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Dr David Morrison  
Secretary, Society of Australian Systematic Biologists

Dear Dr Morrison

Thank you for your letter of 27 September 2000 to the Minister for Industry, Science and Resources, Senator the Hon Nick Minchin, concerning the Innovation Summit Implementation Group (ISIG) report, "Innovation - Unlocking the Future" and the Australian Science Capability Review's discussion paper, "The Chance to Change". The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Your support and interest in both the report and the discussion paper is most welcome. The Government recognizes innovation as a key to Australia's future growth and economic performance. Accordingly, it will be considering the ISIG report, together with the Australian Science Capability Review conducted by the Chief Scientist, and responding with an Innovation Action Plan. This plan will clearly articulate a schedule of actions for Government, the research community and industry to overcome impediments to, and capture growth from, enhancing innovation in Australia. The Department will be advising interested persons of the outcomes of the Government's deliberations in due course.

Further information on the Innovation Action Plan (IAP) is available from the IAP web page at <http://www.isr.gov.au/innovation/ActionPlan/index.html>.

Thankyou for providing your views on this matter.

Yours Sincerely

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