



# Anna Burke MP

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### **\$111.2 million for Monash Research**

Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke MP today welcomed the announcement of \$111.2 million in grants to Monash University to support higher education research.

“These grants continue the Rudd Government’s unprecedented support for higher education research and training at Monash University,” Ms Burke said.

“Unlike the previous Liberal government, this Government understands the need to invest in education for the long term prosperity of the nation.

“Under the Howard Government we saw funding ripped away from the higher education sector. The Rudd Government, on the other hand, is committed to supporting higher education and research by encouraging our brightest local students to continue to higher degrees.

“The funding includes over \$45 million in tuition support for PhD and Masters by research students delivered through the Research Training Scheme.

“The Australian Postgraduate Award Scheme will provide scholarships to 235 exceptional students who will commence postgraduate research in 2010 at Monash.

“In a new program, Sustainable Research Excellence, the Rudd Government will provide universities with funding to help meet the indirect costs of research. In 2010 this will include \$6.3 million for Monash.”

The funding for Monash University is part of \$1.42 billion in Research Block Grants Australia-wide, which were announced recently by Innovation Minister, Senator Kim Carr.

“The Rudd Government will continue to support research that drives excellence, collaboration and diversity – vital elements for Australia’s prosperity,” Ms Burke said.

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