

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee's conclusions and recommendations and the paragraphs in the report in which they occur are set out below:

- 1. Since 1961 substantial investments have been made by the Commonwealth in the construction of five major CSIRO research laboratory complexes on a 15 hectare site at Clayton, Victoria. (paragraph 45)**
- 2. The site now houses the largest concentration of CSIRO scientific expertise in Victoria. It is the centre of CSIRO research into minerals, forest products, molecular and polymer science, manufacturing science and technology and mathematical and information science. (paragraph 46)**
- 3. A number of elements of research Divisions, in particular Manufacturing Science and Technology and Petroleum Resources remain at other centres within the Melbourne metropolitan area in properties owned or leased by CSIRO. (paragraph 47)**
- 4. Capacity remains at the Clayton site for further collocation and rationalisation of research activities. This rationalisation would result in reduced overheads and realise proceeds from property sales for investment in new and upgraded research facilities at Clayton. It would also facilitate interaction between research groups and between Divisions, cooperative research centres and staff and post-graduate students from Monash University. (paragraph 48)**
- 5. In property terms, sites at Preston and Syndal and leased premises at Carlton and Clayton could be vacated and staff relocated to Clayton. (paragraph 49)**
- 6. A need therefore exists to provide additional research facilities at the Clayton site for more than 370 CSIRO staff. (paragraph 50)**
- 7. The need for stainless steel downpipes proposed for the refurbished David Rivett Building should be reviewed. (paragraph 87)**
- 8. CSIRO should develop a master plan for the further development of the site which will avoid costly removal of existing facilities and infrastructure. (paragraph 96)**
- 9. The scope of the proposed development includes refurbished and new accommodation at a standard commensurate with modern research requirements and on a scale consistent with the number of staff to be**

employed. There is capacity for expansion. The scope of the project can be justified as making adaptive reuse of refurbished buildings with new construction reflecting contemporary generic research facilities already provided at other sites. (paragraph 208)

- 10. The Committee recommends the construction of the CSIRO Clayton (Eastern Precinct) Development Works at an estimated cost of \$28 million at May 1999 prices. (paragraph 222)**

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