

From: Nick Gales
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2017 5:03 PM
To: s22
Cc: Finn Pratt (Environment) <Finn.Pratt@environment.gov.au>; Matt Cahill (Environment) <Matt.Cahill@environment.gov.au>; s22
s22 s22
Subject: Antarctic Science Foundation: update for the MO [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s22,

I thought it may be useful in the context of recent discussions between the Minister and the Hon. Robert Hill AC, s47C

to provide a short update so you have line of sight of a couple recent developments and a few matters on the horizon.

You will recall that the Antarctic Science Foundation Ltd was formally registered in September as a Corporations Act company with an initial Board of five directors from the private sector, including Robert Hill. On 6-8 December 2017, the Board members (along with s47G(1)(a), who is providing fundraising counsel to the Board) will travel to Antarctica with the Australian Antarctic Division to learn more about our Antarctic Program. s47C

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A short Board meeting is scheduled for the day prior to the Board's trip to Antarctica and it is envisaged that the Board will discuss the next tranche of Board appointments, with a focus on corporate experience, networks, and diversity. The Board is also likely to use this meeting as an opportunity to formalise Robert Hill's appointment as Chair, confirm a Trust Deed, and discuss timing of a public launch.

Given the start-up nature of the Foundation and absence of formal leadership, at this stage, unsurprisingly there are different views of strategy and approach among Board members. We anticipate the trip to Antarctica will provide an opportunity for alignment of views.

The Board will discuss their approach and proposed Operating Plan, including fundraising targets, at their December 5 Meeting. The Operating Plan (referred to by Robert as the 'American model') has been developed by s47G(1)(a) who, although they are US-based, have a range of international experience including within Australia. The work that s47G(1)(a) has undertaken to date has been a step above any of the Australian based philanthropic consultancies we have worked with and provides the AAD with a degree of confidence that we are on a good trajectory.

Next week, the Board will conduct final interviews for an Executive Director with an appointment expected to be made in January 2018. This position is dependent on funding from a Departmental grant - a key concern for the Board will be the nature and extent of support it will receive from the Department.

The Department proposes to support establishment of the Foundation with a grant of approximately \$500,000 (GST exclusive) drawn from Departmental funds (to enable a range of administrative start-

up activities, including recruitment) and in-kind support. Timely progress of this matter will be critical for the Foundation's establishment. MS17-001678, received by you today for the Minister's urgent attention, refers.

In the new year, once the Board has completed further establishment steps and appointed an Executive Director, they are likely to agree the Operating/Business Plan for the Foundation and seek charity and Deductible Gift Recipient status, as a Registered Environmental Organisation. A public launch would then be held potentially at s47C (tentatively March) with the Minister having previously indicated to Robert that he would attend launch events in Sydney and Melbourne. We will work closely with you as planning for this develops. The Foundation's Board may also be further expanded with highly experienced corporate leaders during this period of time.

The Minister is also due to write to the Prime Minister in December to provide a formal update on the establishment of the Foundation. We are in the process of drafting this update which will be finalised following the Board's meeting and Antarctic trip to capture any outcomes.

I look forward to providing you further updates on the Foundation's development. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Nick

Nick Gales
Director
Australian Antarctic Division
Department of the Environment and Energy

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The Department acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to their elders both past and present.

Copy to:

Secretary
Mr Cahill
Ms Goodwin
Ms Teena
Blawett, DIIS

Chief of Staff
Mr Canuso

To: Minister for the Environment and Energy (For Decision)

**STREAMLINING GOVERNMENT GRANTS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM
EXEMPTION/DEFERMENT OF GRANTS PROGRAMS**

Timing: 1 December 2017 – to enable the design and delivery of these Programs to progress in a timely manner.



Recommendation:

1. That you sign the attached letters (**Attachments B and C**) requesting the Minister for Finance approve the permanent exemption of one grant program and temporary deferment of another from transitioning to the Business Grants Hub.

Minister:

Comments:

Signed / Not signed
Date:

8/12/17

Clearing Officer: Sent 30/11/2017	Matt Cahill	A/g Deputy Secretary Strategy and Operations Group	Ph: 02 6274 1112 s22
Contact Officer:	Linda Nitschke	Chief Finance Officer Financial Services Branch	Ph: 02 6274 2203 s22

Key Points:

1. A requirement of the Streamlining Government Grants Administration (SGGA) program is that all eligible grant programs administered by agencies participating in the SGGA are required to transition to a Grants Hub by 30 June 2019. The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science administers the 'Business' Grants Hub, while the Department of Social Services administers the 'Community' Grants Hub.
2. Estimates Memorandum 2017/40 (**Attachment D**) states that a request for a deferment or exemption for a grant not to be delivered by a Hub will only be considered under exceptional circumstances and must be presented via letter to the Minister for Finance with a completed request for deferral/exemption template (**Attachment A**).
3. The Department is seeking your approval to requests for:
 - a. A permanent exemption from delivery by a Grants Hub for the Antarctic Science Foundation Establishment Grant (**Attachment B**). This transaction represents a single payment and as such, the execution of this transaction by a Grants Hub generates no additional efficiency. This exemption request supports the Commonwealth's intent to make efficient and effective use of Commonwealth resources. Furthermore, the Department anticipates an Average Staffing Level transfer requirement by the Business Grants Hub to process the transaction which would be disproportionate to the low level of administrative effort required.

