

Frank McGuire MP

Parliamentary Secretary for Medical Research

Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Innovation



Frank McGuire has enjoyed significant careers as a Member of Parliament, internationally acclaimed innovator, businessman, and dual winner of Australian journalism's most prestigious honour, the Walkley Award.

He is Victoria's first Parliamentary Secretary for Medical Research and is also Parliamentary Secretary for Small Business and Innovation. Frank has driven Victoria's medical research strategy since December 2014 to lead Australia in a bigger and bolder fashion globally. He called for a partnership with America in President Barack Obama's 'Moonshot' quest to cure cancer, leading to US Vice President, Joe Biden's visit to Melbourne for the opening of the billion dollar jewel in Australia's medical research crown, the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre.

Frank has paved the way for other international collaborations and assisted Health Minister, Jill Hennessy in developing Victoria's International Health Strategy, *Partnering for a Healthy and Prosperous Future* 2016-2020, and Victoria's Health and Medical Research Strategy, *Healthier Lives, Stronger Economy* 2016-20, designed to create economic benefit through global leadership in healthcare, health education, aged care and medical research while creating jobs and economic growth by boosting investment, industry development and exports. Frank launched the Science, Medical Research and Technology (SMaRT) panel in 2016, an initiative designed to leverage investment and partnerships to transfer discoveries from benchtop to business.

In his first term, Frank was deputy chair of the Victorian Parliamentary inquiry that produced the landmark report, *Betrayal of Trust*, into the handling of child abuse by religious and other non-government organisations in 2013. He also co-chaired Parliament's Economic Development, Infrastructure and Outer Suburban/Interface Services Committee.

Frank was nominated for the international Metropolis Award for innovation in 2011 for his model for smarter, healthier, better connected and sustainable communities, the Global Learning Village, supported by Silicon Valley leaders Microsoft, Intel and Cisco Systems.

His Walkley Awards were for investigative journalism, the first for a body of work stretching from Ten News to current affairs at the ABC's *7.30 Report* and flagship, *Four Corners* in 1993. An expose into alleged corruption won a Walkley in 2007 for the Nine Network's *Sunday*. He is also the recipient of a Human Rights Media award, producer of a documentary on the centenary of the Venice Biennale, *Art & Identity* and co-founder of the independent production company, McGuire Media.

Frank is a fellow of Leadership Victoria and in 2016 published *Creating Opportunity: Postcodes of Hope*, a blueprint for cultural, generational and systemic change delivering lifelong learning, economic development and jobs.