

Citation for Peter Smith

Graduation: Tuesday 30th March 2010, 3:00pm



Officiator:	Dr Ian Gould
Award recipient:	Mr Peter Smith BE(Aero), BEc, FIEAust
Award being conferred:	University Fellow of the University of South Australia (FUniSA)
Citation delivered by:	Professor Gerry Griffin BCom(Hons), MBS, PhD

Chancellor, the University of South Australia confers the title of University Fellow to a person who has given substantial support to the University over a continuous period of time. It is my pleasure to present to you Mr Peter Smith for the title of 'Fellow of the University of South Australia', in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the growth and development of the University of South Australia.

Peter Smith's professional career has focussed on the Australian and international defence and aerospace industries. As Commercial Director of Hawker de Havilland, Australia's largest aerospace company he led the company's international manufacturing development, winning five national export awards. Subsequently he was Managing Director of AWA Defence Industries and British Aerospace Australia. In 1996 he set up his own strategic consultancy, advising Governments, Companies and Industry Associations on strategic issues in Defence and Aerospace. He has also served as Chair and as a director of numerous companies in these fields.

He has held numerous government and Industry committee appointments including Chair of the Association of Australian Aerospace Industries, Chair of the Aerospace Technology Forum, a member of the Federal Defence Industry Committee and of the Premier's Defence Industry Advisory Committee, a member of the Defence Capability Development Forum, director of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, and a member of the Australian Industry Group's National Defence Executive.

He has been involved in higher education governance for many years, as Pro Chancellor and as a Member of Council of University of South Australia. In these roles he had a particular involvement in governance strategies and technology-related education, including chairing a Review of Engineering. He was Chair of ITEK, the University's commercialisation entity. He was also an Auditor for the Australian Universities Quality Authority.

In the area of vocational training, he was Deputy Chair of the SA Vocational Education and Training Board, and on various national subcommittees. He was a member of the SA Minister's Skills Audit Committee. He has also been involved in planning strategies for improved education and training in the Defence Industry. For many years, he was involved in industry linkage programmes with schools and universities.

He also has an abiding involvement in wider social and economic inclusion activities, having chaired various Federal Government strategic programs in South Australia including the Sustainable Regions Program in Northern Adelaide and the Adelaide Metropolitan Area Consultative Committee.

Chancellor, on behalf of the University of South Australia, I am pleased to present Mr Peter Smith to you for the honorary degree of Fellow of the University, in recognition of his significant contributions to the community and to the University of South Australia.