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Cath Wilson is the acting head of Identity Branch with the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship. She has a broad experience base in immigration policy development, program management and project delivery. She has completed four diplomatic postings (Bangkok , Thailand ; Port Moresby , Papua New Guinea ; Cairo , Egypt ; and Shanghai in the People's Republic of China). In recent years, she lead the expansion and professional development of the department's forensic document examination capability within Identity Branch and the companion reference systems to enable staff across the department to detect fraud in proof of identity (POI) documents tendered by the department's clients, before taking up her current role as head of Identity Branch. She is now responsible for taking forward identity management strategies across the department, including biometric acquisition, storage and data sharing projects in Australia, in collaboration with other Australian government agencies and internationally. She also leads the development and deployment of the department's forensic and technical capabilities in facial image comparison, fingerprint comparison and biographical data analysis which, along with forensic document examination, comprise the suite of specialist human skills necessary to address identity integrity.

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