

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. **The mining and energy sectors are important to the Queensland and national economies. (Paragraph 65)**
2. **The need to expand and diversify research and development in mining, energy and related manufacturing industries resulted in the CSIRO and the Queensland Government entering into an agreement, in 1990, to establish the Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies at Pinjarra Hills, Brisbane. (Paragraph 66)**
3. **Originally designed to cater for research and development projects involving 130 staff, research activities at QCAT have grown at a rapid rate and existing facilities will be inadequate to support planned increases in research personnel and projects. (Paragraph 67)**
4. **There is therefore a need to provide additional facilities at QCAT to house and support these planned increases in personnel and research projects. (Paragraph 68)**
5. **Master planning studies of the site, undertaken by the CSIRO, have identified areas suitable for further expansion well into the next century. (Paragraph 85)**
6. **The extent of the proposed works will provide for the planned expansion of research and development projects and provide capabilities expected to stimulate their further expansion. (Paragraph 127)**
7. **The Committee recommends the construction of the CSIRO Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies Stage 2, Pinjarra Hills, Queensland, at an estimated out turn cost of \$22.3 million. (Paragraph 170)**