- b. A temporary deferment from delivery by a Grants Hub for the Australian Antarctic Science Grant (**Attachment C**). This temporary deferment is based upon the likely impact to the grants program following reviews of the overarching Australian Antarctic Science Program. The added complexity of change to the Science Program will make administration and logistical support to Antarctic grants programs difficult in the interim period until the recommendations from the reports are implemented.

Consultation: YES

4. The Department has consulted the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

ATTACHMENTS

- A:** Request for deferral/exemption template
- B:** Antarctic Science Foundation Establishment Grant letter
- C:** Australian Antarctic Science Grant letter
- D:** Estimates Memorandum 2017/40



**THE HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**

PDR: MS17-001678

08 DEC 2017

Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann
Minister for Finance
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

In accordance with Estimates Memorandum 2017/40, I am writing to seek a permanent exemption of the Antarctic Science Foundation Establishment Grant Program from delivery through the Government's Grants Hubs.

This exemption is requested due to the grant program having minimal administration requirements, consisting of a one-off establishment payment to the Antarctic Science Foundation with the ongoing relationship likely involving in-kind resourcing assistance such as staff secondment. It, therefore, does not represent an efficient use of Commonwealth resources to transition to one of the Grants Hubs to make this payment. Given the nature of the ongoing support the Department of the Environment and Energy will provide, the grant program would be better served being delivered by the Department, through the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD).

Your agreement to the permanent exemption will enable my Department to commence program activities that support the Government's commitment to establish an independent Antarctic scientific research charitable Foundation under the Australian Antarctic Strategy and 20 Year Action Plan. The Foundation will serve as a vehicle to receive contributions from the private sector and members of the public and direct these to support new and iconic scientific research endeavours and build greater public understanding of Antarctica.

As per Estimates Memorandum 2017/40, attached is the request for deferment/exemption form justifying a permanent exemption (at [Attachment A](#)).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Frydenberg', written over a horizontal line.

JOSH FRYDENBERG

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From: s22
Sent: Monday, 11 December 2017 12:13 PM
To: Cahill, Matt <Matt.Cahill@environment.gov.au>
Cc: Nitschke, Linda <Linda.Nitschke@environment.gov.au>; Parliamentary <Parliamentary.clearanceofficer@environment.gov.au>; s22
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Subject: MS17-001678 - Deferment and Exemption Requests under the Grant Administration Streamlining Program [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Afternoon Matt,

The Minister has considered the above brief:

Recommendation 1: Signed

No annotations.

The hardcopy brief will be returned to the department in the next courier run for processing.

Please be aware that any signed letters attached to your submission or brief will be processed and posted by Parliamentary Services once returned to the Department. If for any reason, you do not want the letters sent out, please ensure you contact Parliamentary Services **immediately** to make alternative arrangements.

Kind regards

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Departmental Liaison Officer | Office of the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy
a: Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

PDR: MS17-001754



Copy to:

To: Minister for the Environment and Energy (For Decision)

Secretary
Mr Cahill
Dr Gales
Ms Bacon
Ms Tregurtha

LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER - UPDATE ON ANTARCTIC SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Timing: 9 February 2018 to meet your commitment of updating the Prime Minister on the establishment of the Antarctic Science Foundation

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Recommendation:

- 1. That you sign the letter to the Prime Minister at **Attachment A**.

Signatory:

Signed / Not signed

Date:

14/2/18

Comments:

Clearing Officer: Sent 31/1/2018	Nick Gales	Director Australian Antarctic Division	Ph: 03 6232 3200 s22
Contact Officer:	Charlton Clark	General Manager Strategies Branch	03 6232 3506 s22

Key Points:

- 1. In June 2017 the Prime Minister agreed to your request to support the private and philanthropic sectors to establish and manage an Antarctic foundation separate to Government (MS17-900223). You committed to provide an update on progress.
 - a. A letter to the Prime Minister has been prepared for your signature at **Attachment A**.
- 2. The Antarctic Science Foundation (the Foundation) is proceeding as intended, and in keeping with the *Australian Antarctic Strategy and 20 Year Action Plan* commitment of establishing a foundation in 2017-18.
 - a. The Foundation was formally incorporated as a legal entity on 27 September 2017.
- 3. You met with the Hon. Robert Hill AC, Chair of the Antarctic Science Foundation Board, on 19 October 2017 (MB17-000513). s47C
 - a. The Department is working productively with the Board members and philanthropic consultants to assist the Board in addressing these matters.
 - b. Some risks remain (all manageable), predominantly associated with the early stages of establishment and associated uncertainty.

