

**2015 UQ DECEMBER GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

**Saturday 19 December 2015 – 10.00am  
UQ Centre, Union Road, UQ St Lucia Campus**

**Faculty of Business, Economics and Law**

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**CITATION FOR DR VINCENT FITZGERALD**

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Chancellor,

Dr Vincent FitzGerald is an esteemed economist who has influenced national policy and debate in areas as significant as superannuation and retirement income, taxation reform, trade liberalisation, education and training, federalism, and health funding.

In 1969 Dr FitzGerald attained a Bachelor of Economics with first class honours in econometrics and a University Medal from The University of Queensland, where he lived for some years in St Leo's and then Union College.

He moved to Canberra to establish a career in the public service, detouring for a PhD in Economics at Harvard University, where he won a prestigious Lehman Fellowship.

Returning to the Australian public sector, he earned a series of promotions and rose to lead the Department of Trade, followed by the Department of Employment, Education and Training. During the vigorous reform years of the 1980s, he was in the vanguard of officials driving transformations of the economy and higher education.

In 1989 Dr FitzGerald entered the private sector to co-found an independent economic consulting group, The Allen Consulting Group, which has since become ACIL Allen Consulting. The Government commissioned him to write a major report on national saving, which was completed in 1993 and used to improve the then new compulsory superannuation scheme. Subsequent work by him informed further amendments to the scheme.

He has authored or co-authored many other reports relevant to national discussions about Australia's future prosperity and fitness for global competition. His analysis of retirement provision is particularly sought-after, and he is a founding director of the new non-partisan Committee for Sustainable Retirement Incomes.

He is a keen supporter of several universities. As an appreciative past recipient of the UQ Archibald Scholarship, he works to enhance the scholarship endowment. He is Deputy Chair of the UQ Business, Economics and Law Alumni Ambassador Council in Melbourne.

Dr FitzGerald is a trustee of the Graham and Louise Tuckwell Foundation, a director of the Tuckwell Scholarship Foundation at Australian National University (ANU), and President of the Board of Governors of the ANU Foundation for Excellence. His *numerous* other roles include trustee of the Alan and Elizabeth Finkel Foundation, member of the Advisory Committee of the Centre for Health Policy at the University of Melbourne, member of the CEDA Council on Economic Policy, member of the Advisory Committee of the Australian Centre for Financial Studies, and director of The Conversation Media Group.

He was until recently a Victorian State Councillor of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and a director and treasurer of the Kaiela (*pronounced Kay – ah – la*) Institute for the advancement of the Goulburn-Murray Aboriginal community.

He is a director (and former Chairman) of ACIL Allen Consulting, ETF Securities Limited and ANZ ETFS (Australia) Limited.

Chancellor, I present to you Dr Vincent FitzGerald, Bachelor of Economics with first class honours of this University, Doctor of Philosophy of Harvard University, Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* of Monash University, Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and Fellow of the Institute of Public Administration Australia, for the award of Doctor of Economics *honoris causa*, bestowed by the Senate of The University of Queensland.