



## Research training in Australia Public hearing in Canberra

“Innovation is a process rather than an outcome. It is about curiosity and commitment. Innovation requires the freedom to think and explore, and innovation requires a resource of attuned minds”, states the CRC Association in its submission to the research training inquiry being conducted by the House of Representatives Industry, Science and Innovation Committee.

The Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, at which representatives of **CSIRO** and the **CRC Association** will discuss Australia’s ability to compete internationally for high quality researchers. Committee Chair Maria Vamvakinou said, “there is a strong consensus among those who have made submissions to the inquiry that more can be done to attract new graduates to research, and to keep hold of our best and brightest researchers here in Australia.”

The inquiry will also explore the issue of meeting Australia’s future research training needs. The CSIRO states that “There are skills shortages across the Australian economy and the underlying growth in demand for trained people is a reflection of both the growing application and sophistication of technology and the economic growth this produces. Moreover, an effective innovation system encourages and facilitates the movement of people between sectors, across boundaries and into different disciplines so that researchers may move from research to other occupations, increasing the demand for additional research training”.

### **PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, 3 September, 2008 – 10.00am to 12.00pm**  
**Committee Room 1R5, Parliament House, Canberra**

**10.00am**      **CSIRO (submission 83)**  
Dr Alastair Robertson, deputy CEO

**10.45am**      **CRC Association (submission 41)**  
Dr Michael Hartmann, CEO  
Dr Ian Dagley

The public hearing will be webcast at: [webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/](http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/). Further details, including the terms of reference, membership of the Committee and schedule of public hearings can be obtained on the Committee’s website at: [www.aph.gov.au/isi](http://www.aph.gov.au/isi)

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