EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

Special Research Initiatives Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2008-2009 or 2009-2010 Variation (No. 1)

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

Subject: Australian Research Council Act 2001
Special Research Initiatives Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2008-2009 or 2009-2010 Variation (No. 1)

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
Special Research Initiatives Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2008-2009 or 2009-2010 Variation (No. 1) were approved under section 60 of the Act by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator the Hon Kim Carr, on 27 May 2009.

Special Research Initiatives is a scheme funded under the Australian Research Council’s National Competitive Grants Program. The Special Research Initiatives Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2008-2009 or 2009-2010 Variation (No. 1) 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 27 May 2009. Details of the approved variation to the Special Research Initiatives Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2008-2009 or 2009-2010 are:

1. The following acronyms have been deleted from the acronym list on page 4:
   a. AEDT  Australian Eastern Daylight Saving (Summer) Time
   b. APA  Australian Postgraduate Award
   c. ECR  Early Career Researcher
   d. GAMS  Grant Application Management System
   e. ICI  Internationally Coordinated Initiative
   f. LASP  ARC Learned Academies Special Projects
   g. LP  ARC Linkage Projects
   h. NP  Network Participant
   i. RN  ARC Research Networks
   j. URL  Universal Resource Locator

2. The following acronyms have been included in the acronyms list on page 4:
   a. ACPFG  Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics
   b. AIATSIS  Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
   c. ASCC  Australian Stem Cell Centre
   d. DVC (R)  Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)
   e. ICT  Information and Communications Technology
   f. NCGRT  National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training
   g. NICTA  National ICT Australia
   h. OECD  Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
3. The following definitions have been deleted from the definitions list:
   a. Australian Partner Organisation
   b. Australian Postdoctoral Fellow
   c. Australian Postdoctoral Fellow (Industry)
   d. Australian Professional Fellow
   e. Australian Research Council International Fellow
   f. Australian Research Fellow
   g. Host Organisation
   h. International Collaboration Awards
   i. Linkage Industry Fellow

4. Appendix 2 has been deleted and replaced with the attached Appendix 2:

   Commencement
   Special Research Initiatives Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2008-2009 or 2009-2010
   Variation (No. 1) shall take effect day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative
   Instruments.