

Ms Catherine Livingstone AO

BA (Hons I) Hon DBus Macquarie Hon DSc Murdoch, FCA FTSE FAICD Ms Livingstone is currently Chairman of Telstra Corporation Ltd, a director of Macquarie Group Limited, WorleyParsons Limited, The George Institute for Global Health and Saluda Medical Pty Ltd, and a member of the NSW Innovation and Productivity Council. The Australian Shareholders Association CEO says she is “Australia’s most highly influential female director”. She became an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2008 for “service to the development of Australian science, technology and innovation policies, to the business sector through leadership and management roles and as a contributor to professional organisations”.

Honorary Doctor of Letters

Conferring ceremony: 9.30am, 6 June 2014 (Business School).

Citation

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Catherine Livingstone AO to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa).

After qualifying as a chartered accountant and working with Price Waterhouse in Sydney and London, Catherine Livingstone joined the Nucleus Group and spent nearly 20 years working in the field of implantable medical devices, including six years as CEO of Cochlear Limited from 1994-2000.

Catherine Livingstone is currently chair of Telstra Corporation Ltd; a director of WorleyParsons Limited, the George Institute for Global Health, and Saluda Medical Pty Limited; and president of the Business Council of Australia, and the Australian Museum Trust. She is also on the Advisory Board of the John Grill Centre for Project Leadership at the University of Sydney.

She is a member of the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council and has worked on many Government reviews during the past 10 years. She was chair of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation from 2001 to 2006, president of Chief Executive Women from 2007 to 2008, and chair of the Australian Business Foundation (an independent business-sponsored research think tank focussed on the concept of innovation-led growth), from 2002 to 2005. She also served on the Boards of Macquarie Group Limited, Goodman Fielder Ltd and Rural Press Ltd, and was a member of the New South Wales Government Innovation and Productivity Council from 2007 to 2013.

Catherine Livingstone is an influential Australian businesswoman described by the CEO of Australian Shareholders Association as “Australia’s most highly influential female director”. Her achievements and contributions to Australian business have earned her many awards, including the Chartered Accountant in Business Award, a Centenary Medal for service to Australian society in business leadership, and the Australian Institute of Company Directors 2011 New South Wales Distinguished Fellows Award for excellence in leadership and the progression of Australian governance.

She became an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2008 for “service to the development of Australian science, technology and innovation policies, to the business sector through leadership and management roles and as a contributor to professional organisations”. As one of Australia’s most highly influential company directors, she has made a major contribution to the development of Australian science, technology and innovation policies.

Chancellor, I present Catherine Livingstone AO to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa), and I invite you to confer the degree upon her.