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Dr Donald Markwell has been an education leader in his native Australia and in Britain. Born in the Australian outback, Dr Markwell was Rhodes Scholar for Queensland for 1981, and educated at the Universities of Queensland and Oxford, and at Princeton University. Dr Markwell served as Warden of Rhodes House, Oxford (2009-12); as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) of the University of Western Australia (2007-09); as Warden of Trinity College, University of Melbourne (1997-2007), including with responsibility for Trinity College Foundation Studies; and as Fellow & Tutor in Politics at Merton College, Oxford (1986-97). Since returning to Australia from Oxford in 2012, he has headed the Menzies Research Centre, an Australian public policy think tank, where he was a leader in the development of the New Colombo Plan to take Australian students to study in universities in the Asia-Pacific region, and has served as a senior adviser on higher education to the Australian Minister for Education and on national security and constitutional issues to the Australian Attorney-General.

Dr Markwell's books and other writings focus on international relations, constitutional history, educational philosophy, and Australian politics, and include *John Maynard Keynes and International Relations: Economic Paths to War and Peace* (2006), *"A Large and Liberal Education": Higher Education for the 21st Century* (2007), *"Instincts to Lead": On Leadership, Peace, and Education* (2013), and *Constitutional Conventions and the Headship of State: Australian Experience* (2016).