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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendment to the Australian Research Council Act 2001.

is supportive of the proposed changes and acknowledges that these largely incorporate the recommendations from the independent Review of the Australian Research Council (ARC Review).

We have some concerns regarding the potential impact to the timing of the release of the funding rules with the introduction of the proposed change in *making of funding rules to disallowance, open to the scrutiny of Parliament as a regular element of managing the ARC funding*. We recognise that with the delegation to the Board that Parliament would require this scrutiny and would welcome any possible further amendment to ensure that the ARC funding rules aren't unnecessarily held up for extended periods.