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NEW ROADMAP LEADS WAY TO FUTURE RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

The big problems of our time demand the brightest minds working with the best equipment, and the Gillard Labor Government has taken another step in developing our advanced, integrated national research infrastructure.

Releasing a roadmap for the future of Australia's research infrastructure, Innovation Minister Senator Carr said world-class research was the key to a thriving innovation system and world-class research required world-class tools.

"Research infrastructure is the platform that enables Australian researchers to contribute at the forefront of science and research," Senator Carr said.

"Australians ask a lot of our researchers. We expect them to help cure the sick, save the planet and secure our future prosperity.

"In return, the Gillard Labor Government is committed to helping those researchers in their work by furnishing them with the best kit the nation can afford.

"Solving today's complex questions requires partnerships between research areas, and with industry, and collaboration across the globe.

"This roadmap sets out the facilities that will be needed by researchers and industries around the world, to foster partnerships and lead to groundbreaking discoveries and practical solutions."

Senator Carr said facilities funded as a result of previous roadmaps were achieving great things and a number had been recognised as world-leading initiatives.

"This Roadmap will certainly focus those efforts and it will complement the work being undertaken across the Government to ensure a richer, fairer and greener future, with high-skill, high-wage jobs," the Senator said.

The 2011 Strategic Roadmap for Australian Research Infrastructure sets out the Government's priority areas for national, collaborative research infrastructure over the next five to ten years.

The Roadmap was developed by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research through extensive consultation with the research community and a broad range of stakeholders.

A copy of the Roadmap is available at www.innovation.gov.au/Science/ResearchInfrastructure/Pages/default.aspx

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