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Andrew Geering graduated with a BSc. Agric. (Hons I) in 1987 from The University of Sydney and a PhD in 1992 from The University of Adelaide.



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