

## FOREWORD

The campus of The University of Western Australia is one of the most beautiful in Australia. Good planning, design and construction has also created one of Perth's truly distinctive and admired architectural landmarks.

For all its beauty, the campus has the very functional purpose of providing an environment that facilitates learning, research and scholarship, as well as fostering the social, cultural and sporting experiences that are integral to the full university life.

Universities today face many challenges. Information technology is changing the way academics teach and students learn. More and more people are seeking knowledge and a higher education than ever before. This has brought new expectations about curriculum and course delivery. Those not enrolled at UWA, wish to visit and enjoy the campus and participate in the many events and entertainments.

This campus plan is the latest in a series, extending from the initial layout design of the Crawley site in 1915 and on to the creation of the campus since 1930. The plan seeks to retain the ambience, beauty and functionality of the campus, redress some design flaws that have crept in over the years and give scope for future development. The plan aims to provide clear guidance, while allowing flexibility and responsiveness to the complex and continual demands that are required of the site. The traditions of UWA are symbolised by the campus but it is not a museum trapped in time. A dynamic sense of tradition is involved.

The Campus Planning Review 2000 is the result of the dedicated efforts of my colleagues on the Review Committee, the staff of the Office of Facilities Management, Mr R.J. Ferguson (Consultant Architect) and Mr W.K. James (Consultant Landscape Architect). I thank them for their ideas and pragmatic approach which has created a very worthy successor to earlier versions of the campus plan. I look forward to the progressive implementation of this plan, which I am sure will consolidate and enhance the reputation of The University of Western Australia as an outstanding campus of international quality.

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