

**Citation – The Honourable John Hill (4 March 2026 at 3:30 pm)**

**Deputy Chancellor, the University of South Australia awards the honorary degree of Doctor of the University to a person of eminence who has made a distinguished contribution to public service, or a field of academic endeavour or artistic pursuit.**

**It is my pleasure to present The Honourable John Hill FAICD, LLB, DipED, BA for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University in recognition of his distinguished service to the community.**

**As the Chancellor of UniSA, John has led the institution through higher education transformation, and his leadership remains instrumental in the creation of the new Adelaide University.**

**John has had three distinct yet intertwined careers, each of which has been centred around improving the lives of others. His initial career as a secondary school teacher led to his involvement in the teacher’s union which, in turn, sparked his passion for politics. John was elected to the seat of Kaurana in 1997, which he held until his retirement from politics in 2014.**

**During his political career John championed the interests of South Australians through ministerial roles including as the Minister for Environment and Conservation, Minister for the Southern Suburbs, Minister for Health, and Minister for the Arts.**

**As Minister for Health, John led significant reforms to improve public health services, focusing on accessibility and quality of care, and oversaw a major reconfiguration of the health sector which included the commissioning of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) and the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI).**

**John also played an instrumental role, in his capacity as Minister for the Southern Suburbs, in the transformation of the former Mitsubishi factory into Tonsley Innovation Districts which has since been recognised as a global benchmark for advanced manufacturing and technology facilities.**

**John has been a member of the UniSA Council since 2015 and served as the Deputy Chancellor for six years before accepting the appointment as Chancellor in May 2024.**

**Alongside his service to the UniSA community John served as the Independent Assessor for the Stolen Generations Reparation Scheme from 2016 to 2018, offering**

**his expertise in a highly sensitive and important role, while his chairmanship of the Goyder Institute for Water Research from 2017 to 2020 reflected his commitment to the long-term sustainability of the State's natural resources.**

**Further, for the past decade John has continued to contribute to the betterment of South Australia through his membership of a variety of boards and committees including the JamFactory, Private Healthcare Australia, Bellberry Ltd and more.**

**John's current membership to the boards of JamFactory (as chairperson) and Bellberry Ltd and demonstrate his impact across a diversity of areas and his commitment to the ongoing cultural, social and economic development of South Australia.**

**It is therefore fitting that we recognise his distinguished service.**

**Deputy Chancellor, I am pleased to present John Hill for the honorary degree of Doctor of the University.**