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Re: Inquiry to Increasing Value Adding to Australia Is Raw Materials

SRDC is interested in this topic and would like to be informed of the progress in the inquiry.

SRDC has observed the following in our efforts to fund Research and Development in the area of value adding:

- many of the opportunities for value adding (eg electricity cogeneration, speciality products, alternative products) are not referred to SRDC as the proponent wishes to hold the Intellectual Property unencumbered by Public R&D funding
- many of the opportunities can only be addressed with a commercial decision to proceed and often do not require extensive R&D (e.g. paper products from bagasse).

I would be happy to provide more details if required.

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