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RUN WELCOMES REVIEW OF RESEARCH TRAINING

The Regional Universities Network (RUN) welcomes the review of research training by the Australian Council of Learned Academies, announced today by the Minister for Education and Training, The Hon Christopher Pyne MP.

The Chair of RUN, Professor Peter Lee, said the review would give regional universities the opportunity to outline the relevance of their research training to business and regional communities, and that RUN hoped that the review's recommendations would assist in further developing these links.

"Research training at regional universities supports and contributes to regional industries and research. RUN's research strengths in agriculture, land management, crop and pasture production, forestry sciences, marine science, aquiculture and geochemistry and environmental sciences lend themselves to collaboration with industry, and research training is a fundamental part of this," Professor Lee said.

"The RUN network collaborates strongly in both research and research training. We have recently launched our first research flagship under the RUN Regional Australia Futures banner in Precision Agriculture. PhD students, who will be jointly supervised across the network, will undertake projects relevant to industry as part of this initiative.

"We look forward to making a submission to the review of Australia's research training system, and to its recommendations," Professor Lee said.

"RUN also welcomes the formal announcement by Minister Pyne of 50, four-year Future Fellowships."

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