

Roger Kerr

With the death of Roger Kerr New Zealand has lost one of the world's most effective advocates of the liberal, free, open and fair society, and of economic and personal liberty.

Kerr ran NZ's Business Roundtable from times when NZ was well along the road to becoming an economic basket case, possibly even something like today's Greece. Under his directorship, far from being the usual self-serving business lobby, the Roundtable was a consistent and highly effective advocate for New Zealand's national interest. It published arguments that were of such exceptional quality, consistency and caution that they also appreciably influenced debate in Australia and probably further a field.

I found Roger charming, generous and erudite but I leave his personal qualities to others who were closer to him. It is sufficient here to assert that he contributed greatly to the type of nation one should want one's grandchildren to inherit and appreciably to that type of world. Indeed he was among the world's wisest and most effective public policy advocates.

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<http://www.incise.org.au/2011-10-29/roger-kerr-1945-2011/>
<http://rogerkerr.wordpress.com/>