

## Media Release – Wednesday, 1 April 2020

### Commission to advise on lifting R&D productivity

The South Australian Productivity Commission has released the issues paper for its broad-based research and development inquiry.

The Commission was asked by the South Australian Government to inquire into South Australia's share of Australian Government funding for research and development (R&D), the performance of research organisations and the potential long run economic and other benefits flowing from R&D.

The issues paper sets out the Commission's initial understanding of the matters to be addressed in the inquiry to start the first round of consultations and submissions. The Commission will publish a draft report later in the year to trigger consultations leading to its final report.

Its final report will contain recommendations to the Premier on how to improve the share of R&D funding received in South Australia, and the productivity of R&D and its contribution to the growth and competitiveness of the state's economy.

Dr Butlin said that the state had invested significant amounts in buildings and other research infrastructure, and it was important to look for options to lift the return the state receives on this investment. This inquiry will also deliver a greater understanding as to how R&D translates into stronger economic performance and productivity growth.

"Our inquiry will advise the South Australian government on ways to lift our share of R&D spending, and boost our state's economic growth", he said. "Along with our inquiry in health and medical research, the Commission is covering the full scope of research and development in South Australia. I invite everyone who has an interest in these matters to share their views, experience and evidence with us."

Submissions can be made by providing the Commission an electronic (Word or PDF) letter or memo along with any supporting documentation (facts, figures, data or examples) through our [web facility](#) or via email at [sapc@sa.gov.au](mailto:sapc@sa.gov.au).

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