4. The Board and three invited guests (listed at **Attachment B**) travelled to Antarctica on 6 to 8 December 2017. Board meetings were held on 5 December in Hobart and 8 December in Antarctica where a number of establishment actions were resolved, including election of Robert Hill as Chair.
 - a. The trip was successful in helping them to understand the breadth and importance of the Australian Antarctic Program, and gave them the opportunity to experience Antarctica first hand.
 - b. The three additional guests all come from the business sector and considered the Foundation a viable prospect for success. They are interested in continuing to engage with the Foundation and providing additional contacts in the business community to assist in its development.
5. The Board is now focused on next steps, including: applying for charitable status and Deductible Gift Recipient status as a Registered Environmental Organisation (which requires approval from you and the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services); finalising recruitment of an Executive Director for the Foundation; and planning launches (likely multiple) between March and June 2018.
6. The Department is developing a close working relationship with the Foundation, it is:
 - a. Finalising the grant agreement for \$550,000 to the Foundation.
 - b. Agreeing, in the longer-term, the more detailed collaborative arrangements with the Foundation,
7. The Board will next meet in Hobart on 9 February 2018. In line with practice to date, the AAD Director and Chief Scientist are likely to be invited to attend as observers.
 - a. This is currently deemed the most appropriate engagement mechanism for the Department and Board to maintain a close working relationship while ensuring the Board remains independent from Government, in line with our risk mitigation strategy.

Consultation: YES

8. The Department's Australian Antarctic Division has consulted on the letter to the Prime Minister at officials' level with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, in coordination with the Policy Analysis and Implementation Division and General Counsel.

ATTACHMENTS

- A:** Letter to the Prime Minister
B: List of founding Board Members and invited guests on 6 to 8 December VIP trip

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THE HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

PDR: MS17-001754

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

14 FEB 2018

Dear Prime Minister

I am pleased to update you on the exciting progress of the Antarctic Science Foundation (the Foundation), a commitment under our whole-of-Government *Australian Antarctic Strategy and 20 Year Action Plan*.

On 22 June 2017 you agreed to my proposal that the Australian Government work with the private and philanthropic sectors to encourage establishment of the Foundation outside Government. Consistent with this approach, a small group of private individuals came together to form the founding Board. The Hon. Robert Hill AC has been appointed as Chair, and the Governor-General has agreed to be the organisation's Patron. The list of founding Board members is at [Attachment A](#).

The central governing framework for the Foundation is now in place. On 27 September 2017 the Antarctic Science Foundation was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001*. I understand it is now in the process of establishing a Public Trust (with an associated Fund) and applying for charitable status and Deductible Gift Recipient status as a Registered Environment Organisation. These steps are all important for the Foundation to start fundraising and accepting donations.

The Board has confirmed the principal purpose of the Antarctic Science Foundation is to raise awareness and funding to support world-class scientific research, including new and iconic scientific research endeavours, to enhance the understanding and protection of the Antarctic, Southern Ocean and Subantarctic natural environments. The Foundation will support a range of critical scientific research activities, which will align with the Government's Antarctic science strategic priorities and be delivered in a manner consistent with the Australian Antarctic Program. At a regional level, the Foundation should further cement Hobart's role as an international centre of excellence for Antarctic science and collaboration.

On 6 to 8 December, the Board travelled to Antarctica with my Department's Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) and were accompanied by invited guests from the business sector (see [Attachment A](#)). This was a unique opportunity to experience Antarctica first hand and to deepen their understanding of the Australian Antarctic Program, including identifying how the Foundation and the AAD could collaborate in the future.

The Board have now held three Board meetings and will next meet in Hobart on 9 February 2018. Over the coming months, the Antarctic Science Foundation will focus on setting up its organisational functions (including appointing an Executive Director), developing its core strategies and functions for operation, and preparing for a public launch in the first half of 2018. I will ensure that your Office is advised of launch event details as these are developed.

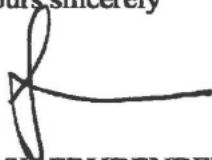
My Department is providing a grant (\$550,000), and in-kind support for the Foundation's establishment activities. The relationship between the Foundation and Government continues to be developed cooperatively, and will be formalised through appropriate governance and legal documentation.

The establishment of the Foundation is breaking new ground for the way in which the public, private and philanthropic sectors can work together to leverage Government investments, and to meet shared goals. The innovative nature of this partnership will require our Government's continuing adaptability and commitment. There are some risks to Government, largely arising from the need to adequately support the Foundation in its early establishment phase and balance this with maintaining independence from Government, but a risk mitigation strategy is in place. The Foundation has the potential to significantly augment environmental and scientific outcomes in Antarctica, which advance Australia's national interests and are of global significance.

I will provide a further update to you only if needed, however my Department will continue to work closely with your Department.

I have copied this letter to the Treasurer and the Finance Minister.

Yours sincerely



JOSH FRYDENBERG

Attached: List of founding Board members and invited guests who travelled to Antarctica
6 to 8 December 2017

CC:

The Hon Scott Morrison MP, Treasurer
Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance

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Copy to:

To: Minister for the Environment and Energy (For Information)

Secretary
Mr Cahill
Dr Gales

cc: Assistant Minister for the Environment



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MEETING WITH THE HON. ROBERT HILL AC, BOARD DIRECTOR AND CHAIR OF THE ANTARCTIC SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Timing: For meeting on Thursday, 29 March 2018 at 10.00am

Recommendation:

- 1. That you note the contents in preparation for your meeting.

