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Chief Scientist

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A CHIEF SCIENTIST FOR A BIG-THINKING AUSTRALIA

Professor Ian Chubb has welcomed the announcement of Dr Alan Finkel AO as Australia's next Chief Scientist.

“Dr Finkel’s appointment is a testament to his great vision for Australia, pursued with energy, insight and imagination over many decades,” Professor Chubb said.

“He is a businessman with the insights of a researcher, and an outstanding advocate for science and technology, demonstrating in his own career the breadth of the innovation agenda and the opportunities it can open for Australians.

“As Chancellor of Monash University, and President of the Australian Academy of Technology Sciences and Engineering, he has engaged collaboratively and constructively in the policy debate.

“He comes to the role of Chief Scientist with that rare blend of passion, patience and persistence the position demands.”

Professor Chubb praised Dr Finkel’s longstanding commitment to science communication and literacy across the community.

“Dr Finkel has called in recent days for Australian governments to ‘wrap their arms around the future’. As Chief Scientist, he will encourage all of us to embrace a bolder vision of the century ahead.”

Professor Chubb commenced as Chief Scientist in May 2011 and his appointment will conclude at the end of 2015.

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