

We have been pursuing some ground breaking technologies that would be prime candidates for ARENA support. Progress is now in jeopardy. Given the formidable competition and the rigor in being awarded ARENA funding, only very high quality proposals get assistance (which is as it should be). To me this early assistance is just as important as medical research which has been rightfully catered for in the budget.

Australia is not short on good ideas but does not have a great success rate at commercialising innovation.

ARENA should be retained for the future advancement of great Australian invention.

Regards

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