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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Why was this method of commissioning and funding the project adopted?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Latrobe Aquifer Study

CSIRO decided to resource the project because it considered that it would address a set of interesting and important research questions of ongoing community interest; the objectives were closely congruent within its Wealth from Oceans Flagship.

The study was considered an opportunity to establish an initial baseline of data and understanding of onshore-offshore interactions involving a set of major industries in the Bass Strait as a foundation for future research in the fledgling Flagship program.

It is not at all unusual for CSIRO to support the initial scoping phase of a project by strategic investment of funds.