

ROBERT LEECE AO RFD – FORMER PRO-CHANCELLOR (2014–15)

Mr Robert Leece AO RFD was a Fellow of Senate appointed by the Senate of the University of Sydney. He was a Pro-Chancellor and Chair of Senate's Buildings and Estates Committee.

Mr Leece's term(s) of office as a Fellow of Senate was:

- Term 1: 1 March 2011 - 28 February 2015 (four years)

Mr Leece's term(s) of office as a Pro-Chancellor was:

- Term 1: 17 March 2014 - 28 February 2015

Mr Leece was Chair of the Senate's Buildings and Estates Committee from 1 March 2011 - 28 February 2015.

PROFILE

AO RFD, BE *Sydney* MEngSc UNSW MBA *Macq*, FIEAust CPEng
– **Fellow of Senate, 2011 – 2015**
– **Chair, Buildings and Estates Committee, 2011 – 2015**

Throughout his career, Mr Leece has worked at senior executive and director levels in areas including property development, construction, manufacturing, health, environment, defence, investment, infrastructure - Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), and the Arts.

He had several operational roles for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and was later recognized with a Member of the Order of Australia in 2002 for his continuing commitment to community service.

After the Olympics, he became Chief Operating Officer of Tenix Pty Ltd, a diverse international engineering, technology and defence contracting organisation (2004-2007).

In 2007 he was appointed Chairman of the Health Infrastructure Board, formed to establish an organization with a capability to procure NSW Department of Health's capital works program.

In 2009 he was appointed as the Infrastructure Coordinator General of New South Wales and Chairman of the New South Wales National Building and Jobs Planning Taskforce, formed to manage and coordinate the New South Wales component for the Commonwealth Government of Housing and Education economic stimulus package.

In 2014, Mr Leece was made an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours, for distinguished service to the community of NSW through the development and guidance of major infrastructure projects.

Other Government appointments since 2000 have included:

- Trustee, Sydney Opera House Trust, and Chairman, Sydney Opera House Building Committee
- Chairman, International Expert Panel
- Chairman, Western Sydney Recovery Task Force
- Director, Transport Infrastructure Development
- Director Sydney Olympic Park Authority
- Chairman, Southern Sydney Recovery Task Force

Other private sector positions held since 2000 have included:

- Chairman, EWT Pty Ltd
- Director, Goldsearch Ltd
- Director, Duncan Industries

Mr Leece gained his Commission in Sydney University Regiment in 1965 and subsequently transferred to Royal Australian Engineers where he was promoted through many roles to Lt. Col., becoming the Commanding Officer, 21st Construction Regiment