



# Anna Burke MP

DEPUTY SPEAKER – HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CHISHOLM

## MEDIA RELEASE

23 June 2010

### **Monash University receives \$4.8 million for cutting-edge research projects**

Researchers at Monash University will soon commence 16 exciting research projects following \$4.8 million in funding from the Rudd Government, Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke said today.

The research projects have been made possible with support from the Australian Research Council's *Linkage Projects* scheme, which enables Australian universities to undertake innovative research projects in partnership with industry.

“Monash uni has been awarded over \$4.8 million to contribute to the national research effort, which is helping Australia tackle the challenges and opportunities, not only of today, but also of the future,” Ms Burke said.

“This is great news for Monash Uni and the Clayton research precinct.

“These grants are extremely competitive and are only awarded to projects of the highest calibre. They are truly world-class and a perfect fit for Monash University.”

One of the projects to receive funding is a \$560,000 study to provide an in-depth understanding of road user, environmental and infrastructure-related factors that influence safety and performance at rail level crossings.

“This will be used to develop a world-first model of the level crossing system, which is needed to support the development of countermeasures to improve safety on our roads,” Ms Burke said.

“Each of the 16 projects have forged partnerships with national and international government, private and non-profit organisations.

“Through grant programs like this, the Rudd Government will continue to nurture the creative abilities and skills of our most promising researchers,” Ms Burke said.

**Media Contact:** Joe Fennessy (0417 140 935)