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World-leading Chemistry facility for Monash University

Monash University is set to become one of the world's top players in Green Chemistry and Engineering following \$29.1 million from the Rudd Government to establish a new facility, Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke said today.

The *Green Chemical Futures* centre, with a total value of \$93.9 million, will involve the construction of a new four story purpose-built research and teaching facility focussed on chemistry innovation in the green economy.

"Monash University is the perfect location for this type of cutting-edge research infrastructure and I congratulate the University on its success," Ms Burke said.

"Competition for this funding was intense. Monash's achievement shows that it continues to stand at the forefront of Australian research and innovation.

"The centre will develop new chemicals and plastics that will have a smaller environmental footprint and require less energy and water yet achieve the desired functionality and be economical to produce."

Ms Burke said that as well as playing a vital role in Australian research and innovation, the centre would provide a significant boost to the local economy.

"The new purpose-built centre at Clayton will support over 170 construction jobs and create 18 additional research positions.

"It will also support at least 480 extra Australian and international research collaborations.

"The number of international and national partners is exciting, including Yale University in the USA, Waseda University in Japan, and the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay.

"This is all-round great news and I look forward to seeing the benefits this project will bring to the entire community," Ms Burke said.

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