



## Honorary Doctorate Degree (Commerce) honoris causa

### The Right Honourable Sir David Carter KNZM

The Right Honourable Sir David Carter has had a long and distinguished political career and is a former Speaker of the House of Representatives.

An alumnus of Lincoln University, graduating with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science in 1974, he was a Member of Parliament from 1994 to 2020 and in that period fulfilled the roles of Minister of Agriculture, Minister for Biosecurity, Minister for Forestry, and Minister for Primary Industries.

He was also Associate Minister of Education and has always had a close interest in education.

He is a great advocate for the use and application of science in agriculture and an advocate and ambassador for Lincoln University, encouraging its inclusion in conversations relating to the primary industries.

This is illustrated by his support in 2010 for the University aligning itself with Telford Rural Polytech, seeing strong merit in the educational philosophy of 'seamless pathways' on which the merger was based, allowing students to staircase to higher levels of attainment and identifying a benefit for Lincoln and the rural sector.

He has acted as a link between the University and Parliament, accompanying fellow MPs on visits to Lincoln and introducing senior staff. As Minister of Agriculture, Sir David officially opened the Lincoln

University-based National Centre for Nitrous Oxide Measurement, a highly significant national facility for the measurement of greenhouse gases.

During his final years in Parliament he was New Zealand's permanent representative at the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and an active member of the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians.

In 2021, he was knighted in recognition of his distinguished public service.

Whilst Minister of Agriculture he focused on improvements to biosecurity, the importance of science in the future of agriculture, and the importance of New Zealand's international reputation as a producer and exporter of quality foods.

Throughout his political career he has remained an active farmer. During the 1970s, he was instrumental in seeing cattle breeds such as Simmental, Charolais and Limousin established in New Zealand and Australia using bovine embryo transplanting, a technique in its infancy in those days.

**Sir David Carter is a worthy recipient of the Honorary Doctorate Degree (Commerce).**

Professor Grant Edwards  
Vice-Chancellor

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