

Conclusions and Recommendations

The conclusions and recommendations of the Committee and the paragraph in the report to which each refers are set out below:

- 1. The Riverside Corporate Park, North Ryde, contains the largest aggregation of CSIRO research activities in New South Wales. Long term planning envisages development of the corporate park, within CSIRO precincts, to provide modern research facilities. (paragraph 68)**
- 2. Land surplus to CSIRO requirements has been developed and infrastructure and site services have been upgraded or replaced for sale to private sector companies. Further rationalisation and consolidation of CSIRO facilities is planned. (paragraph 69)**
- 3. Food Science Australia and the Division of Molecular Science undertake wide-ranging strategic and applied research for industries which play a vital role in the continued economic growth of Australia. (paragraph 70)**
- 4. Both Divisions are located at North Ryde in facilities which are inadequate and cannot be adapted to contemporary and future research requirements. North Ryde is regarded as an ideal location for both organisations which are required to interact with companies and universities located in the Sydney area. (paragraph 71)**
- 5. A need therefore exists for the provision of modern research facilities for Food Science Australia and the Division of Molecular Science at the North Ryde site. Both Divisions would benefit from collocation. (paragraph 72)**
- 6. The proposed joint research complex will provide both Divisions with much needed modern research laboratories and ancillary facilities. The extent of the complex can be justified being necessary to meet current and future requirements. CSIRO staff were involved in some detailed planning of the proposed joint complex. (paragraph 124)**
- 7. The proposed location and height of the joint research centre combine to create a strong architectural statement whose immediate impact will be tempered by the setback from Delhi Road and tree plantings. (paragraph 125)**
- 8. The Committee recommends that the profile and heights of exhaust stacks should be re-examined to reduce their visual impact. (paragraph 126)**
- 9. CSIRO consulted widely with State and local government planning authorities in order to meet planning requirements. (paragraph 140)**

- 10. CSIRO has implemented extensive initiatives to minimise the environmental impact of the development of the corporate park site. These measures include extensive stormwater management and the provision of a substantial portion of land as a flora and fauna reserve. (paragraph 168)**
- 11. The Committee recommends the construction of the Joint Research Complex for CSIRO Molecular Science and Food Science Australia at Riverside Corporate park, North Ryde at an estimated cost of \$49 million at March 1999 prices. (paragraph 175)**

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