



# PROFESSOR JENNIFER WESTACOTT AC

Chancellor, Western Sydney University;  
former Chief Executive, Business Council  
of Australia

Professor Jennifer Westacott commenced as Chancellor of Western Sydney University in January 2023. She is the first woman to serve in the role.

Prior to this, she spent 12 years as Chief Executive of the Business Council of Australia. Under her leadership, the Business Council tirelessly championed meaningful policies that strengthened the ability of businesses to grow the economy for the benefit of all Australians.

Jennifer built her career in the public sector, working in senior leadership positions in the NSW and Victorian governments. She has served as the Director General of the NSW Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources; the Secretary of the Victorian Department of Education and Training; and the Director of Housing in Victoria. She was also the Deputy Director General of the NSW Department of Community Services, and the Deputy Director General of the NSW Department of Housing.