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Australia's Biggest Rail Research Program Officially Launched

The CRC for Rail Innovation was officially launched today by Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research.

The CRC for Rail Innovation is a collaborative venture between leading organisations in the Australian rail industry, Australian Universities and it is supported by the Commonwealth Government.

Mr John Fullerton, Chairman of the Board and Mr David George, Chief Executive of the Centre also addressed attendees at the Ceremony, held at Parliament House in Canberra.

“Our CRC constitutes the largest investment in rail research in Australia’s history with a \$100 million, 7 year program. We will help solve the major challenges that our industry is facing. This includes reducing transport emissions, unleashing capacity, improving urban mobility, and developing human capabilities.” said Mr George.

The CRC for Rail Innovation will undertake collaborative rail research to generate significant economic and social benefits to Australia.

The CRC for Rail Innovation already has 26 projects underway including over \$500,000 of research to address the impact of emissions and climate change.

“This research is vital as the rail industry has a dual role to play in reducing transport emissions, both by improving our already strong environmental performance and carrying a greater share of the transport task.” added Mr George.

Senator Carr supported this view in his speech when he said that more efficient rail equals more efficient national supply chains, and that ultimately means stronger economic growth.

The CRC for Rail Innovation has made a strong start and holds great ambitions for the future to help rail become an even more powerful force in the Australian transport landscape

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