

Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue



Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue AC, CBE, AM has been a Professorial Fellow at Flinders University of South Australia since 2000.

Professor O'Donoghue has held numerous senior positions and received numerous awards, degrees and commendations and was named Australian of the Year in 1984. She has a long and distinguished career in Aboriginal policy, moving from nursing to the public service, to work on Aboriginal issues. Professor O'Donoghue was active

Professor O'Donoghue was the first indigenous Regional Director, Department of Aboriginal Affairs in Australia and the first Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Commission (ATSIC) (1990-1996). In 1998 Professor O'Donoghue was the Chair of the Sydney Olympic Games National Indigenous Advisory Committee (1998) and Member of the Sydney Olympic Games Volunteers Committee (1998).

She has been the Chair of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal and Tropical Health since 1997, is a Director of Aboriginal Hostels Ltd, a Member of the Board Trustees of the Rio Tinto Aboriginal Foundation and Member of the Australian Institute Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Centre (Canberra).

Professor O'Donoghue is also a Member of the Indigenous Law Centre, University of New South Wales and was a Member of the republican "Yes" Campaign Committee.