



PRIME MINISTER  
CANBERRA

Mr Chuck Feeney  
Founding Chairman  
The Atlantic Philanthropies

Dear Chuck,

Congratulations on behalf of the Australian Government and all Australians, particularly Queenslanders, on being named the 2010 Cornell Icon of the Industry in honour of your contribution to the hospitality and travel industries, as well as your leadership in worldwide philanthropy.

You've been called *The Billionaire Who Wasn't* for your decision more than 25 years ago to sign away your fortune to The Atlantic Philanthropies and become the world's biggest secret philanthropist.

Your generosity has helped hundreds of thousands of people around the world, particularly in Australia. Yet few of them know your name or your story. When they walk into Queensland University's Institute of Molecular Bioscience, or the Cancer Research Centre at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, or the Queensland Institute of Medical Research, they do not see your name on a plaque or emblazoned across the building's entry. For you prefer anonymous philanthropy. Or, as your friend Niall O'Dowd puts it, you want to "leave a mark, but not leave any footprints".

Once again, please accept my congratulations - and my thanks - on behalf of all Australians for your astonishing generosity. I wish you and Helga, and your children and grandchildren, all the best for the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Rudd'.

The Honourable Kevin Rudd MP  
Prime Minister of Australia