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Sharon Bird MP
Federal Member for Cunningham

University of Wollongong on short-list for new investment in capital and research facilities

The University of Wollongong is one of 14 universities around Australia invited by the Commonwealth to proceed to the second stage of funding for investment in capital and research facilities worth nearly \$700 million, Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, said today.

“I am extremely delighted that from a strong field of 55, the University of Wollongong has been invited to proceed to the second stage of the 2009 funding round”, Ms Bird said.

The University of Wollongong expression of interest included establishment of a world-first \$61M comprehensive Research and Training Infrastructure Facility of integrated laboratories that will transform the way that infrastructure related disciplines are taught and researched.

It will promote research collaboration across traditional disciplines; increase and expand research capacity; stimulate collaboration with industry, government and research institutions; and provide an independent, comprehensive, multi-disciplinary facility for holistic and evidence-based evaluation of infrastructure.

“This is a highly competitive application process, and I am delighted that the University of Wollongong with this proposal for infrastructure research and teaching, is part of the second stage round which will decide funding for projects in 2009”, Ms Bird said.

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