

Tony St Clair, Agri Business Manager, MBD Energy Ltd

Prior to joining MBD, Tony operated his own consultancy company - Bellair Pastoral Consulting for the past three years. Prior to this he was Chief Executive of Federated Farmers of New Zealand for eight years (1997-2005). The organisation had approximately 19,000 farm members at the end of Tony's tenure. Tony has been on multiple committees at CEO level within New Zealand. They have involved; International trade, food safety, human capacity building, farm safety, various emergency response groups for both adverse events and biosecurity. He was also on both the Prime Ministers and Opposition leaders Business leaders forums.

Over this time in New Zealand he has also represented the Agriculture Sector in W.T.O forums (Seattle, Cancun) and International Federation of Agricultural Producers, Cairns Group Farm leaders and CER Ministerials. He was Chair of the Australian New Zealand Business Council in 2004.

Prior to his time in New Zealand he was Executive Director of the Victorian Farmers Federation (1990-97) and had extensive commodity trading and commercial background in the agricultural production and processing industry. This included terms as Commercial Manager for Uncle Ben's of Australia (1978 -85) and D.R. Johnston /Conagra (1986-1990).

Tony has a vast experience in all facets of the primary sector and was runner up in the 2004/5 N.Z. Agricultural Communicator of the Year.