INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE CHANCELLOR
THE FLINDERS UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SCOPE
As required by section 31 of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 and section 27(2) of The Flinders University of South Australia Act 1966, I have audited the financial report of The Flinders University of South Australia for the financial year ended 31 December 2002. The financial report comprises:

- A Statement of Financial Performance;
- A Statement of Financial Position;
- A Statement of Cash Flows;
- Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements;
- Certificate by the Vice-Chancellor and the Pro Chancellor.

The financial report includes the consolidated financial statements of the consolidated entity, comprising The Flinders University of South Australia and the entities it controlled at year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

The Members of the Council of The Flinders University of South Australia are responsible for the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Chancellor.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 and Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance that the financial report is free of material misstatement.

Audit procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Treasurer's Instructions promulgated under the provisions of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987, the Higher Education Funding Act 1988, Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements including Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views, so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of The Flinders University of South Australia and of the consolidated entity's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

AUDIT OPINION
In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions promulgated under the provisions of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1988, the Higher Education Funding Act 1988, applicable Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the financial position of The Flinders University of South Australia and of the economic entity as at 31 December 2002, the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended.

19 June 2003

K I MacPHERSON
AUDITOR-GENERAL