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TOPIC: ON Innovation Program

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QUESTION No.: AI-138

What capacity will there be for public good research in CSIRO's ON program?

ANSWER

The purpose of ON is to empower all research teams (including those focusing on public good research) to articulate the real world impact they seek to make and then discover the pathway to impact through practical experiences and engagement with key stakeholders.

To date the ON program has supported a number of research teams working on “public good” technologies including:

- renewable chemicals to make the world BPA free
- home energy efficiency solutions
- home-based cardiac rehabilitation
- reduction of methane emissions from livestock
- environmentally friendly graphene production
- polymers for agricultural water efficiency.