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Economics References Committee

Senate Standing Committees on Economics

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Canberra ACT 2600

re: CSIRO cuts

I am a full-time sculptor of many years standing, with a particular focus on Australia's unique and endangered fauna, which therefore means I am equally concerned with their environment and aware of the fragile nature of much of the Australian bush, forest and desert. Recently, climate change and its detrimental effects on the environment has been extremely worrying. It was shocking to learn, just this week, that the River Murray, the Coorong and Lake Alexandrina are now considered to be "critically endangered".

I also have an abiding interest in science, being a long-term subscriber to the "New Scientist" magazine, in which I find fascinating information as to current research into medical, environmental and all other branches of science. For many years I have particularly admired the work of the CSIRO and its amazing inventions which have benefitted humankind. It makes me proud to be an Australian. In these uncertain times, I think it's imperative that our scientists and researchers are fully funded...there are many problems to solve and our future depends on their ability to discover new ways of combatting climate change and strategies for coping with the changed circumstances in which we are beginning to find ourselves.

In light of present and future challenges, the proposed shedding of more than 350 jobs in the CSIRO is incomprehensible. I urge the Economics References Committee to reconsider this strategy as our future will certainly depend on good science, well-funded and supported, to ensure Australia is in the best position possible to care for the

environment and able to adapt where necessary, to ensure the future of our children and grandchildren.

Yours Sincerely,

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