

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. 2)*

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

Subject: *Australian Research Council Act 2001
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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. 2) were approved under section 60 of the Act by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator the Hon Kim Carr, on 29 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. 2)* 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 29 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. 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. 2) shall take effect day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.