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Dr Aleck joined what was then the Civil Aviation Authority in 1993 as a Legal Officer, assuming the role of CASA's Senior Legal Counsel in 1995 and Chief Legal Officer in 1996. During his tenure at CASA, he has held a number of senior executive positions in the legal, operational and policy fields.

Over the past 25 years, Dr Aleck has written and spoken publicly on various aspects of regulatory theory and practice



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From September 1998 to August 2003, Dr Aleck served as Australia's representative on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). He has represented Australia at a number of international aviation meetings and conferences, including the 40th ICAO Assembly (September-October 2019) and the 37th Session of the Legal Committee (September 2018).

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