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ARC invites comment on peer review processes

Australian Research Council (ARC) Chief Executive Officer Professor Margaret Sheil today released a consultation paper on the ARC peer review processes.

“Peer review underpins the management of the National Competitive Grants Program, enabling the delivery of quality funding outcomes that maintain researcher confidence,” Professor Sheil said.

“It is therefore vital that ARC peer review processes are efficient and effective, and up-to-date with the changing research environment.

“I welcome your comments on the Consultation Paper, and will take them on-board to ensure that the revised processes instil confidence and allow the ARC to continue achieving its mission to deliver policy and programs that advance Australian research and innovation globally and benefit the community.”

The *ARC Peer Review Processes Consultation Paper* includes a number of proposed changes to existing ARC peer review processes, including the:

- implementation of a revised assessor structure;
- introduction of new processes for assigning proposals to assessors; and
- development of alternative mechanisms for ranking proposals.

“I look forward to reading your comments, which will help the ARC in its continued support of the Australian Government’s investment in high-quality fundamental and applied research that produces benefits for all Australians.”

Responses to the Consultation Paper close at 5 pm (AEST) on 19 October 2009.

To view the Consultation Paper and the response template, visit www.arc.gov.au/general/peer_consultation.htm.

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