

Ms Moya Dodd

Approved by Moya 30/3/31

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

A practising lawyer and former international women's footballer with the Australian national soccer team, the Matildas, Ms Dodd has used her considerable sports experience and professional expertise to further the cause of women's sport and the role of sport in building community both in Australia and on the world stage.

Ms Dodd completed her Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at the University of Adelaide in 1987, at the same time advancing her career in soccer. At the age of 21 she was playing for Australia's national team, soon taking on the vice-captaincy.

She competed in 24 international matches, including the first-ever FIFA world tournament for women in 1988, before hanging up her boots.

Becoming active beyond the pitch, she used her expertise to champion change in the sport.

She joined the board of Football Federation Australia (FFA) in 2007, serving as a Director for 10 years.

In 2013, she was one of the first three women appointed to the executive committee of FIFA, the international 27-member body which governs football. In that role she advocated for reform – such as more inclusion for women in decision-making, more investment in the women's game, and changing the rules to allow women to play while wearing the hijab.

She led the #womeninFIFA campaign, and her efforts were rewarded with gender reforms to the FIFA statutes, such as requirements for women on boards and adding women's inclusion to FIFA's statutory objectives.

She also advocated for ethics and human rights reforms, and was one of only three members (of a committee of 27) to decline a \$29,000 gift watch.

She has worked as a Judge's Associate at the Supreme Court of South Australia, in private practice, in-house legal roles, and in commercial and consulting roles in the media and telecommunications industries.

Today Ms Dodd is a partner in law firm Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers.

In 2016, Ms Dodd was named the overall winner of the Australian Financial Review and Westpac 100 Women of Influence Awards, and in 2018, she was named the 7th most powerful woman in international sport by Forbes Magazine.

Ms Dodd is a member of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport, FIFA's Player Status Committee, and the International Olympic Committee's Athlete's Entourage Commission.

She is also Chair of Common Goal, a global not-for-profit that – through the medium of soccer – supports the UN sustainable development goals; a director of Barefoot to Boots, an Australian private NGO working to support refugees; and a director of the Geneva-based Centre for Sport and Human Rights.

Ms Dodd has combined her passion for soccer with her knowledge of law and good governance to influence positive change. Today we acknowledge her career commitment to equality for women in sport and for the role of sport in building opportunities and communities globally.

Chancellor, I am pleased to present to you **Moya Dodd**, Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Executive Master of Business Administration, for admission to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University (honoris causa).