Noted / Please discuss

Minister:

Date: 29/3/18

Clearing Officer: Sent: 28/03/18	Nick Gales	Director Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)	Ph: (03) 6232 3200 s22
Contact Officer:	Charlton Clark	General Manager Strategies Branch	Ph: 03 6232 3200 s22

Meeting with: The Hon. Robert Hill AC, Board Director and Chair of the Antarctic Science Foundation Ltd.

Prior meetings: You met with Mr Hill on 19 October 2017 (MS17-000750).

Proposed note taker: Adam Carlon, Assistant Secretary, Communication, Innovation and Partnerships Branch

What we want: To encourage the important work of the Foundation and confirm arrangements for a public launch.

What they want: To know whether you would attend and support a proposed public launch.

Key Points:

- The Antarctic Science Foundation (ASF) was established in September 2017 and is independent from the Australian Government.
 - Supporting the ASF is a key commitment arising from the Government's 2016 *Australian Antarctic Strategy and 20 Year Action Plan*. You subsequently sought and received approval from the Prime Minister for the Government's proposed approach to the private sector ASF (MC17-047853).
- The ASF Board, chaired by Robert Hill, is working to progress the establishment of the Foundation.
- The Board is considering public launches of the ASF in June and August 2018 in Melbourne and Sydney, with 21 June discussed as a potential date for Melbourne.
- At the previous meeting you indicated your commitment to being involved.

Issues/Sensitivities: NIL

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Consultation: NIL

Attachment

A: Talking points – Antarctic Science Foundation (with background)

Talking Points – Antarctic Science Foundation (ASF)

- I am pleased to hear that you have taken up the position of Chair of the ASF Board.
 - I understand that the ASF is progressing well.
 - I trust the Government's support, through the Department's Australian Antarctic Division (AAD), has been helpful in this process.
- I understand that the ASF is looking at holding a public launch of the Foundation in Melbourne around mid-winter.
 - My Department will provide some communications assistance, working with ASF.

If appropriate:

- I would be interested in attending the launch and supporting this event.
- The Governor-General, as the Foundation's Patron, could also be contacted by the ASF, to gauge his interest in participation in the launch.

Background – the Antarctic Science Foundation

- The whole-of-government *Australian Antarctic Strategy and 20 Year Action Plan* publicly commits to supporting the establishment of a foundation for Antarctic science.
- The purpose of the ASF mirrors the Government's strategic priorities for Antarctic science. Its mission is to support world-class scientific research, including new and iconic scientific research, that enhances the understanding and protection of the Antarctic, Southern Ocean and Sub-antarctic natural environments.
 - The ASF's constitution provides that its activities are conducted in a manner consistent with the Australian Antarctic Program.
- You wrote to Robert Hill on 26 June 2017 (MS17-000750) and met with him on 19 October 2017 (MB17-000513) seeking his interest in the role of Chair of the ASF.
 - Robert Hill was elected as the Chair of the ASF Board during the Board's first official meeting on 5 December 2017.
- On 26 June 2017, you wrote to the Governor-General to seek his involvement in the ASF as patron (MS17-000750). The Governor-General accepted this role on 10 July 2017 and you provided an update in January 2018 noting a possible launch in the first half of 2018 (MS18-000037).
- The Department continues to support the ASF both in-kind and financially:
 - The AAD is providing in kind support including a seconded staff member, office space at the AAD and ICT support.
 - A Departmental grant payment (\$550,000 - GST inclusive) has been received by the ASF (payment being made by the Department within two weeks of necessary paperwork being completed by the ASF) and will be used in line with the terms set

out in the grant agreement, including for staffing, launch events, and fundraising activities.

- However, it is not intended that financial support will be ongoing.
- The ASF has recently recommenced recruitment for an Executive Director as attempts to recruit a suitable candidate were unsuccessful last year.
 - It is anticipated that an Executive Director could be recruited by the end of May 2018.
- The AAD is working closely with the Board to identify projects that can be supported by the ASF.
 - The intention is that a small number of projects will be developed collaboratively for support in time for the public launch of the Foundation (with the potential for more than one launch event).
- s47G(1)(a) [REDACTED]
- Government's ongoing funding for Antarctic science is undergoing consideration. Any outcome of this process will be relevant to the timing of the ASF launch.
 - It will be important to make clear that the government remains committed to Antarctic science and that the ASF's philanthropic role does not replace government funding.
- The ASF Board, while deliberately small and hands-on at this founding stage, is expected to seek to expand its membership over the coming year.
- Current ASF Board directors are:
 - The Hon. Robert Hill AC – former Australian Senator and Environment Minister
 - Emma Johnston – Dean of Science at the University of New South Wales
 - Dr Tony Press – Adjunct Professor at the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems, Cooperative Research Centre and former Director of the AAD (1998 – 2008)
 - Ms Mina Guli – Australian businesswoman (based in China), water advocate and ultra-marathon runner
 - Troy Guenther – IT Architect (including NBN and Qantas) and US philanthropist (based in Australia).

