

# WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



## **Adjunct Professor Kim Lovegrove MSE RML**

**Founder of Lovegrove Cotton Construction Lawyers**

**DOCTOR OF LETTERS (*HONORIS CAUSA*)**

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**Distinguished Professor George Williams AO, Vice-Chancellor and President speaking:**

Chancellor, distinguished guests, graduates, ladies and gentlemen: the Board of Trustees from time to time confers honorary awards on distinguished individuals who have contributed to the advancement of knowledge or the betterment of society and who have achieved eminence in their field of endeavour at a local, state, national or international level.

Would Professor Kim Lovegrove please stand.

### **CITATION**

Adjunct Professor Kim Lovegrove is a global leader in construction building regulatory reform and Founder of Lovegrove Cotton Construction Lawyers. In the early 90's, he led the team that generated the Australian National Model Building Act which became the law reform template for modern day building control in several Australian jurisdictions, and influenced reforms internationally, including in Japan, and through World Bank law reform advisory deployments in China and Southern Africa. His current work on building standard guidelines is central to addressing the housing crisis in Western Sydney.



Kim has led a career defined by innovation, integrity and public service. As Project Director for the development of the National Model Building Act, Kim worked closely with the Chief Parliamentary Counsels Committee and was instrumental in garnishing the sanction of the standing Committee of Attorneys General and the relevant Ministers responsible for building regulation. The National Model Building Act established a new building approval and permit delivery system that culminated in faster building approval laws, complemented by tightened up compliance, probity and enforcement legislative mechanisms.

Internationally, Kim was deployed by the World Bank as a senior law reform advisor to Beijing and Shanghai governments. He advised on best practice approaches on the design and implementation of holistic and international good practice building regulation in Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing and Changzhou. Kim also reviewed the Malawian Building Act and made recommendations regarding how to apply international good practice.

Additionally, Kim was engaged by the World Bank as a consultant to review and make recommendations on proposed changes to the Mumbai Building Regulations and the New Delhi construction insurance proposals. He has recently been redeployed by the World Bank to present a paper to the Malaysian Government on ways construction dispute resolution ecology can be improved, to lower the costs of construction dispute resolution. He is also currently engaged by the NZ government to advise on liability reforms to the NZ Building Act.

Kim continues to be a proactive leader in the legal construction industry and is currently Chairperson of the International Building Quality Centre and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Building. He has previously held many leadership and non-executive Director roles, including as Assistant Director of Building Control for the Victorian Government, Deputy Executive Director of the Australian Building Codes Board, Chairman of the Building Practitioners Board, Victoria and President of the Australian Institute of Building Victorian Chapter, and New Zealand Institute of Building Northern Chapter.

Kim is also a Visiting Professor at RMIT University, and Adjunct Professor at several Australian universities including at Western Sydney University in the School of Law.



Kim is a very strong supporter of this University and has been an invaluable member of the External Academic Committee for the Master of Construction Law program, supporting curriculum development and providing strategic guidance. As Board Chair of the International Building Quality Centre (IBQC), he has been instrumental in establishing a strong connection between the IBQC and Western.

In 2017, Kim was bestowed the Chevalier of the Imperial Order of the Star of Ethiopia and the Royal Medal of the Lion of Ethiopia, in recognition of his humanitarian work.

**Chancellor, I present to you Doctor Kim Lovegrove.**

