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Minister McKay welcomes CSIRO post to Macquarie University

Minister for Commerce and Minister for Science and Medical Research Jodi McKay today welcomed the launch of the Federal Government's Science and Industry Endowment Fund by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr.

Senator Carr today announced that the CSIRO will invest \$150 million from the proceeds from its Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) technology licensing program into the Science and Industry Endowment Fund which will provide support for scientific research.

As part of this initiative \$2 million will fund the endowment of a Professorial Chair in Wireless Research as a joint appointment between Macquarie University and the CSIRO.

Minister McKay congratulated the CSIRO on the ongoing success of WLAN and said she was delighted that the Commonwealth has chosen NSW, and in particular Macquarie University for its Professional Chair in Wireless Research.

"This will ensure NSW will play a significant part in the development of Australia's world-leading wireless capabilities," Ms McKay said.

"It is wonderful to see the fruits of WLAN technology, born in Sydney through outstanding Australian inventiveness, will now stimulate future breakthroughs by supporting ongoing innovation."