To: Minister for the Environment and Energy (For Decision)

cc: Assistant Minister for the Environment

ANTARCTIC SCIENCE FOUNDATION - JOINT INVITATION

Timing: 10 May 2018 to allow invites to be sent in advance of the 5 June event



Recommendations:

1. That you agree to provide your electronic signature for inclusion on invitation letters to the launch of the Antarctic Science Foundation.

Agreed/ Not Agreed

2. That you agree to invitations being sent to the invitation list proposed by the Australian Antarctic Division on behalf of you and Foundation Chair, Mr Robert Hill.

Agreed/ Not Agreed

3. That you note the Foundation will also have its own invitation list and agree to your electronic signature also being included on these invitations.

Agreed/ Not Agreed

Comments:



Date:

8/5/18

Clearing Officer: Sent:01/05/18	Nick Gales	Director Australian Antarctic Division (AAD)	Ph: (03) 6232 3200 s22
Contact Officer:	Charlton Clark	General Manager, Strategies Branch, AAD	Ph: (03) 6232 3506

Key Points:

1. The Antarctic Science Foundation (ASF) was established by the private-sector on 27 September 2017 with Mr Robert Hill as Chair.
 - a. The Board has applied for charity and deductible gift recipient status and is in the process of recruiting an Executive Director.
2. The Board will launch the Foundation on 5 June 2018 to coincide with World Environment Day.
 - a. The Foundation also intends to hold a second launch in Sydney at a later time with locally based attendees.

3. As discussed with Mr Hill on 29 March 2018, the launch will be co-hosted by yourself and the Foundation.
 - a. During that discussion you offered to provide contacts for inviting to the launch.
4. The launch will be held at 6pm at the offices of legal firm Corrs Chambers Westgarth located at 567 Collins Street in Melbourne.
5. A draft invitation letter, to be co-signed by the Board Chair, Robert Hill, is at **Attachment A** for your approval and co-signature.
 - a. An invitation card (**Attachment B**) will be sent with the letter.
 - b. The Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) has developed a list of potential attendees (**Attachment C**) to receive the joint invitation.
6. Robert Hill may have additional suggestions for attendees. We understand that Robert Hill has been in contact with your Office in this regard, and that your Office will work directly with Robert Hill and/or Foundation staff to agree the recipients for joint invitations.
7. The ASF's establishment is supported by in-kind and financial assistance (including a \$550,000 one-off grant) from the Department.
 - a. It is open to the ASF to use these grant funds for launch purposes. The Australian Antarctic Division will be supporting the Foundation launch through in-kind contributions such as the provision of Antarctic displays and video footage.
8. A separate event briefing will be provided closer to the launch date.

Consultation: Partnerships Team, PAID; Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

ATTACHMENTS

- A:** Draft letter of invitation
- B:** Invitation card
- C:** AAD potential attendees/supporters list



THE HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

[PDR number]

[Name]
[Position]
[Address]
[SUBURB STATE POSTCODE]

Dear [Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss [surname]]

I/We are delighted to advise you of an exciting new initiative that will enable the broader community to support critical research to help us better understand and protect Antarctica.

We hope you can join us on **5 June** this year in Melbourne for the launch of the **Antarctic Science Foundation** which is being established to raise awareness and private funding to advance Antarctic scientific research and environmental protection.

Former Minister, the Hon Robert Hill, is chair of the new Foundation which will work closely with the Government's Australian Antarctic Division to help us better protect the extraordinary Antarctic and understand its role in solving the most challenging environmental and climate issues confronting the world today.

The new Antarctic Science Foundation will break ground for public-private environmental and science philanthropy.

Together with the corporate sector, philanthropists, and the community, the Foundation presents a rare opportunity for everyone who cares about Antarctica to collaborate to better understand and protect the region.

The need for this work has never been greater. Antarctica drives the global climate system, which impacts Australia's weather and the world's ocean food web. I am sure you will agree these issues matter to us all.

Further details of the event to launch the new Antarctic Science Foundation will be sent to you in the near future. For now, I encourage you to make space in your diary for a cocktail function at Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Level 25, 567 Collins Street, Melbourne on **Tuesday, 5 June - World Environment Day**. Please contact the Antarctic Science Foundation on (03) 6232 3658 if you would like further information.

Yours sincerely

JOSH FRYDENBERG
Minister for the Environment and Energy

ROBERT HILL
Chair, Antarctic Science Foundation

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From: s22
Sent: Monday, 28 May 2018 11:54 AM
To: s22 s22
Subject: MB18-000276 - ASF Launch [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s22,

The attached has been cleared and sent up to Parl Services this morning.

Hope you're enjoying your long-weekend!

