EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Funding Rules made under section 60 of the Australian Research Council Act 2001

Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2010

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

Subject: Australian Research Council Act 2001
Variation to the Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2010

Authority
Section 60 of the Australian Research Council Act 2001 (the Act) provides that the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research must approve ARC funding rules.

Purpose and effect

Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities for funding commencing in 2010 were approved under section 60 of the Act by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator the Hon Kim Carr, on 16 March 2009.

Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities is a scheme funded under the Australian Research Council’s National Competitive Grants Program. The Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities for funding commencing in 2010 sets out the eligibility and accountability requirements and other relevant matters for research programs which may be funded under this scheme. The scheme provides funding to eligible organisations for research infrastructure, equipment and facilities that will be used to support high-quality research projects. Funding under this scheme is approved by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

A variation to these rules was approved under section 61 of the Act by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator the Hon Kim Carr, on 23 April 2009. Details of the approved variation to the Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2010 are:

1. Throughout the entire document replace ‘20 May 2009’ with ’27 May 2009 (page 5 and subsection 11.5.1, and 12.1.4)

Commencement

Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2010 shall take effect day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.