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Department of Industry, Innovation and Science  
Australia's National Science Statement  
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Dear Department,

**Re: Australia's National Science Statement**

The Australian Technology Network of Universities (ATN) would like to make the following contribution to the development of Australia's National Science Statement.

The ATN supports the draft statement as high level policy framework underpinning the Government's science directions and activities.

With regards to the draft National Science Statement, the ATN would like to make the following comments:

- The ATN supports the push for stable, long-term, whole-of-government approach to Australia's science, research and innovation investment is critical for our future prosperity. The National Science and Research Priorities is an example of an existing strategic framework underpinning and informing a number of the Government's science policies and activities. The ATN encourages an open and transparent process to inform the review and continued development of the National Science Statement and related policies and strategies.
- Suggest that the last dot-point in 'Building our scientific capability and skills' (pg. 9) is changed to explicitly encourage mobility between sectors (i.e. between research and industry sectors).
- Recommend fleshing out the definitions for what is considered "social, economic, health and environmental outcomes" (pg. 10). For example, social outcomes from STEM can include influencing public policy, practice, and raising community awareness.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ATN Directorate on (08) 8302 9135 or via e-mail at [renee.hindmarsh@atn.edu.au](mailto:renee.hindmarsh@atn.edu.au) to discuss any elements of the submission further.

Yours sincerely



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