Rodger John Finlay has been appointed as chairperson of the Provincial Growth Fund’s Independent Advisory Panel.

“Chairing this advisory panel is an enormous privilege and responsibility,” Mr Finlay says.

“Historically, New Zealand’s economic strength, resilience and innovation have come from our provinces and I look forward to advising on the reinvigorating effects that investment will bring to these communities.

“Throughout my career, and on both sides of the fence, I have been involved in evaluating, promoting, implementing and financing capital projects. Hopefully this experience will be of value to our mahi here,” Mr Finlay says.

Mr Finlay grew up in Dunedin, graduating from the University of Otago. He is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand and a Chartered Fellow of the Institute of Directors.

The majority of his executive career was spent working for global investment banks CS First Boston and Banque Paribas, focusing on funds management and investment banking.

For the past ten years, Rodger has been solely engaged in governance. He is currently a Governor of Radio NZ, Deputy Chairman of Rural Equities Limited, Chairman of Mundane Asset Management (UK) and a Director of NZ Thoroughbred Racing.

Mr Finlay is married with three children and lives in Canterbury.