



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Minister for Industry and Science

I have audited the accompanying annual financial statements of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and the consolidated entity for the year ended 30 June 2015, which comprise:

- Statement by the Deputy Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer;
- Statements of Comprehensive Income;
- Statements of Financial Position;
- Statements of Changes in Equity;
- Cash Flow Statements;
- Schedules of Commitments; and
- Notes comprising a Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and other explanatory information.

The consolidated entity comprises the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the year.

Member's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The members of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation are responsible under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* for the preparation and fair presentation of annual financial statements that comply with Australian Accounting Standards and the rules made under that Act. The members are also responsible for such internal control as is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with the Australian National Audit Office Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards. These auditing standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not

for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the members of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have followed the independence requirements of the Australian National Audit Office, which incorporate the requirements of the Australian accounting profession.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and the consolidated entity:

- (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Financial Reporting) Rule 2015*; and
- (b) present fairly the financial positions of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation and the consolidated entity as at 30 June 2015 and their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended.

Australian National Audit Office

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'B. M. Jarrett', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Brandon Jarrett
Executive Director

Delegate of the Auditor-General

Canberra
28 August 2015