

## **2013 AARES Distinguished Life Member**

### **Ross Garnaut**



Professor Ross Garnaut is Vice-Chancellor's Fellow and Professorial Fellow in Economics at The University of Melbourne. He is also Distinguished Professor of Economics at The Australian National University (ANU). His past appointments include Professor of Economics, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, ANU (1989-2008) and Head of the Economics Department and Division of the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies at ANU for over a decade from 1989.

He was Australian Ambassador to China (1985-1988) and principal economic adviser to Prime Minister Bob Hawke in the 1980s.

Ross was also Chairman, Primary Industry Bank of Australia Ltd (1989-1994) and Chairman, Bank of Western Australia Ltd (BankWest) (1988-1995), and has held a number of other company appointments as a director or board chairman.

Ross was Chairman of the Papua New Guinea Sustainable Development Program Limited from 2002-2012 and held a number of senior Government positions, including head of the Financial and Economic Policy Division of the Papua New Guinea Department of Finance in the years straddling Independence in 1975.

He has led many high-level Australian Government Reviews and Commissions, including the preparation of the Report to the Australian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister on 'Australia and the Northeast Asian Ascendency' (1989); a Review of the Wool Industry (1993); a Review of Commonwealth-State Funding (2002); and the Garnaut Review of Climate Change Policy (2008).

Ross was appointed as an independent expert advisor to the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee in September 2010 and was commissioned in November 2010 by the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency to update significant elements of his 2008 Climate Change Review.

He was Chair of the Board of Management of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research from 1994 to 2000 and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the International Food Policy Research Institute (Washington D.C.) from 2006 to June 2010.

Ross has been a prominent contributor to the debate on economic opportunities in the Australian economy, a vocal advocate for the adoption of sound economic decisions in resource management, and a frequent contributor to AARES events.