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Review of the National Innovation System
Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research
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I refer to the *Call for Submissions* of February 2008 in relation to the review of the National Innovation System that was announced by Senator the Hon Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on 22 January 2008.

A submission from the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts is enclosed. This submission replaces the draft that was lodged on 30 April 2008.

As requested by the Expert Panel established to undertake the review, I provide the following information:

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I look forward to seeing the Expert Panel's recommendations.

David Borthwick
Secretary

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