

# FASTS FORUM

on the

## National Innovation System Review

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, released the Green Paper on the Review of the National Innovation System – the report by Dr. Terry Cutler entitled *VenturousAustralia*.

This is most important review for science and technology since the Innovation Summit (2000) and Chief Scientist's report – *A Chance to Change* (2000), which resulted in the *Backing Australia's Ability* policy announcements in 2001 and 2004. *VenturousAustralia* will help shape the national innovation policy for the coming decade, starting with the 2009 Budget.

The Federation of Australian Scientific and Technological Societies (FASTS) – the peak science body representing over 60 scientific societies and around 60,000 Australian scientists and technologists – **is seeking your response to the Cutler Report.**

FASTS will synthesise your ideas, and contribute to the development of the White Paper via our response to the Report, and through our seat on the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC).

We are holding a series of consultation meetings around the country, including ANU on

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Finkle Lecture Theatre, John Curtin School  
of Medical Research, Garran Road, ANU  
12.00 for 12.30 pm

Refreshments will be provided: to RSVP please contact Bradley Smith on [fasts@anu.edu.au](mailto:fasts@anu.edu.au) or (0408) 511 261.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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