Cheers, s22

s22

Attachments:

1. Event brief (MB18-000276)
2. Draft media release



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Energy

PDR Ref: MB18-000276

EVENT SUMMARY ***Minister for the Environment and Energy*** **Antarctic Science Foundation Launch**

cc: Assistant Minister for the Environment

Event and purpose	Launch of the Antarctic Science Foundation (ASF) Minister is co-hosting the event with the Hon. Robert Hill AC, Chair of the ASF Minister will make a brief speech to launch the ASF.
Date	05/06/2018
Time	6PM
Location	Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Level 25, 567 Collins Street, Melbourne Melbourne, Victoria (See Map on Page 10)
Minister arrives	6PM
Minister departs	7PM
Parking	A parking space is available at Corrs if required. Access is via Flinders Lane (directly behind Corrs building). The registration number of the car is required in advance for security purposes.
Dietary requirements	s47F [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Event contact	Jackie Hanafie, Senior Director, 50 Acres Mobile: 0412 652 439
Met by	Mr Matt Cahill, Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Environment and Energy Mobile: s22 [REDACTED]
Speakers	Minister for the Environment and Energy, The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP ASF Board Member, Professor Emma Johnston.

Key message(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of Antarctica to Australia and the world • Value of science in Antarctica • Government and private sector collaboration can help to understand and protect Antarctica
Media notified	<p>Yes</p> <p>Media will be advised of the event and invited to attend. The ASF will have its own media release, social media and an op ed piece by Dr Emma Johnston to follow the launch.</p> <p>A draft media release has been prepared for the Minister and the Department's Australian Antarctic Division will also highlight this event through its social media channels.</p>
Issues/sensitivities	<p><i>Government support for Antarctic Science</i></p> <p>Government has provided support (in-kind and a one-off Departmental grant of \$550,000 GST incl) for the establishment of the Foundation.</p> <p>Government support for the establishment of the Foundation could be seen by some as flagging a reduction in government support for Antarctic science. Funds raised by the Foundation will supplement existing public funding. Private sector or philanthropic support will not replace or in any way decrease the Government's current funding commitments to Antarctic science. Rather, the Foundation will broaden the opportunities for all Australians to get involved.</p> <p><i>Independence of the Antarctic Science Foundation Governance</i></p> <p>The Foundation is not a Government entity. Government participation in the company's establishment and formal decision-making is constrained by the <i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i> (PGPA Act). As such the Government's relationship with the Foundation, as an independent legal entity, is through a range of carefully designed support and partnership measures. Ensuring a degree of separation between government and the Foundation will also be essential for future fundraising purposes. Any specific questions regarding its governance and operation are matters for its independent Board.</p> <p><i>Amendments to the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918</i></p> <p>The Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Funding and Disclosure Reform) Bill 2017, that is before the Senate, has implications for charities that undertake public advocacy on policy issues. We understand that a large number of submissions have been made in relation to the compliance framework of the Bill with the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters making a number of consequent recommendations. Representatives of non-government/charitable fundraising organisations at the launch may wish to raise concerns regarding this Bill with you.</p>
See attachments:	<p>A draft media release is included in this pack.</p> <p>Talking Points are included in this pack.</p>

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

5.00 pm	PR company and ASF staff arrive
5:30 pm	ASF Board and AAD staff arrive
5.55 pm	Invited guests arrive
6.00 pm	Minister arrives Received at his car by Acting Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Operations Group, Department of the Environment and Energy, Mr Matt Cahill Party moves inside
6.05 pm	Robert Hill (Master of Ceremonies) welcomes all and introduces speakers
6.10 pm	Minister speaks
6.15 pm	Emma Johnston speaks
6.20 – 7.00 pm	Minister to meet attendees
7.00 pm	Minister departs

BACKGROUND

About the event

The event is the first public launch of the Antarctic Science Foundation.

Most attendees will not have heard of the Foundation prior to receiving the invitation. This event will introduce the Foundation and the work it can do to a broad audience. The Foundation has recently obtained registration as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission and is listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations.

Launching the Foundation provides an opportunity to develop networks amongst interested individuals and organisations with a view to longer term fundraising that will support Antarctic science.

The Foundation intends to hold two launches. The Melbourne launch is to be held first and will be focused on attracting future supporters of the Foundation as well as potential future Board members. A subsequent fundraising style launch in Sydney will be held later in the year.

About the host organisation

The event is being co-hosted by the Antarctic Science Foundation. The whole-of-government *Australian Antarctic Strategy and 20 Year Action Plan* publicly committed to supporting the establishment of a foundation to augment science funding with private funding.

The Foundation was subsequently established by the private-sector in September 2017 as a company limited by guarantee. The Foundation is independent from the Australian Government.

The Department of the Environment and Energy is supporting the Foundation during its establishment phase. This support is both in-kind (including a seconded staff member, office space at the AAD) and financially (Departmental grant payment of \$550,000 GST incl). This financial support is not intended to be ongoing.

The Governor-General is the patron of the Foundation. The founding Board Directors are:

- The Hon. Robert Hill AC – Chair and former Australian Senator and Environment Minister
- Professor Emma Johnston – Dean of Science at the University of New South Wales
- Dr Tony Press – Adjunct Professor at the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre and former Director of the AAD (1998 – 2008)
- Ms Mina Guli – Australian businesswoman (based in China), water advocate and ultra-marathon runner
- Mr Troy Guenther – IT Architect (including NBN and Qantas) and US philanthropist (based in Australia).

