

COMMON GOOD LECTURES

An ongoing series of public lectures under the auspices of Aquinas Academy in Sydney. Through these lectures it is intended that a conversation will be promoted concerning the common good, both as a theoretical concept and as a concrete and practical challenge for us in Australia today.

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The Hon Fred Chaney AO is the Chancellor of Murdoch University and Director of Reconciliation Australia. He was born in Perth in 1941. He practised law in New Guinea and Western Australia, including time in-house with the Hancock-Wright prospecting partnership, and subsequent private practice with emphasis on mining-related work until he entered the Senate in 1974. Fred was involved in the Aboriginal Legal Service in a voluntary capacity in the early 1970s. He was in the Senate until 1990 and was Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1983 to 1990. He was Member for Pearce in the House of Representatives from 1990 to 1993. Among his Ministerial appointments were Aboriginal Affairs, Social Security, and Minister Assisting the



Hon Fred Chaney AO

Minister for National Development and Energy. After leaving Parliament he undertook research into Aborigin-

al Affairs policy and administration as a Research Fellow with the Graduate School of Management at the University of Western Australia from 1993 to April 1995.

In 1994 he was appointed as a part-time Member of the National Native Title Tribunal, a full-time Member in April 1995 and a Deputy President in April 2000. In February 1995 he was appointed Chancellor of Murdoch University. In January 1997 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia.

Fred Chaney follows Raimond Gaita as the second distinguished Australian to present a lecture in this series. He has been given an open brief under the general heading of "the common good."

"Remote Australia: Does the Common Good Apply?"

Fred Chaney will address the systemic failure of governments in remote Australia.

WHERE? The Dixson Room, State Library of NSW

WHEN? Wednesday September 17, 2008
6pm – 7.30pm

COST? \$30/person

RESERVATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL

[Tickets must be presented at the door]



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