closer: the case for inclusive innovation policy*. RMIT Economics Working Paper. Available at SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2836301
- Allen, D. W. E. & Berg, C. *Subjective political economy*. Available at SSRN: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2799032
- Allen, D. W. E. *Hackerspaces as entrepreneurial anarchy*. Draft Dissertation Chapter. Available at SSRN: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2749016

Selected research reports and submissions

- Allen, D. W. E., Berg, C., & Fraser, J. (2017). Liquor Licensing Red Tape on Australian Businesses. *IPA Occasional Paper*.
- Allen, D. W. E. (2016). The Case for Cutting Red Tape on Drones. *IPA Occasional Paper*.
- Allen, D. W. E., Wild, D., & Hogan, B. (2016). On Regulation, Productivity and Growth: Reforms to Make Australia More Prosperous. *IPA Occasional Paper*.
- Allen, D. W. E., Berg, C., Novak, M., & Wild, D. (2016). Submission to the Productivity Commission Draft Report of the Regulation of Agriculture.
- Allen, D. W. E. and Novak, M. (2016). Ten Red Tape Initiatives For the Next Australian Government. *IPA Occasional Paper*.
- Allen, D. W. E. (2016). Submission to the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman Discussion Paper 2016.
- Allen, D. W. E., Berg, C., & Breheny, S. (2016). Submission relating to the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.
- Allen, D. W. E. & Potts, J. (2015). Innovation Strangled By Red Tape. Submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into business set-up, transfer and closure.
- Stanley, V. & Allen, D. W. E. (2014). Freedom to Teach: A Research Report on the Work and Conditions of Teachers in Australia. *IPA Occasional Paper*.
- Allen, D. W. E. & Berg, C. (2014). The Sharing Economy: How Over-Regulation Could Destroy an Economic Revolution. *IPA Occasional Paper*.

Selected opinion pieces

- Allen, D. W. E. (2017). [Taxi license compensation sends the wrong message](#). *Herald Sun*, 14 February 2017.
- Allen, D. W. E. (2016). [Red tape hampers resources recovery](#). *The West Australian*, 7 October 2016.
- Allen, D. W. E. (2016). [Cut Green And Red Tape To Drive More Growth In Farming Sector](#). *Mercury*, 31 July 2016.
- Allen, D. W. E. (2016). [Drive Productivity Growth Through Innovation](#). *Farm Weekly*, 28 July 2016.
- Allen, D. W. E. (2016). [Red Tape the Big Hurdle For The Mining Industry](#). *The West Australian*, 24 June 2016.
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- Allen, D. W. E. (2015). [Government Taken for a Ride By Public Crackdown on Uber](#). *The West Australian*, 10 July 2015.
- Allen, D. W. E. (2015). [New Laws Will Impact Sydney Apartment Sizes](#). *Sydney Morning Herald*, 4 May 2015.

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- Allen, D. W. E. (2017). Seeding Prosperity. *IPA Review* 69(1).
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- Allen, D. W. E. (2015). The Sharing Economy. *IPA Review* 67(3).
- Hannaford, P. & Allen, D. W. E. (2015). Freedom Works. *IPA Review* 67(2).
- Allen, D. W. E. (2014). When the Going Gets Tough, the Losers Get Lobbying. *IPA Review* 66(3).
- Allen, W. E. E (2014). What is a Taxi? Regulation and the Sharing Economy. OECD Insights. 22 December 2014.

Appearances as expert witness before Parliament

Senate Committee on Red Tape, The Effect of Red Tape on the Sale, Supply and Taxation of Alcohol, 24 February 2017, Sydney.

Senate Standing Committee on Economics, Inquiry into Criminal, Civil and Administrative Penalties into White Collar Crime, 6 December 2016, Melbourne.

Victorian Standing Committee on Economy and Infrastructure, Inquiry into Ride Sourcing Services, 8 September 2016, Melbourne.