

To the Economics References Committee,

I am upset to learn of the lack of regard the Australian government is showing towards CSIRO, one of the nation's key scientific bodies. Having government-funded scientific organisations to address crucial research concerns is not only necessary to reliably address some of the most pressing problems we face on this Australian continent (e.g., drought, air quality, water quality, food security, ecosystem and reef protection), but has been repeatedly demonstrated to be an excellent return on investment.

These disruptions to the scientific processes (and individual livelihoods) is more impactful than you likely expect, and lacks foresight. CSIRO was built over decades with our tax dollars. To damage the scientific infrastructure that we funded and created is an injustice to every Australian (past, current and future).

Regards,

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