The purpose of the Foundation is to support world-class scientific research, including new and iconic scientific research endeavours, that enhances the understanding and protection of the Antarctic, Southern Ocean and Subantarctic natural environments. The Foundation's constitution provides that its activities are conducted in a manner consistent with the Australian Antarctic Program.

Corrs Chambers Westgarth is providing the venue for the Melbourne launch. Corrs is an independent Australian law firm which prides itself on global networking and partnerships. Corrs is led by Chief Executive Officer Elect, Gavin MacLaren, and Chairman, Stephen Price. Corrs provided a number of names for the invitee list and is represented at the launch by Mr Gavin MacLaren.

About the speakers

- **The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Minister for the Environment and Energy**
- **Antarctic Science Foundation, Professor Emma Johnston**
 - In September 2017, Professor Johnston was appointed as a Director of the Antarctic Science Foundation (ASF).
 - The purpose of the ASF is to support world-class scientific research, including new and iconic scientific research endeavours, that enhances the understanding and protection of the Antarctic, Southern Ocean and Subantarctic natural environments.
 - Professor Johnston is Dean of Science at the University of New South Wales and Head of the Applied Marine and Estuarine Ecology Lab.
 - Professor Johnston was an inaugural Director of the Sydney Harbour Research Program at the Sydney Institute of Marine Science and research fellow of the Australian Research Council.
 - Professor Johnston is also a high-profile science communicator, winning the 2015 Eureka Prize for Promoting Understanding of Australian Science Research. She is a regular media commentator and, as co-presenter for the Foxtel/BBC television series, *Coast Australia*, has helped take Australian marine science to an international audience.
 - As President-Elect of Science and Technology Australia, Professor Johnston is also a public advocate for science and for increasing the participation of women in research.
 - Professor Johnston is also a board member for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.



THE HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP

Minister for the Environment and Energy

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT AND UNDERSTAND ANTARCTICA

Launch of the Antarctic Science Foundation

Tuesday, 5 June, 2018

CORRS CHAMBERS WESTGARTH, MELBOURNE

Introduction and welcome

- I am delighted to be here in Melbourne, on World Environment Day, to launch the Antarctic Science Foundation.
- I'd like to thank the Antarctic Science Foundation Board and particularly those members present tonight, the Honourable Robert Hill (a previous Environment Minister), Professor Emma Johnston, and Ms Mina Guli, for asking me to say a few words.
- I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the theme of this year's World Environment Day – Beat Plastic Pollution.
- I recently announced the success of voluntary efforts by industry, supported by the nation's Environment Ministers, to remove microplastics from cosmetics. Microbeads have now been removed from 94% of all cosmetic and personal care products.
 - It is worth restating this here, as this success will reduce the amount of microplastics entering our waterways and food chains.
 - This is an example of a very successful collaboration between industry and government that will be of benefit to the entire nation, the world's oceans and wildlife, and Antarctica.
- In that same spirit of government and private sector collaboration, I am pleased to be here to support the launch of the Antarctic Science Foundation.
- The aim of the Antarctic Science Foundation is to raise funds to better understand and protect Antarctica, particularly through scientific research. This is a worthy goal and one the Government supports in the interests of all Australians.

1. The importance of science in Antarctica to Australia

- Antarctica is important to all Australians. It is extreme and it is unique. It is the windiest, driest and coldest continent on earth and it drives our global weather and climate system.
- Antarctica and the Southern Ocean teach us about the past, and even more importantly, help us to predict our future climate and environment more accurately.
 - Science is key to understanding and protecting Antarctica, its iconic wildlife, and understanding the world's climate.
 - Even now Antarctic science is helping us to understand our patterns of drought and rainfall in Australia.
- Science is the currency of collaboration in the international Antarctic community; a community where Australia has long been recognised as a global leader both in terms of scientific research and environmental protection.
- Increased private sector support for Antarctic science through the Antarctic Science Foundation will complement the critical work being undertaken by the Government's Australian Antarctic Program.
 - The Federal Government supports one sub-Antarctic and three Antarctic stations with associated transportation logistics.

- The Government also contributes grant funding to targeted Antarctic science projects that are conducted by a range of organisations in both Australia and Antarctica.
- The science that the Government supports in Antarctica helps us to understand and protect the Antarctic environment and the life it supports. As a driving force of global climate and weather patterns, Antarctica and the Southern Ocean have a profound impact on life in Australia, our region and beyond.
 - We look inside ice cores to find bubbles of air that can tell us about weather patterns going back for hundreds of thousands of year, with plans to retrieve ice that is over a million years old.
 - We study the massive 4 km thick ice sheet, and ice shelves in East Antarctica, to understand the impact of a warming ocean and the potential for sea level rise.
 - Our research is helping us to understand our iconic Antarctic species – whales, penguins, albatrosses, seals and krill - and what the future holds for them in a changing environment.
 - We partner with researchers from around the globe to deliver world-class Antarctic science. In short, we do science that matters to us all.
- I am committed to continuing Australia’s science leadership and working with counterpart organisations such as the Antarctic Science Foundation to enable the delivery of new and iconic scientific research, that will add significant value to the Australian Antarctic science program to benefit Antarctica and Australia.
- It is appropriate that a place of shared interest to the global community is also a place of shared science and shared investment. I am tremendously excited by the energy of the new Antarctic Science Foundation Board and their commitment to boosting private sector engagement in Antarctic science. Together we will be able to do much more.

