

Five minutes with Lisa Paul Tweet

What did you want to be when you grew up?

When I was growing up I don't actually recall ever having a consistent answer to that question. After 20 years in the APS I realised: Golly! I must be a career public servant!

What was your first or worst job?

My first job was working Friday night and Saturday mornings at Target Newton in Adelaide.

Something people don't know about you?

I was born in California. When I was seven or eight we moved to New Zealand for a year, before migrating to Australia. My Kiwi-tinged American accent was the cause of much hilarity at my new school. I lost the accent fast!

What, or who, inspires you?

I'm inspired by my family and friends and the great people I work with.

What is your favourite 21st century gadget?

The iPhone.

Name one thing you'd like to un-invent?

The vacuum cleaner! Tedious!

Do you have any pet peeves?

No. I'm a pretty happy vegemite.

What's the best piece of advice you ever got?

Say 'yes' to opportunity!