



Professor Kerry Pratt

Kerry joined the Dow Chemical Company in Texas (USA) in 1970 after gaining a PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Melbourne. In 1972 he took up an academic appointment at Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of London. Returning to Australia in 1978, he joined the CSIRO and was Program Manager – Advanced Materials from 1988 to 1995, when he accepted the position of Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) at Swinburne University of Technology. Retiring at the end of 2006, he joined Monash University in a part-time capacity as Energy Theme Leader for the Monash Sustainability Institute.

In 1995 he was elected to the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Australia, the Institution of Chemical Engineers (Chair of the Australian Board and a Vice-President of the UK parent, 1997-99) the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. In 2003 he was awarded a Commonwealth Centenary Medal for “*outstanding contribution to science and technology and development of public science policy*”. In 2005 he was awarded a Doctor of Engineering from the University of Melbourne.

His research interests have been in applied catalysis and reactor design in the context of chemicals and fuels production from hydrocarbons and liquid fuels from coal and oil-shale.

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