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Bio Note

Geoff joined the Australian Government’s Bureau of Meteorology on 3 March 1975 after working as a tutor in the Physics Department of the Ballarat Institute of Advanced Education.

After completing the Bureau’s Meteorologist-in-Training Course in 1975, he spent a year working in the then Research and Development Branch of the Bureau Head Office in Melbourne before transferring to the Northern Territory and taking up forecaster duties in the Darwin Regional Forecasting Centre in late-1976. Geoff then spent the period 1979-81 as a PhD student at Colorado State University (US) before returning to Darwin, as a Senior Forecaster. After a period from September 1983 to March 1984 on attachment to the Meteorological Satellite Centre in Japan, Geoff served as Regional Director Northern Territory and in 1987 was promoted to the position of officer-in-charge of the National Meteorological Centre in Melbourne.

In 1991, Geoff took a twelve-month appointment with the Industry Commission to assist in its inquiry into the costs and benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. He took a further appointment outside the Bureau from August 1994 to February 1996 when he worked as Secretary to the Inquiry into the Proposed East Coast Armaments Complex.

In July 1997 Geoff was promoted in the Bureau to the position of Deputy Director (Services). He was appointed as Secretary of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), located in the WMO (World Meteorological Organisation) Secretariat in Geneva in April 2002 and returned to the position of Director of Meteorology in August 2003. He is also currently a Vice-Chair of IPCC Working Group II.

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