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NEW STRATEGIC RESEARCH PRIORITIES WELCOME AND RELEVANT TO REGIONS: RUN

The Regional Universities Network (RUN) strongly supports the Federal Government's new Strategic Research Priorities.

These new priorities are: living in a changing environment; promoting population health and wellbeing; managing our food and water assets; securing Australia's place in a changing world; and lifting productivity and economic growth.

RUN Chair Professor David Battersby said all of the new priorities were relevant to regional Australia.

"The RUN universities are actively pursuing research in relevant areas. Our research focuses on pressing regional, national and global concerns associated with food and water security, climate change, social cohesion, health and wellbeing, environmental and resource management, and technology because these are the realities confronting regional communities as well as the nation," Professor Battersby said.

"Last week RUN demonstrated its support for strategic, national research policy by signing the statement Invest in Research and Translation: Stand-up for Australia's Future. This week we will launch a major report which describes the myriad ways our research in areas covered by the Strategic Research Priorities impacts on regional Australia, the nation and internationally.

"We look forward to continuing to build our strategic research contribution in these areas, and lifting productivity and economic growth in regional Australia through the teaching and learning, research, and service undertaken by our universities," Professor Battersby said.

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