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**Australian Research Council’s (ARC) Special Research Initiatives—Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2008–2009 or 2009–2010 Variation No.1—[F2015L01690].**

I am writing in relation to the Explanatory Statement for the Australian Research Council’s *Special Research Initiatives—Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2008–2009 or
2009–2010 Variation No.1*—[F2015L01690].

On 26 November 2015, the Senate Standing Committee on Regulation and Ordinances (the Committee) noted that the Explanatory Statement had no description of consultation.

The Committee has requested an update to the existing Explanatory Statement to include consultation in accordance with the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

The Australian Research Council replied to the Committee on 15 December 2015 and has amended the Explanatory Statement to address the matters raised by the Committee.

I have enclosed a copy of the amended Explanatory Statement. I would be grateful if you would arrange tabling.

Yours sincerely

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