

Name: Philip A. Symonds

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Summary: BSc (Hons) 1970 in Geology/Geophysics, the University of Tasmania; Hon DSc, 2009, University of Sydney. Visiting Professorial Fellow at Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), Faculty of Law, University of Wollongong. Involved in marine geoscience surveys, continental margin research specialising in seismic interpretation and maritime boundary definition for over 37 years. Past Chairman of the Australian Ocean Drilling Program Scientific Committee and a member of the JOIDES Tectonics Panel for many years. Member of Australian delegations involved in maritime boundary delimitation with adjacent countries. Leader and adviser to Geoscience Australia's Law of the Sea project since 1994, charged with collecting, processing, and interpreting the data to support definition of the outer limits of Australia's extended continental shelf. Member of UN Groups of Technical Experts on Continental Shelf matters in 1993 and 1995. Member of Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia.