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Dear General Manager

### **Research and Development Tax Credit Consultation**

Universities Australia wishes to thank the Department of the Treasury as well as the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the proposed Research and Development Tax Credit system. Universities Australia is the industry peak body representing Australia's 39 universities in the public interest, both nationally and internationally.

Universities Australia affirms the Treasury and DIISR's engagement in this area as a means of creating incentives for researchers to develop their ideas through to industry, and is generally supportive of measures to increase support for research and development in Australia.

However, time limits to consultation have prevented a fully considered sectoral response being available. Instead we attach two individual responses which may assist in informing Treasury deliberations. Both the University of Melbourne and CQUniversity Australia have provided specific responses to each of the questions in the Consultation Paper for your information, as attached.

If you have any questions regarding the preceding comments, please contact me on (02) 6285 8104 or email [glenn.withers@universitiesaustralia.edu.au](mailto:glenn.withers@universitiesaustralia.edu.au).

Yours sincerely



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*Attachments: CQ University response; and The University of Melbourne response*

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