

# Leading physicist is new Bond boss

LEADING Australian physicist Professor Harry Messel has been appointed Bond University's new chancellor.

His appointment was described by Bond University Council chairman Neville Wran as a great coup for Australia's first private university.

Professor Messel replaces Elizabeth Nosworthy, who resigned along with two other independent council members in February.

Ms Nosworthy said she was 'forced to resign' amid fears the university's funding by the Japanese company, EIE International, was in jeopardy if she did not.

Professor Messel was appointed to the council alongside Mr Wran, the former New South Wales premier, and Sydney merchant banker Malcolm Turnbull following those resignations.

Mr Wran said yesterday Professor Messel's appointment as chancellor was unanimously supported by the council members.

"Professor Messel's appointment means the university has secured one of Australia's most experienced and respected academics as its chancellor," he said.

"His appointment is a great coup for the univer-

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sity and augurs well for its future."

The Canadian-born Professor Messel is regarded as one of the world's leading theoretical nuclear physicists, having written more than 60 books and been on dozens of world lecture and research tours.

Professor Messel, 70, is also known for his 25 years as head of physics at the University of Sydney during which time he raised more than \$100 million in cash and kind for research and educational programs.

During the 1970s Professor Messel was appointed a scientific adviser to the Attorney General and Minister for Customs and Excise.

He also acted as an adviser in the nuclear test case against the French Government in the International Court of Justice.

Professor Messel was a scientific adviser for the Minister for Minerals and Energy in 1975 and was a member of the Australian Atomic Energy Commission from 1974-81.

He was awarded a CBE in the 1979 New Year's Honours List.



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