# Brendan Houng

#### Contact Information

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### Summary

Applied Economist with background in public policy research. Recently completed Ph.D. Economics of Education from the University of Melbourne, where I also gained 9 years of experience at the Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research. Earlier, I commenced by career at the Australian competition regulator.

#### Education

Ph.D. Economics of Education University of Melbourne (2018)
B. Commerce / B. Software Engineering University of Melbourne (2005)

#### Technical Skills

Proficient in R, Stata, Python, SQL, command-line tools, etc. See for example R version of Microsoft's TrueSkill algorithm.

## Work Experience

**Research Officer**, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic & Social Research, University of Melbourne, January 2009 - August 2018

Conducted and collaborated on public policy research mostly in the area of Economics of Education for the Victorian Department of Education, and completed a PhD in Economics. Experienced in data analysis, report writing and presentations for academic and general audiences. Refer to CV for further details.

**Graduate/Project Officer**, Australian Competition & Consumer Commission, February 2006 - July 2008

Contributed to investigations of merger transactions after completing the graduate program in the telecommunications, energy and mergers branches at the Australian competition regulator. Analysed price data to assess the potential change in local competition arising from proposed transactions.

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