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Parliamentarians pay tribute to the role of science in Australia

Science meets Parliament, which begins today, is a wonderful opportunity for parliamentarians to show their respect for the science community and the role it plays in shaping our nation.

I am delighted to be attending my first Science meets Parliament since becoming the Minister responsible for science.

Held today and tomorrow while Parliament is sitting, Science meets Parliament 2017 will help foster relationships and understanding between scientists and parliamentarians.

We need to support science because it's a source of economic prosperity for the nation.

Science is critical as Australia's economy continues to transition and broaden to one driven by services, innovation and technology.

Science is also a key input to policy—both in understanding the challenges we face, and in redefining those challenges as opportunities for a capable country.

The government will always look to the science and the experts where the wellbeing of the Australian people is concerned.

I thank Science and Technology Australia for hosting the 18th annual Science meets Parliament and for providing such a strong voice for the Australian science and technology community.

I will be speaking at two Science Meets Parliament events – at the gala dinner tonight (21 March) and at the National Press Club tomorrow (22 March).

Visit www.scienceandtechnologyaustralia.org.au for more information.

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