Commonwealth of Australia

Industry Research and Development Act 1986

Re-tooling for Climate Change Program Ministerial Directions No. 1 of 2008

I, Kim John Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, acting under sections 18(A), 19 and 20(1) of the Industry Research and Development Act 1986, issue the following explanatory statement on the directions to Innovation Australia (the Board).

Dated 29 August 2008

Senator the Hon Kim Carr
Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

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Explanatory Statement

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

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General Outline and Legislative Authority

The Re-tooling for Climate Change program is a competitive based grants program delivered by AusIndustry. It aims to help small and medium sized enterprises undertaking manufacturing in Australia, reduce their environmental footprint, through projects that improve the energy and/or water efficiency of their production processes.

The program will support projects directed towards improving the energy and/or water efficiency of one or more production processes, by a company undertaking manufacturing activities in Australia. Project outcomes sought may include:

- Reduced energy consumption or reduced energy waste;
- Conversion to a renewable or co-generated energy source for use in the production process;
- Reduced water consumption or reduced water waste;
- Reduced carbon emissions.

Under Re-tooling for Climate Change, eligible applications will be assessed and ranked by Innovation Australia (the Board), which then provides the merit ranking of eligible applications to the Re-tooling for Climate Change Program Delegate. After receiving a merit ranking from the Board, the Program Delegate may (subject to the availability of program funds) approve an application for grant funding. In doing so, the Program Delegate must take into account the merit ranking provided by the Board.