

ATTACHMENT E

1. National Innovation Review: Submissions Process

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Government is committed to building a strong national innovation system, in recognition of the vital role innovation plays in productivity and economic growth, and in meeting the challenges Australia faces.

In this context, the Government has appointed an expert panel to review the national innovation system and the coherence and effectiveness of existing Government support for innovation.

The Panel will identify gaps and weaknesses in the innovation system and develop proposals to address them. In particular, it will:

- Identify a set of principles to underpin the role and participation of the public sector in innovation.
- Develop a set of national innovation priorities to complement the national research priorities, ensuring the objectives of research programs and other innovation initiatives are complementary.
- Identify regulatory and other barriers to innovation and recommend ways to minimise these.
- Examine the scope for simplifying and reducing program duplication and ensuring that any support provided is well-targeted and easy to access.
- Consider the appropriateness, effectiveness and efficiency of the Research and Development (R&D) Tax Concession Scheme in promoting innovation and make recommendations to improve innovation outcomes.
- Consider ways to improve the governance of the national innovation system to support higher expectations of government agencies and industry.
- Assess the appropriateness, effectiveness and efficiency of the Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Program and make recommendations to improve innovation outcomes.

In conducting the review the Panel is to have regard to relevant reports and studies, including the Productivity Commission's *Report on Public Support for Science and Innovation*. The Panel is to consult nationally and provide a 'Green Paper' to the Government detailing policy options by 31 July 2008. The Green Paper will be released for public comment and used as the basis for the development of a Government 'White Paper'.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE REVIEW

What is the timeframe for the Review of the National Innovation System?

The Review will take 6 months. It was announced by Minister Kim Carr on 22 January 2008 and it will provide its report (a Green Paper) to Government by the end of July 2008.

What will follow when the Review reports to the Minister in July?

The Government will publicly release the Green Paper shortly after it is received in July, and will invite comments from stakeholders on its findings. The Government will then develop its response in the form of a White Paper later in 2008.

How can stakeholders input to the Review?

The Expert Panel undertaking the Review conducted stakeholder meetings across Australia in March. Over 1000 people participated in the consultations. There were up to three meetings for each State and Territory capital, comprising business, government and academia (research providers). The sessions with most participants were for business.

Who do I contact if I want more information?

The Review can be contacted by emailing the Secretariat, or calling +61 2 6276 1693

Who is conducting the Review?

The Review is being conducted by an Expert Panel, Chaired by Dr Terry Cutler. To assist the Expert Panel, three Working Groups have been established.

To assist the Panel in its work, four international advisers have been appointed. They are:

- Professor Alan Hughes (University of Cambridge)
- Professor Richard Lester (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
- Professor Stan Metcalfe (Professor Emeritus at the University of Manchester)
- Professor Keith Smith (Professor of Innovation, Australian Innovation Research Centre)

Who is on the Secretariat?

The Expert Panel and Working Groups are being supported by a Secretariat. The Secretariat comprises a dedicated group of officers within the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, and a smaller number of officers from outside the Department who are contributing on a part time basis in specialist areas.

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On 28 February 2008 the Expert Panel undertaking the Review of the National Innovation System released a Call for Submissions paper, encouraging interested parties to provide written submissions to the Review.

The deadline for submissions is 30 April 2008. Earlier submissions are welcomed.

As part of the submissions process, the Expert Panel has requested that each submission contains the following information:

- Author
- Organisation
- Type of organisation (e.g. industry, government, not for profit, research provider)
- Address
- State or Territory (or country if not Australia)
- Email and phone contact
- Declaration of Interest (see below)

Declaration of Interest

In the interests of transparency and full disclosure, **all submissions must be prefaced by a Declaration of any Interests and Affiliations relating to the subject of the Review and the representations submitted.** These declarations will be published along with the submission.

Confidential Submissions

The Review Panel will not accept submissions by organisations submitted wholly on a confidential basis. Where the nature of the material dictates, however, submissions may append material marked Confidential and severable from the covering submission.

The Review Panel will accept confidential submissions from *individuals* where those individuals can argue credibly that publication might compromise their ability to express forthright viewpoints.

Please note that any request made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* for access to any material marked confidential will be determined in accordance with that Act.

Public Access to Submissions

As a general principle all submissions will be placed on the Review website, as will discussion papers and other material developed as the Review progresses.

Confidential submissions, or confidential parts of submissions will not be made publicly available, and will be maintained separately and securely.

Submissions can be emailed to the Review Secretariat [here](#).

Alternatively, written submissions can be forwarded to:

Review of the National Innovation System - Submission
Secretariat to the Expert Panel,
Review of the National Innovation System,
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research,
GPO Box 9839,
CANBERRA, ACT 2601

2. Review of Australian Higher Education

Terms of Reference

The Review of Australian Higher Education will examine and report to the Hon Julia Gillard MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Education, Employment, Workplace Relations and Social Inclusion, on the future direction of the higher education sector, its fitness for purpose in meeting the needs of the Australian community and economy and the options for ongoing reform.

It will build on the Rudd Government's key higher education initiatives in progress and the Government's overall economic and social policy settings.

It will be led by an expert panel drawing from the tertiary education sector and wider industry. The Review Panel is to be chaired by Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley AC. It will provide its report on priority action by the end of October 2008, and final report by the end of the year.

In particular, the Review Panel will examine the current state of the Australian higher education system against international best practice and assess whether the education system is capable of:

- contributing to the innovation and productivity gains required for long term economic development and growth; and
- ensuring that there is a broad-based tertiary education system producing professionals for both national and local labour market needs.

The Review Panel will advise Government on possible key objectives for higher education in Australia, starting with the themes below, and how these could be achieved through reform of the sector and changes to regulation and funding arrangements.

Diverse, high performing institutions with a global focus

Developing a diverse, globally focused and competitive higher education sector with quality, responsive institutions following clear, distinctive missions to provide higher education opportunities to students throughout Australia.

Productivity and participation

Enhancing the role of the higher education sector in contributing to national productivity, increased participation in the labour market and responding to the needs of industry. This includes the responsiveness of the sector in altering the course mix in response to student and employer demand and an understanding of trends in the economy, demography and the labour markets served by higher education.

Effective and efficient investment

Improving funding arrangements for higher education institutions as they relate to teaching responsibilities, taking into account public and private benefits and contributions to inform the development of funding compacts between the Australian Government and institutions.

Underpinning social inclusion through access and opportunity

Supporting and widening access to higher education, including participation by students from a wide range of backgrounds.

Enhanced quality and high standards

Implementing arrangements to ensure that quality higher education is provided by public and private providers and that this is widely understood and recognised by clients of the higher education sector.

A broad tertiary education and training sector

Establishing the place of higher education in the broader tertiary education sector, especially in building an integrated relationship with vocational education and training.

Policy linkages

The review will collaborate with and take account of the work of the Review of the National Innovation System and Skills Australia. It will also consult with State and Territory tertiary education authorities.

No call for submissions has yet been made

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