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Professor James graduated with degrees in physiology and medicine from University College, London, followed by 3 years in Jamaica where he obtained his MD, and a year as a Harvard Research Fellow at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, USA. On returning to the UK he was a senior lecturer at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and then, in 1974, he became Assistant Director of the MRC Dunn Nutrition Unit, Cambridge, UK. From 1982 to 1999 he was Director of the Rowett Research Institute, Aberdeen, UK, one of the world's largest nutrition research institutes. He established the International Obesity Taskforce and remains responsible for the funding and organisation of global initiatives relating to food and health with particular emphasis on the pandemic of obesity. He is a member of several national and international advisory groups on nutrition and health and Chaired the first Presidential Council of the Global Alliance for the Prevention of Obesity and Chronic Diseases which involved the World Heart Federation, the International Diabetes Federation, the International Paediatric Association, the International Union of Nutritional Sciences and the International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO). He is now the President of IASO.

His work in Jamaica included the identification of the gut mechanisms involving infantile gastroenteritis; this with two other groups' research in Puerto Rico and Bangladesh, led to the introduction of glucose-saline for the rapid resuscitation of children and adults with severe gastroenteritis. He established the probable irreversible damage to pancreatic islet cell function in protein energy malnutrition (PEM) which now links with the current predisposition to type 2 diabetes of formerly malnourished communities. He developed the distinction between stunting and wasting in dealing with global PEM and developed the lithium technique for assessing salt sources to improve hypertensive management and induce reductions in national salt intakes. He wrote the current UN and medical approaches to assessing and measuring energy needs, specified the UN criteria for the extra physical activity needs for preventing weight gain, proposed the energy deficit approach to obesity management and identified the lower lean tissue accretion in women relating to their excess prevalence of obesity. He chaired/wrote the first UK, European and WHO reports on obesity and chronic disease prevention, the first (SIGN) obesity management guidelines and the new approach to food labelling with traffic lights as indices of the food's nutritional profile. He devised the current global approach to BSE (food safety) management and the structural changes for Tony Blair's reorganization of the UK government to produce a Food Standards Agency; he wrote the

"Three Wise Men" report on the need to develop an EU Food and Public Health Authority and chaired/wrote the United Nations Millennium Report on global nutrition and health challenges up to 2020. His group developed the criteria with WHO for identifying excess weight gain as in the top 10 risk factors for global disability and premature death.



Professor Warwick Anderson

Professor Warwick Anderson is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NHMRC. He brings to the position extensive experience in health research leadership and management. Professor Anderson obtained a Bachelor of Science (Hons) from the University of New England in 1968 and his PhD from the University of Adelaide in 1972. He then spent three postdoctoral years at the Harvard Medical School in the USA, before returning to the University of Sydney. Later he was appointed Deputy Director of the Baker Medical Research Institute and from 2001 to 2006 was Head of School of Biomedical Sciences at Monash University. He has published more than 150 scientific papers, primarily in integrative cardiovascular and renal physiology and high blood pressure, and has made significant contributions over many years to the community, research societies and numerous Boards and Committees. He was Chair of NHMRC's Research Committee between 1997 and 2003. In January 2005 Professor Anderson was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his service to health and medical research through leadership roles with NHMRC, to the development of medical science at Monash University, and to hypertension and renal physiology research. In April 2006 the Minister for Health and Ageing appointed Professor Anderson as CEO of NHMRC. The five-year appointment commenced on 7 June 2006. Professor Anderson was born in Grafton, NSW, and attended Chatsworth Island Primary School and Maclean High School.



Professor Jim Pratley

Professor Pratley graduated with BSc (Hons) from the University of NSW (UNSW) before undertaking PhD studies at UNSW, investigating plant and soil factors affecting the selenium nutrition of grazing livestock. Professor Pratley took up an academic position at Wagga Wagga Agricultural College (now Charles Sturt University) in 1972 and since then has taught courses in agronomy and related areas and has published widely in conservation farming, weed management, herbicide resistance and allelopathy. He was Foundation Dean of Science and Agriculture at Charles Sturt University from 1990 until 2006.



Mr David Kalisch

Mr David Kalisch was appointed a full-time Commissioner of the Productivity Commission in June 2009. Previously, David had been a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Health and Ageing, with responsibility for portfolio strategies, acute care policy and hospital financing, health workforce, mental health and the South Australian and Western Australian offices of the Department. David is an economist who has worked in a range of social policy areas in the Commonwealth Departments of Employment, Social Security, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Family and Community Services and Health and Ageing since the early 1980s. This has included research and analysis, policy advising and program management in areas as diverse as labour markets and employment policy, retirement incomes, family assistance, children's services, welfare reform, and health services. He has also worked in the Employment Programs Division and the Social Policy Division of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and at the Australian Delegation to the OECD in Paris. David has been a member of the Board of the Australian Institute of Family Studies, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the National Blood Authority. David has a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree from the University of Adelaide.



Ms Kate Carnell AO

Kate Carnell commenced as Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Food and Grocery Council in July 2008. Kate, former Chief Executive Officer of Australian General Practice Network is a pharmacist by profession and was the first female to become the National Vice-President of the Pharmacy Guild of Australia. She was elected to the ACT Legislative Assembly in 1992, and became leader of the ACT Liberal Party in 1993. She was elected Chief Minister in March 1995, and re-elected in 1998 becoming the first Liberal woman to be elected as Chief Minister or Premier in Australian political history. Following her political career, Kate became a serious driving force behind Transact Communications' innovative broadband communications network, and also spent three years as Executive Director of the National Association of Forest Industries (NAFI). Kate was honoured on Australia Day 2006 with an Officer of the Order of Australia for her services to community through contributions to economic development and support for the business sector, knowledge industries, the medical sector and medical technology advances.



Dr Sharon Friel

Dr Sharon Friel (PhD, MSc), a social and nutritional epidemiologist, was recently awarded an Australian Research Council Future Fellowship (October 2009). Prior to that she was a Fellow at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, The Australian National University and Principal Research Fellow and Director of the Global Health Equity Group, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College London. Between 2005 and 2008 she was Head of the Secretariat (UCL) of the global World Health Organisation Commission on Social Determinants of Health and a lead writer of its final report. Before that she was a senior researcher and lecturer in the Department of Health Promotion, National University of Ireland, Galway (1992-2004). Dr Friel has been involved for many years in global health and development; social determinants of health and health inequities; food systems and food security; NCD prevention; climate change and health equity, and urbanisation and health - as an academic, a government advisor, chairperson of national public health organizations, and in high level national and international committees.



Mr Andrew Campbell

Andrew Campbell is the Managing Director of Triple Helix Consulting Pty Ltd, a consultancy firm specialising in the business of sustainability, helping progressive organisations in the public and private sectors to develop and implement more sustainable policies, programs and enterprises. Recent clients include the Australian Government, catchment management organisations, large scale sustainable farming enterprises, international research bodies and Australian R&D corporations. Most recently, Andrew was the Executive Director (CEO) of Land & Water Australia for seven years to 2006, prior to which he was a senior executive in the Australian Government. He was instrumental in the development of Landcare in Australia and has written widely on sustainability issues. He has professional training in forestry and rural sociology from the University of Melbourne and Wageningen Agricultural University in The Netherlands. Andrew is a Fellow of the Australian Institute for Company Directors and a director of the CRC for Future Farm Industries. His family has been farming in western Victoria since the 1860s. Andrew has been managing the family farm (farm forestry, prime lambs and wool) with the help of a neighbour since 1987.