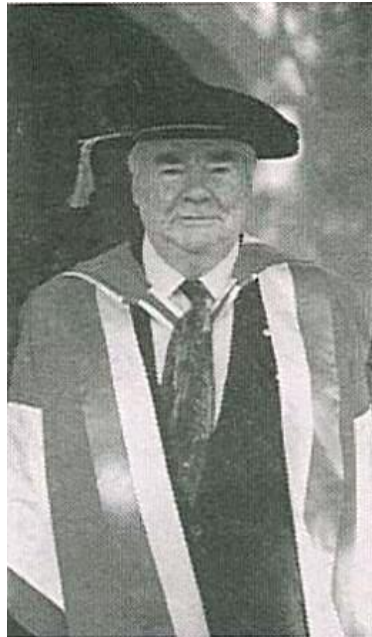


The Honourable Mr Justice William Kenneth Fisher AO



The degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (*honoris causa*) was conferred upon The Honourable Mr Justice William Kenneth Fisher AO in April 1998.



The Honourable Mr Justice William Kenneth Fisher AO, photo, *'The University of Sydney News'*, 30 April 1998.

Citation

Chancellor,

I have the honour to present Mr Justice Bill Fisher AO for the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (Honoris Causa).

Mr Justice Fisher was educated at Dubbo and Sydney High School. He served in the Royal Australian Navy as a Sub-Lieutenant RANR 1944-1947.

After the war he graduated from Sydney University in Arts (1951) and Law (1953).

Mr Justice Fisher was previously a Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (1979-81) and before that a Queen's Counsel with an Australia-wide practice in industrial and general law.

He was Senior Counsel Assisting the (Federal) Royal Commission into Petroleum (1973-76), Counsel for the Department in the Royal Commission into Prisons (1976-77) and Senior Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission into Drug Trafficking (1977-79).

He also conducted an extensive inquiry into the crisis in the Steel industry (1982-83) and published a major report, including material comparing the structure and costs of steel production in Australia with that in Japan, UK, USA, France and Germany. He was awarded the Order of Australia in the 1988 Australia Day Honour's List.

Mr Justice Fisher has held office as a Deputy President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission since 1990, an office he holds concurrently with offices as President of the Industrial Relations Commission of New South Wales and Chief Judge of the Industrial Court of New South Wales. He has been a member of the Judicial Commission of New South Wales since 1986.

In July 1995 he was appointed by the Australian Government as Chairman of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, a new independent Authority charged with the regulation of all personnel and aircraft (except military personnel and aircraft) in the interests of air safety.

In his private capacity, Mr Justice Fisher was for eight years a Trustee of the Sydney Opera House including four years as Chairman of its Program Committee.

Mr Justice Fisher has been a strong supporter of the University of Sydney for many years. He has made major contributions to the field of industrial relations and has been closely associated with the Department of Industrial Relations within the Faculty of Economics.

Mr Justice Fisher has served as the Chair of the Advisory Board of the Australian Centre for Industrial Relations Research and Training, a Key Centre for the Australian Research Council, located in the Faculty of Economics.

Chancellor, I have great pleasure in presenting the Honourable Mr Justice Bill Fischer AO for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (Honoris Causa).