

CRC ASSOCIATION STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES and ACTION ITEMS

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1 Positioning the CRC Program

- a. Promote and advocate for the value of CRCs to industry, Universities, CSIRO and Government as the benchmark for research cooperation.*
- b. Support on-going assessment of the value delivered to the Australian economy through the implementation of CRCs' research outputs*
- c. Advocate for an appropriate level of funding to the CRC Program consistent with the national needs.*
- d. Recommend enhancements to the design and operation of the CRC Program and its integration in the context of current and emerging models for national research programs.*
- e. Improve public awareness of Cooperative Research Centres.*

2 Learning and Growing

- a. Provide CRCs with tools to improve efficiency and effectiveness of management and administration.*
- b. Improve interactions between CRCs and between CRCs and other organisations in Australia's national innovation system.*
- c. Nurture and support new and prospective CRCs.*
- d. Develop relationships with similar collaborative research programs internationally.*

3 Conducting the Association's affairs

- a. Ensure Association Funds are used against the Strategies to the greatest possible extent*
- b. Develop corporate governance and management processes as an exemplar for cooperative organisations.*

4. Positioning of the CRC Association

- a. Maintain and strengthen the CRC Association as the nation's leading advocate for collaboration in Australia's national innovation system.*
- b. Enhance relations with selected Federal and State Ministers and officials so that the CRC Association is a trusted contributor to formulation of government innovation policy.*