

Dr Steve Jefferies AM

Approved by Steve 28/3/21

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present to you an outstanding candidate for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa): **Dr**

championing the transition of the University's Waite and Roseworthy wheat breeding programs into the commercial sphere to form AGT.

AGT remains a strong partner with the University through engagement with undergraduate teaching programs, shared supervision of PhD students and joint research projects, delivering an industry applied focus for agricultural research students. The University is also a key shareholder of AGT.

Dr Jefferies' contribution to the Australian agricultural industry was recognised in the Queen's Birthday 2016 Honours with the award of Member of the Order of Australia and he was recently accepted as a Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

Dr Jefferies has also been a member of the University of Adelaide's Agrifood and Wine Advisory Board.

He continues to bring a strong analytical capacity and a deep knowledge of the future of the Australian grains industry and with that considerable knowledge he has made significant contributions to the broader strategic directions of the University – particularly the School of Agriculture, Food and Wine – where he has emphasised the role that machine learning and data analytics can play in mining large field trial plant breeding data sets, for new information.

Dr Jefferies' career has been underlined by a commitment to the University, to the future of agricultural education and research and its significance to national and global economies.

Chancellor, I am pleased to present to you **Steve Jefferies**; Bachelor of Agricultural Science, PhD, Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Member of the Order of Australia, Fellow of the Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science (honoris causa).