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**CRA's submission to Parliament's  
Inquiry on ARC Amendment Bill 2023  
(January 2024)**

*Cooperative Research Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we operate, the Ngunnawal people. We also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the various lands across Australia upon which our members operate.*

*We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to our lands and waters.*

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## CRA's Submission to the Inquiry by the Education and Employment Legislation Committee on Australian Research Council Amendment (Review Response) Bill 2023 [Provisions]

Cooperative Research Australia welcomes the Australian Government's efforts implementing the recommendations of the Final Report of the 'Trusting Australia's Ability: Review of the Australian Research Council Act 2001'

We commend the amendments to the object of the Act to describe the role and mission of the ARC which align with our previous submission, where we recommended the explicit statement of its powers, role and interactions with other Commonwealth research funding bodies.

Furthermore, as we proposed, we encourage the consideration of using the example of the [Science and Industry Research Act 1949](#) (the CSIRO Act – Part II, section 9 "Functions of the Organisation"), as a model to set out more clearly the functions of the organisation as a contributor for Australian research capacity.

Moreover, we recommended that governance and management should be covered in the Act, and we are pleased to see that this Bill aims to do it with independence and integrity at the core.

As previously suggested, we would hope that the named mix of skills-based appointees include representation from research intensive industry and from entities that do translation of research, such as Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs), Rural Research and Development Corporations (RDCs), etc. as well as international representation.

Cooperative Research Australia is committed to working collaboratively with the Australian Government in strengthening Australia's research capability. We are committed to a prosperous and innovative future for all Australians, and -as such- we are open to facilitating a platform for further consultation and/or clarification on any of the recommendations.