

Tim Groser : Biography



Tim Groser has since 2008 served as New Zealand's Minister of Trade, Minister for Climate Change Issues and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Prior to his appointment as a Member of Parliament in 2005, Mr Groser held a range of senior trade and economic roles within the New Zealand civil service, including Chief Negotiator for New Zealand during the Uruguay Round from 1990 to 1994, Principal Economic Adviser to the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 1997-1999, and New Zealand Ambassador to the WTO from 2002-2005.

From 1994 to 1997 Mr Groser served as New Zealand Ambassador to Indonesia and from 1999-2002 was Chief Executive of the Asia-NZ Foundation.

Mr Groser's 35 year career in trade and economic issues has given him deep experience spanning both the political and technical spheres of international trade.

This includes extensive experience within the GATT and WTO where he was appointed to a number of significant roles, including as Chair of the Rules and Agriculture Negotiations. In both international trade as well as a range of other international negotiations, Mr Groser has demonstrated his ability in promoting consensus solutions to a wide array of complex issues.

Mr Groser has throughout his career demonstrated his intimate appreciation of the multilateral trading system and remains committed to ensuring the WTO continues to play its essential role for the future.

Tim Groser : Curriculum Vitae

Work History

2008- : New Zealand Minister of Trade, Minister for Climate Change Issues and Associate Minister Foreign Affairs. Minister of Conservation 2008-09.

2005-08: Member of Parliament, Opposition Spokesperson on Trade.

2002-05: Ambassador to the WTO; Chair Rules Negotiating Group (2002-03); Chair Agriculture Negotiating Group and the Sub-Committee on Cotton (2004-05).

1999-2002: Chief Executive Asia-NZ Foundation.

1997-99: Principal Economic Adviser, NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

1994-97: Ambassador to Indonesia.

1990-94: Chief Negotiator, Uruguay Round.

1986-90: Minister (Economic) New Zealand Mission to the GATT and Chief Agriculture Negotiator; Chair International Dairy Agreement 1988.

1985: Division Director (Multilateral Trade) Department of Trade and Industry.

1982-84: Foreign Affairs Adviser, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

1979-82: Negotiator, Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement (CER).

1976-79: First Secretary (Economic) NZ High Commission, Canberra.

1973-75: Junior Investigating Officer, NZ Treasury

Languages

French, Bahasa Indonesia

Education

1969-73: Victoria University, Wellington. Graduated BA Hons (First Class). Other Education: Secondary education in New Zealand; primary education in Scotland and New Zealand.

Born in Perth, Scotland, in 1950.