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The Hon Ian Macfarlane MP
Minister for Industry
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

We have pleasure in submitting to you, for presentation to Parliament, the sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) for the year ending 30 June 2014. This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Science and Industry Research Act 1949 (SIR Act)* and in accordance with section 9 of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997 (CAC Act)*.

Under section 9 of the CAC Act, CSIRO Board members are responsible for producing an Annual Report in accordance with the rules laid down in Schedule 1 of this Act, including a 'Report of Operations' prepared in accordance with the Finance Minister's Orders, as amended.

This report was endorsed for presentation to you at the meeting of the CSIRO Board members on 26 August 2014.

The report also includes an appendix comprising a report from the Chief Executive of CSIRO, as Trustee of the Science and Industry Endowment Fund (the Fund), established under the *Science and Industry Endowment Act 1926*, on the operations of the Fund together with a report by the Auditor-General on the accounts of the Fund.

The CAC Act requires CSIRO to report developments since the end of the financial year, giving particulars of any matter or circumstance that has arisen and has significantly affected or may significantly affect CSIRO's operations or state of affairs.

On 1 July 2014 CSIRO implemented a new organisational structure. This structure intensifies focus on three distinct lines of business Impact Science, National Facilities and Collections and CSIRO Services providing scientific advancements and innovative technological solutions for our industry and community. The structure will allow Australia to better leverage the opportunities of CSIRO's large-scale multidisciplinary applied research.

We commend the Organisation's achievements to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon V. McKeon".

Simon McKeon AO
Chairman of the CSIRO Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Clark".

Dr Megan Clark AC
Chief Executive of the CSIRO