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

We have pleasure in submitting to you, for presentation to Parliament, the sixty-seventh Annual Report of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) for the year ending 30 June 2015. This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Science and Industry Research Act 1949 and in accordance with section 46 of the Public Governance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act) and with section 7AB of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Amendment (Annual Reports) Rule 2015, which extends the application of the now-repealed Commonwealth Authorities (Annual Reporting) Orders 2011 for the 2014–15 Annual Report.

The report was endorsed for presentation to you at the meeting of the CSIRO Board members on 24 August 2015.

The report 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.

During the annual reporting period CSIRO conducted extensive engagement with our customers, partners and staff to elicit input into the new CSIRO Strategy 2020, which took effect from 1 July 2015. Our Strategy positions CSIRO for longer term differentiation and sustainability, with a particular focus on playing a role in significantly lifting Australia's innovation performance while delivering impact against areas of national challenge.

We commend the Organisation's achievements to you.

Dr Eileen Doyle

Deputy Chairman of the CSIRO Board

Dr Larry Marshall

Chief Executive of the CSIRO