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Dear Misha Schubert and Professor Mark Hutchinson

Thank you for your invitation to respond to Science & Technology Australia's 2022 Election Commitments.

As part of the election, the Australian Greens committed to investing \$17.8 billion in the science, research and innovation sector over the decade, alongside a commitment to put Australia on a pathway towards investing 4 per cent of GDP in science, research and innovation by 2030.

Investing in science creates jobs, makes our economy stronger, and allows Australia to overcome the challenges we face as a nation. Our wellbeing, economy and ability to respond to major crises relies on science.

That is why the Greens have an ambitious plan to foster a culture where innovation, invention and experimentation can flourish to help communities better respond to our collective wellbeing, economy and major climate crises. This includes a massive investment of \$5.5 billion in additional block grant funding for universities, additional funding for key research bodies such as CSIRO and other public research agencies, and over \$2.5 billion to support equitable and ongoing employment opportunities for researchers. We are also committed to establish a Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology that can provide independent, scientific advice to members of Parliament.

For further details, please check the Australian Greens Public Science policy initiative available at <https://greens.org.au/sites/default/files/2022-03/Public%20Science.pdf>

Yours faithfully

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