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LOCAL SCIENTIST RECEIVES PRIME MINISTER'S SCIENCE PRIZE

Anna Burke MP, Federal Member for Chisholm, has welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement that this year's Prize for Science has been awarded to Professor Ezio Rizzardo from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

The prize recognises Professor Rizzardo's work in reinventing polymer science by devising a means of custom building plastics and other polymers for plastic solar cells, drug delivery, paints, adhesives, lubricants and everything in between.

The techniques developed by Professor Rizzardo are employed in the laboratories and factories of DuPont, L'Oréal, IBM, 3M, Dulux and more than 60 other companies. His work has been cited often in scientific literature and is integral to many patents.

"I congratulate Professor Rizzardo for his ground-breaking achievements in scientific invention, research and innovation. The Prize for Science provides due recognition of his efforts," Ms Burke said.

"Professor Rizzardo's achievement and the significant work of CSIRO as Australia's national science agency reminds us of the critical role of science within our local community and its importance in creating a sustainable economic future", Ms Burke said.

Full citations, photos, videos and overlay of the Prizes for Science are available at www.innovation.gov.au/scienceprizes.

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