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Message from Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO

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As Governor of New South Wales and Chancellor of The University of Sydney, I am delighted to serve as Patron of The Sydney Peace Foundation.

Under the inspired leadership of Professor Stuart Rees, Director of the Foundation, many deep concerns in the building of peace – peace with justice across our world – have been placed before us to contemplate and to debate our association with some of the world’s most courageous and eloquent advocates for peace.

These are individuals whom The Sydney Peace Foundation has honoured with its Peace Prize.

One of the several outstanding recipients over the years since the establishment of the Prize in 1998 is Professor Noam Chomsky, recipient of the 2011 Sydney Peace Prize.

Professor Chomsky, a highly acclaimed academic of Massachusetts Institute of Technology USA, is a fearless advocate for peace and for the defence of truth and open dialogue, often in the face of harsh opposition. He has inspired countless individuals world-wide to sustain their integrity and their own uncompromising defence of truth.

The extraordinary crowds who flocked to hear his presentation in Sydney bear witness to the high regard in which his wisdom and his integrity are valued.

**Professor Marie R Bashir AC CVO
Governor of New South Wales**