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On 1 May 1997 Beth Wilson became Victoria's Health Services Commissioner. She is a lawyer by training, rather than by inclination, and has worked mainly in administrative law. Beth has had a long-standing interest in medico/legal and ethical issues.

The Health Services Commissioner receives and resolves complaints about health service providers with a view to improving the quality of health services for everybody.

Prior to becoming Health Services Commissioner, Beth was the President of the Mental Health Review Board, a Senior Legal Member of the Social Security Appeals Board and WorkCare Appeals Board and a past President of the Victorian Branch of ANZAPPL (Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law). In 2007 Beth was appointed a member of the Disability Services Board.

In October 2002, Beth was awarded Monash University's Distinguished Alumni Award for her outstanding professional achievements and inspirational leadership. In April 2003, Beth was awarded the Centenary Medal for her services to health, and in May 2004 Beth was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from RMIT for her contributions to health education. In 2008 Beth was inducted onto the Victorian Honour Roll of Women for services to women's health in Victoria.

Beth regularly conducts seminars, lectures and classes for consumers, health service providers and others. In her spare time, Beth is learning to play blues harmonica, mandolin, guitar and singing.

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