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Florey Neuroscience Institutes (FNI)

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF FNI

The FNI has been created through the amalgamation of the Howard Florey Institute, the Brain Research Institute and the National Stroke Research Institute to form a remarkable concentration of basic and clinical neuroscientists. The FNI will be further strengthened by the co-location of the Mental Health Research Institute and neuroscientists from the University of Melbourne. Together, this will create a powerhouse of around 500 staff and students with a recurrent operating budget of more than \$50 million that will be focused on improving our understanding of the brain with the long-term aim of finding ways to better treat and ultimately to prevent and cure brain disorders.

The research areas will be led by internationally prominent scientists and will include major neurological and psychiatric disorders - Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, stroke and neurotrauma, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, schizophrenia and addiction, as well as basic understanding of normal brain development, regeneration and stem cells, and brain control of bodily functions. Supporting these research programs will be state-of-the art platforms including advanced neuroimaging, genomics and proteomics, bioinformatics, animal behaviour, neurochemistry, and cell and molecular biology.

The FNI will be a focus for Australian participation in international neuroscience and we aim to be amongst the global top five brain research institutes by 2015.

2. FUNDING FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES

- National Health and Medical Research Council
- Australian Research Council
- CSIRO
- Victorian Government (DIIRD)
- Victorian Neurotrauma Initiative
- VicHealth

3. REPRESENTATION ON GOVERNMENT COUNCILS / BOARDS

Dr Alan Finkel: Chancellor of Monash University

Ms Margaret Jackson: Member of the Foreign Affairs Council

Prof John Mackenzie: DVC Research, University of Melbourne

Ms Naomi Milgrom: Chair, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Trustee National Gallery of Victoria

Dr Brendan Murphy: CEO, Austin Health. Chair, Victorian Health Department Management Innovation Council

Mr Allan Myers: Trustee National Gallery of Victoria