

Trevor St Baker AO awarded top engineering honour by University of Queensland

On 4 February 2021, Trevor St Baker, AO, was conferred with the degree of Doctor of Engineering *Honoris Causa* by the Senate of The University of Queensland.

St Baker holds degrees from the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales. He has been a leading figure in the Australian electricity sector for six decades and has served on the board of the Energy Policy Institute of Australia for the last eight years.

St Baker worked with the Electricity Commission of New South Wales before joining the Queensland Electricity Commission in the 1970s. He became a central figure in the expansion of Queensland's electricity generation capacity.

In 1980, St Baker moved into the private sector establishing a consultancy on power development and supply planning in Australia and internationally.

He developed the gas-fired Oakey Power Station on the Darling Downs in Queensland, followed by five other power stations across Australia before expanding into energy retailing. He established ERM Power which was listed on the Australian Stock Exchange and became Shell Energy in 2019.

St Baker founded several other companies, including Sunset Power International, the St Baker Energy Innovation Fund and SMR Nuclear Technology. The St Baker Energy Innovation Fund is a venture capital fund that has invested in low-carbon energy solutions, including Tritium Ltd, a manufacturer of fast-charging technology for electric vehicles and EVIE Networks, a provider of fast-charging EV infrastructure.

St Baker was awarded an Order of Australia in 2010 *“for distinguished service to business and commerce as a leader and executive in the energy sector, and through philanthropic support for a range of health, arts and Indigenous youth programs”*.