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(ANSTO Facilities)

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**Proposed construction of the Centre for Accelerator Science (CAS) and extension to facilities for the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) – submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works**

I am writing to you to express support for the submission made by the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in regard to the construction of the Centre for Accelerator Science (CAS) project funded under the Super Science Initiative announced in the May 2009 Budget.

The Super Science Initiative is managed by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research and provides a \$1.1 billion boost for critical areas of scientific endeavour, including space science and astronomy, climate change, marine and life sciences, biotechnology and nanotechnology. These investments in research infrastructure involve collaboration between universities, government research agencies, independent research institutes and business.

The Super Science Initiative includes an investment of \$25.0 million to establish a Centre for Accelerator Science at ANSTO, Lucas Heights, and is one of two projects funded under a \$62.0 million Nuclear Science Facilities Education Investment Fund (EIF) Agreement. The establishment of the Centre for Accelerator Science will support research in materials science, climate and environmental science, medical physics and nuclear safeguards work by constructing a new building to house world-leading accelerator-based research facilities for now and for the next 20 years.

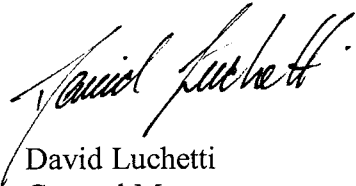
This project is integral to the Government's approach to science and research policy. It will target key science and research priorities identified in the Government's *Powering Ideas: An Innovation Agenda for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, the *National Research Priorities* and the *2008 Strategic Roadmap for Australian Research Infrastructure*. These investments also support key infrastructure needs identified in the Government's *Australian Climate Change Science Framework*.

It is the Department's view that the project represents robust value for money. This investment builds on the unique and world-class research undertaken by ANSTO at Lucas Heights. The proposed facilities will be integrated with existing facilities to create significant national infrastructure to support cutting edge research.

The Department is confident of ANSTO's capacity to effectively and efficiently implement the project and will monitor the implementation of the project under the terms of a funding agreement with ANSTO. This agreement was executed on 26 October 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 6213 6068 should you require any additional information or advice in relation to the project.

Yours sincerely



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