

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

The petition of the undersigned concerned citizens:

1. Affirms that science is central to our economy and prosperity and that government investment in research is central to maintaining and growing Australia's scientific capacity;
2. Notes the growing concern amongst the science and research community about the security of funding; and
3. Notes the risks to jobs and the economy if funding is not secured.

We therefore requests that the House call on the Treasurer to:

1. Guarantee that science and research funding will be protected this financial year; and
2. Rule out any attempt to defer, freeze or pause Australian Research Council, National Health and Medical Research Council, Cooperative Research Centres or other science and research grants in an attempt to achieve a Budget surplus.