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Mrs Karen Andrews, MP  
Chair of the Public Works Committee  
Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works  
Parliament House  
**CANBERRA ACT 2600**

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**Submission No. 04**  
(CSIRO ACT)  
Date: 19/02/14

Dear Mrs Andrews

**Re: Inquiry into CSIRO ACT Consolidation Project**

The Cotton Research & Development Corporation (CRDC) is aware and supportive of the proposal for the consolidation of all of CSIRO's Canberra sites onto the Black Mountain campus and we are pleased to provide a submission in support of CSIRO's role in cotton industry RD&E. CRDC note the importance of our ongoing research relationship with CSIRO to produce the knowledge and tools required for a globally competitive and responsible Australian cotton industry.

CRDC understands that for the cotton sector RD&E the consolidation would provide:

1. new state of the art facilities for the cotton biotechnology group that services the cotton breeding program;
2. new strategically important facilities for important plant science platforms such as bioinformatics, microscopy, metabolomics, phenomics and genomics that will provide a basis for new innovations for cotton breeding and farming systems in the future; and
3. a central facility for CSIRO linking the corporate executive with its plant science research headquarters, enhancing alignment of strategy and science and provide a central location for industry partners to interact with CSIRO leaders, managers and researchers.

These commitments and outcomes are consistent with the objectives of the National Primary Industries RD&E Framework. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Finney  
**Executive Director**  
c.c John Manners, CSIRO