

## **FLINDERS UNIVERSITY**

### **Citation for the Award of Doctor of the University**

The Hon Karlene Maywald

The Hon Karlene Maywald is an outstanding and inspirational South Australian, a community leader with a high public profile who plays an active role in building our vibrant and dynamic communities. She has made substantial contributions to Flinders University as a member of the New Venture Institute Advisory Council and has worked with Flinders University Rural Clinical School as a consultant and advisor since 1997.

Karlene has a substantial track record in influencing and shaping important and complex public policy agendas. She is a visionary with a great blend of tenacity, pragmatism and diplomacy. Renowned as a woman who will tackle the toughest issues; her recent achievements have included leading the community rebuilding effort following the Sampson Flat bushfire and Chair of the National Water Commission. In her role as Commissioner she developed a high level of expertise in water resource management, which is not only testament to her leadership qualities but her integrity and high regard nationally.

Previously as representative for the seat of Chaffey in the South Australian House of Assembly from October 1997 until March 2010, she was South Australia's Minister for Water Security and the River Murray during one of the worst drought periods in living memory. She has served on numerous national ministerial councils and has a proven, long-standing track record in water reform and its vital role in securing the future for Australia.

Karlene has extensive experience in high level strategic planning, oversight of major infrastructure planning and delivery, reform of governance and organisational structures, budget oversight, change management, problem solving across a broad range of high risk sectors and driving the delivery of major developments.

She continues to serve our communities holding board-level roles with SA Water, Sturt Fleurieu Education and Training, GPEx and Flinders University NVI. In addition, she is the Chair, ICE WaRM, a facilitator with Behind Closed Doors and Managing Director of Maywald Consultants Pty Ltd.

The award of Doctor of the University recognises her achievements in public policy across both public and private sectors, along with her extensive ministerial appointments and portfolio experience.