**The Hon Nick Greiner AC**

Friday, 7 October 2022 – in New York

It gives me great pleasure to present The Hon Nick Greiner AC for the award of Doctor of Business (honoris causa) in recognition of his extraordinary contribution to government, business, and the Australian community.

Nick was born in Hungary and moved to Australia with his family in the early 1950s. He holds an Honours Degree in Economics from the University of Sydney and an MBA with High Distinction from Harvard Business School.

Nick began his successful career in politics when he entered NSW Parliament in 1980 as the Liberal Member for Ku-ring-gai. In 1983, he became the Leader of the Opposition, and also held responsibility for the shadow portfolios for Treasurer and Ethnic Affairs. He was Leader of the Opposition until 1988, before becoming Premier of NSW, and Treasurer and Minister for Ethnic and Aboriginal Affairs in 1988, positions he held until 1992.

Nick made a significant contribution to State and GST reforms and to infrastructure policy activity. This included the introduction of 'new managerialism' in the state public sector, a new approach to federalism (developed with Bob Hawke) and the introduction of Australia's first dedicated anti‑corruption agency. He established the first State Environment Protection Authority, and the first Senior Executive Service, began the privatisation of state businesses, notably the GIO and the deregulation of the labour market. In 1994, he was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for his reform in the public sector, as well as for his service to the Australian community and in 2001 the Centenary Medal.

In June 2017, Nick was elected as the Federal President of the Liberal Party, a role he held until 2020. He is a Life Member of the NSW Division of the Liberal Party, the NSW Institute of Directors, and the CPA.

In business over the last 30 years, Nick has been Chairman or Deputy Chairman of Harper & Row (Australasia), British American Tobacco (Australia), Bradken, Citigroup (Australia), Coles Myer Ltd, Rothschild (Australia), Stockland Trust, QBE Insurance and Castle Harlan Australian Mezzanine. He was also Chairman of Infrastructure NSW and the European Australian Business Council.

In February 2021, Nick took up the position of Consul General for Australia here in New York and North East US. He is responsible for pursuing Australia’s interests with federal, state, and local government representatives across the region and maintaining these important relationships in support of the Australia-United States alliance.

Away from work, he enjoys squash, skiing, spectator sports, theatre, and opera. He was the President of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Bid Company and a Director of the Organising Committee. He was President of both Squash and Soccer Australia and is also a Life Member of the South Sydney Rugby League Club.

In the name of the Senate and by my authority as Vice-Chancellor and President, it is my privilege to admit The Hon Nick Greiner AC to the degree of Doctor of Business (honoris causa).