



REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL INNOVATION SYSTEM

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FACT SHEET

The Review of the National Innovation System was announced on 22 January 2008 and will be undertaken by an Expert Panel, chaired by Dr Terry Cutler.

The establishment of the Review reflects the value the Australian Government places on a strong national innovation system and its determination to harness the economic and social benefits of innovation for all Australians.

The Panel is charged with identifying gaps and weaknesses in the innovation system and developing 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 priorities for innovation 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.

The Panel is to consult nationally and provide a 'Green Paper' to the Federal Government 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'.

Three Working Groups will be looking at specific issues and will feed into the Panel. They are:

- An Inter-governmental Working Group, chaired by Mr David Hanna.
- The Collaboration and CRC Review, chaired by Professor Mary O'Kane.
- The Tax and R&D Tax Concession Review Working Group, chaired by Dr Cutler.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

An Issues Paper has been prepared canvassing key questions.

There will be open stakeholder consultations in capital cities in March 2008.

These consultations will be followed by a series of workshops on specific issues which are to be held in April and May 2008.

The issues paper and detailed information on the consultations can be found at www.innovation.gov.au/innovationreview

The Review can be contacted by emailing the secretariat at innovationreview@innovation.gov.au

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REVIEW PANEL

The Review is being conducted by a Panel of experts.
They are listed below:

Name	Affiliation
Dr Terry Cutler (Chair)	Principal of Cutler & Co
Dr Nicholas Gruen	CEO of Lateral Economics
Prof Mary O’Kane	Executive Chairman of Mary O’Kane & Associates Pty Ltd
Prof Steve Dowrick	Professor, School of Economics, the Australian National University
Ms Narelle Kennedy	Chief Executive of the Australian Business Foundation
Prof Glyn Davis (AC)	Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of Melbourne
Ms Catherine Livingstone (AO)	Director – Future Directions International - Macquarie Bank - WorleyParsons Ltd - Telstra Corporation Ltd - Macquarie Graduate School of Management Pty Ltd
Dr Megan Clark	Vice President Technology, BHP Billiton
Professor John Foster	School of Economics, University of Queensland
Dr Jim Peacock (ex-officio) (AC)	Chief Scientist
Ms Patricia Kelly (ex-officio)	Deputy Secretary of the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

In addition, the Panel will be supported by some international experts on innovation policy and details of these advisors will be posted shortly.