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Pro-Chancellor, I am pleased to present Mr Paul Ellis to you for admission as an Honorary Fellow of the University.

Mr Ellis is a distinguished solicitor whose 35-year career at Stephen Jaques & Stephen, now known as Mallesons, included service as chair of the firm's board from 1991 to 1995. In 2012, he brought his extensive legal and governance expertise to the University of Sydney as an independent chair for several major infrastructure projects.

Paul first chaired the Australian Institute of Nanoscience Project Control Group, a landmark, federally supported initiative that positioned the University at the forefront of nanoscience and nanotechnology. Under his leadership, the project was delivered to exacting standards, on time and within budget.

He went on to chair the Engineering Technology Precinct redevelopment, guiding the Project Control Group and partnering with academic leaders to advance the University's research and teaching capacity in engineering, which saw significant uplift in the student experience.

He also chaired the Regiment Student Accommodation project, delivering 624 much-needed student beds on a challenging site at the edge of Darlington campus, contributing substantially to the University's broader goals surrounding student accommodation.

Beyond these major initiatives, Mr Ellis has provided wise stewardship across numerous property and development matters, including the Badgerys Creek Committee, where he navigated complex legal and environmental issues to safeguard the University's interests.

Over the past twelve years, Paul's calm leadership and collaborative approach have made a lasting impact on the University Infrastructure team and wider institution. He has significantly contributed to the career development of numerous staff members through mentorship and has demonstrated unwavering commitment to achieving positive outcomes for the University and wider community.

Pro-Chancellor, in recognition of his exceptional service and dedication, I present to you Mr Paul Ellis and invite you to confer upon him, the title of Honorary Fellow of the University.