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Peter Abelson graduated from Oxford University and gained an M.Sc and Ph.D in Economics from London University. Peter started his career in international economic consulting from 1966 to 1974. In 1974 he joined the Economics Department at Macquarie University in Sydney, where he held a Personal Chair in Economics from 2001 to early 2006. From 1993 to 2006, Peter was Secretary of the Economic Society of Australia. From 2006 to 2012, Peter was a Visiting Scholar and lecturer in public finance at Sydney University, a part-time Principal Economic Advisor to the NSW Treasury and a Director of Applied Economics, an economic consultancy practice. Peter was a councillor on Mosman Council (Sydney) from 1979 to 1989 and was Mayor from 1983 to 1985. In 2012, he returned to Council as the first popularly elected Mayor of Mosman for a period of 5 years. He continued to work part-time as an economic consultant. Peter is married to Jeanne and they have three (adult) children, David, Julian and Antonia.

