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Mr Larsen is a senior career officer with DFAT. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, he was Deputy Secretary for Environment, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water. He has previously served overseas as Ambassador to Türkiye (2014-2017); Ambassador to Israel (2006-2010); Counsellor, Australian Embassy, Brussels (2001-2004), and Second Secretary, Australia Embassy, Bangkok (1994-1997).

In Canberra he served as Climate Coordinator/Deputy Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (2-11/2021); Chief Legal Officer, DFAT (2017-2020); Principal Adviser, Minister for Foreign Affairs (2012-2013); Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues, DFAT (2010-2012); Assistant Secretary and Legal Adviser, Legal Branch, DFAT (2004-2006); and Director, Administrative and Domestic Law Section, DFAT (1998-2000).

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