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Dr Layton trained as an economist and economic historian at Victoria University of Wellington. His specialty was historical economic statistics. He spent several years teaching in the Economics Department of the University of Canterbury before becoming a futures broker.

From the mid-1980s Brent was appointed to the Boards of various companies and from 1991 until 2003 he was a full time company director. He has been a director or chairman of organisations in sectors as diverse as finance and banking, health, scientific research, electricity, food processing, transport and IT.

Brent's consultancy work has covered many areas of macro and microeconomics and corporate finance but much of it has involved regulatory economics and responses to regulatory change. He was involved in the establishment of the electricity market as chair of the Rules Committee and member of the Rules Structure Working Group. Brent was also the chair of the Transport Working Group under the Electricity Governance Establishment Committee. He has advised the Commerce Commission in relation to Transpower's thresholds on a number of occasions.

Dr Layton was the Director of NZIER from September 2003 to September 2008. During that period he completed a wide range of assignments including reports on the electricity and gas sectors, the health sector, the efficiency of the New Zealand banking sector, agricultural exports in Papua New Guinea and the taxation of horse racing.

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