

Dr John Keniry AM



John Keniry is a chemical engineer who spent his early working years in the food industry, firstly with CSR Limited in the sugar and ethanol industries, followed by ten years as an executive director with Goodman Fielder Limited.

After leaving leaving Goodman Fielder, John made a career as a company director, and was chairman or director of several ASX companies, including Ridley Corporation Limited, and of State and Commonwealth bodies, including several R&D Corporations, Cooperative Research Centres, APVMA , the IR&D Board and the NSW Environment Protection Authority. He was for six years a member of the Prime Ministers Science Engineering and Innovation Council, and for two years the President of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In addition to his present position as Commissioner of the NSW Natural Resources Commission, he is chairman of The Australian Wool Exchange, the Sydney Institute of Marine Science and Burra Foods Limited.

John has always maintained a close interest in innovation and industry policy, particularly in relation to food and agriculture. That interest has a significant hands-on aspect through his ownership of a substantial sheep and cropping enterprise in Central West NSW, and his ten years as a director of Australia's leading agriculture policy think tank, the Australian Farm Institute.

John is a fellow of Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, the Royal Australian Chemical Institute, and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2000 and AM in 2005.