



Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley AC Chair of the Higher Education Review Expert Panel



Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley AC is the former Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of South Australia (UniSA), the largest university in South Australia. She became head of UniSA in 1997, the third woman ever selected as a president of an Australian university. After a decade in the role, she retired in May 2007.

Emeritus Professor Bradley has been extensively involved in national education policy groups for more than two decades. She was a member of the Commonwealth Tertiary Education Commission (CTEC) (1986-1988) and a member of the National Board of Employment, Education and Training (1988-1994). She was a member of the TAFE Council of CTEC (1983-1986); a member of the Advanced Education Advisory Council of CTEC (1986-1988); a member of the Commonwealth Review of TAFE funding in 1985; a member of the Higher Education Council of National Board of Employment, Education and Training (1988-1994); and its Deputy Chair (1991-1994). In 2002 she was a member of the Australian Government's Higher Education Review Reference group.

Her other significant roles have included the following:

- foundation Director of the Australian Universities Quality Agency (2000-2003);
- President and Chair of IDP Education Australia Limited (2005-2007);
- Treasurer (2002-2005) and Executive Member of the International Association of University Presidents (2005-2007);
- Member of the Board of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (2003-2007);
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Australian - American Fulbright Commission (2003-2007); and
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Business/Higher Education Round Table (1999-2007).

She is currently President of the Australian College of Educators, a Member of the Board of Directors of IDP Education Pty Ltd, and Chair of VERNet. She has also been selected as a judge for the 2008 Rolex Awards for Enterprise.

Emeritus Professor Bradley is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and has been a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators since 1982. In 1995 she was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in recognition of her service to education and to educational policy in schools and universities, particularly in relation to access and equity for women and girls. In 2003 she was awarded a Centenary Medal. In 2005 was named the South Australian of the Year, for her significant contributions to the State. In 2006 Professor Bradley was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration from Korea's Pukyong National University and in 2007 was awarded Honorary Doctorates from UniSA and RMIT University. The honorary title of Emeritus Professor was conferred following her retirement from UniSA.

On Australia Day 2008 Professor Bradley was made a Companion of the Order Of Australia in recognition of her service to higher education through leadership and sector-wide governance, to the promotion of information-based distance learning and to the advancement of Australian educational facilities internationally.