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Senator the Hon. Zed Seselja  
Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation  
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Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

### **The importance of CSIRO's staff to the National Innovation and Science Agenda**

Congratulations on your appointment as Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation. The opportunities within Minister Cash's and your new portfolio are crucial to our country, particularly to foster new industries and jobs and for the sustainability of our community and environment.

CSIRO is at the centre of our innovation system. It assists Australian industry and delivers practical solutions like no other organisation. We welcomed the Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda and the aspiration of Ministers Hunt and Sinodinos to make CSIRO the world's premier public research organisation. CSIRO Staff Association representatives had constructive dialogues with both Ministers and we hope to continue this with you and your office.

We strongly believe that the success of CSIRO and its staff should be an important part of the Government's future agenda. We also hope that the Cabinet will prioritise science and innovation as a key driver for our economy and community.

As the representative of CSIRO's staff, we have a detailed understanding of the issues that could be addressed by Government to enable CSIRO to prosper further. Staff morale continues to be low, but has the chance to be rebuilt following years of funding and job reductions and the completion of enterprise bargaining.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you as Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation, at your earliest convenience. Your office can contact me on 03 8620 6348 or [sam.popovski@cpsu.org.au](mailto:sam.popovski@cpsu.org.au)

Congratulations again on your appointment.

Yours sincerely



Sam Popovski  
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