

Professor Ross Garnaut

Professor Ross Garnaut (AO) is a Vice-Chancellor's Fellow and a Professorial Fellow in Economics at the University of Melbourne as well as a Distinguished Professor of the Australian National University. In 2009, Professor Garnaut was awarded the degree of Doctor of Letters, honoris causa, from the Australian National University and was made a Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Society of Australia.

Professor Garnaut is currently Chairman of the Papua New Guinea Sustainable Development Program Limited (Singapore), and its nominee Director on the Board of Ok Tedi Mining Limited (Papua New Guinea). He is a member of the board of several international research institutions. Professor Garnaut was foundation Chairman of Lihir Gold Limited, from 1995 to 2010. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Food Policy Research Institute (Washington DC) from 2003 to 2010 and its Chairman from 2006.

Professor Garnaut is the author of numerous books, monographs and articles in scholarly journals on international economics, public finance and economic development, particularly in relation to East Asia and the Southwest Pacific.

In addition to his distinguished academic career, Professor Garnaut has also had longstanding and successful roles as policy advisor, diplomat and businessman. He was the Senior Economic Adviser to Australian Prime Minister R.J.L. Hawke from 1983 to 1985 and subsequently served as the Australian Ambassador to China (1985 to 1988).

In September 2008, Professor Garnaut presented the Garnaut Climate Change Review to the Australian Prime Minister. This review, commissioned by the Australian government, examines the impact of climate change on the Australian economy and provides potential medium to long-term policies to ameliorate these. In November 2010 the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency commissioned Professor Garnaut to update his 2008 Garnaut Climate Change Review, and the final report was presented to the Australian Government in May 2011.