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Via email: [ceo@sta.org.au](mailto:ceo@sta.org.au)

Dear Professor Sriram & Mr Winn,

Thank you for your invitation to respond to the 2025 Federal Election Priorities outlined by Science & Technology Australia. The Australian Greens share your vision for a stronger, more resilient, and innovative Australia, with science, technology, and research at the heart of building a prosperous and sustainable future.

The Greens are committed to revitalising Australia's research sector, increasing investment in science and innovation, and ensuring stable and secure employment for researchers. We strongly support increasing research and development investment and ensuring that science plays a central role in addressing the critical challenges our nation faces, whether it be responding to climate change, boosting sovereign capability, or fostering new industries.

Our commitments include:

- A significant increase in funding for public science and research, including \$2 billion over nine years for CSIRO and national science organisations, and \$2.5 billion in university research block grants over ten years to strengthen research capability.
- Greater investment in research infrastructure, with an additional \$175 million for the

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Research Infrastructure Investment Strategy to ensure Australia has the tools needed to compete on a global stage.

- A dedicated Secure Work Fund to improve job security for researchers and scientists, fostering a more stable and diverse STEM workforce.
- The establishment of an independent Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology to provide Parliament with trusted, evidence-based advice to support long-term decision-making.
- A strong commitment to diversity and equity in STEM, with \$50 million annually to expand and evaluate programs that improve access and career pathways.
- Improving STEM education by enhancing teacher training, creating a national database of professional development courses and funding relief cover for teachers while they undertake training.

Our full science, industry and innovation policies are [available on our website](#). We welcome further engagement with Science & Technology Australia and the broader STEM community to advance these priorities.

Thank you again for your advocacy for Australia's science and technology sector.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steph Hodgins-May'.

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