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TOPIC: CSIRO EDUCATION CENTRES

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QUESTION No.: SI-91

Will the cost of membership around CSIRO Education Centres be changed (and, if so, by how much?), and what alternative arrangements does CSIRO envisage will be established to make up for the closure of the program?

ANSWER

There is no plan to change to the cost of membership to the CSIRO Double Helix Science Club following the closure of the CSIRO Double Helix Science Club's regional chapters program. The CSIRO Double Helix Club is exploring the provision of the additional benefit of online experiences that will be available to all members. The cessation of the Chapters has not affected the Double Helix events offered at CSIRO Education Centres, which make up the vast majority of member events.