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STA WELCOMES FRONT-FOOT APPROACH TO MANAGING THE AI REVOLUTION

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Science & Technology Australia (STA) has welcomed [today's announcement](#) by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese as an important step towards a more cohesive and proactive national approach to artificial intelligence.

STA was pleased to be invited to attend the Prime Minister's address and hear further details of the Government's plans. The opportunity to hear first-hand, and then speak directly with key Ministers afterwards, speaks to the important value placed on STA and its members in being part of a progressive AI-enabled Australia.

Today's announcement builds on recent initiatives including the National AI Centre and the Australian AI Safety Institute. Together with the forthcoming implementation of [Ambitious Australia](#) – previously known as the Australian Government's Strategic Examination of Research and Development – this announcement presents an opportunity to move beyond individual AI initiatives towards a comprehensive framework that connects research, innovation, skills, industry development, intellectual property and responsible AI adoption.

The Government's [AI and Employment in Australia](#) report released last month reinforces why this work matters. While the report suggests that there is no broad AI-driven labour market upheaval, it identifies early signs that occupations most exposed to AI are growing more slowly than others, and we need to continuously monitor and prepare as AI capabilities continue to evolve.

Artificial intelligence will not simply change existing jobs, it will also create entirely new industries, occupations and opportunities. Australia's research community will be central to ensuring those industries are created here, translating Australian discoveries into Australian companies, exports and highly skilled jobs.

Around the world, nations are accelerating investment in AI to secure future industries and economic advantage. Australia must remain a trusted international partner, while building the sovereign research and innovation capability needed to shape, adapt and deploy AI in our national interest – not simply consume technologies developed elsewhere.

The following statements can be attributed to STA President Jas Chambers.

"STA welcomes the Australian Government's front-foot approach to managing the AI revolution."

"Australia needs clear governance and a strong framework to make the most of this generational opportunity."

“And it must come with environmental, safety and copyright protections that benefit all Australians.”

“There’s no question AI will be a big part of Australia’s future. Making sure we remain in control of that future is essential.”

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