Conclusion

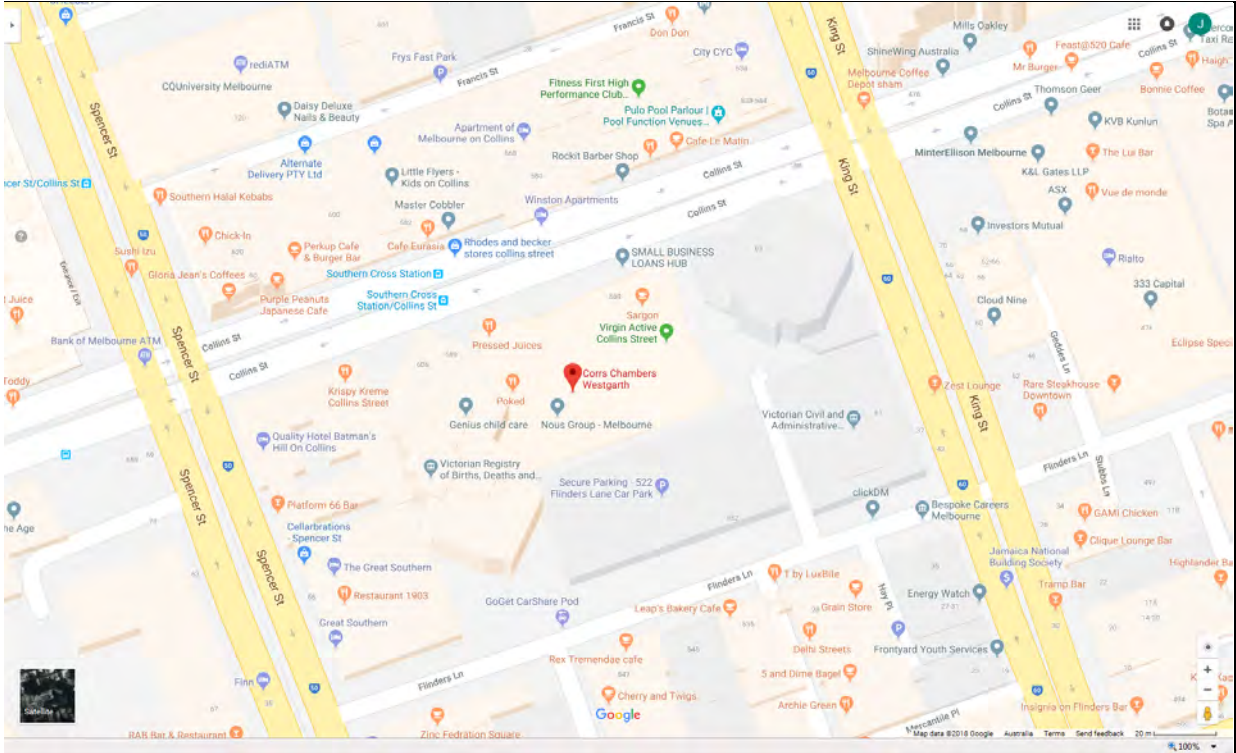
- I thank the Antarctic Science Foundation Board members for their significant commitment to Antarctica in setting up the Antarctic Science Foundation.
- Antarctica needs our support and there is a role for everyone in protecting this unique place.
 - The Antarctic Science Foundation is an opportunity for all Australians, both private and public, to engage in Antarctic issues through fundraising for internationally significant Antarctic science as well as outreach and education.
- I thank everyone for being here tonight - becoming part of this new endeavour and working with the Foundation - to help our scientists better understand Antarctica, Australia and the world’s climate, and, most importantly, to protect one of the last great wildernesses in the world.

Does the ASF replace Government funding?

No. The Government is committed to protecting Australia's national interests in Antarctica. We fund a range of Antarctic science projects through the Department of the Environment and Energy's Australian Antarctic Division, the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, the Australian Research Council and CSIRO.

The Government recently confirmed our commitment to a world class Antarctic science program with around \$13 million each year provided to ensure Australian science remains at the heart of our internationally recognised Antarctic program, safeguarding the polar region.

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THE HON JOSH FRYDENBERG MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy

MEDIA RELEASE

5 June 2018

LAUNCH OF ANTARCTIC SCIENCE FOUNDATION

The Australian community has a unique opportunity to contribute to Antarctic research and protection through the Antarctic Science Foundation, launched on World Environment Day in Melbourne today.

Under the direction of former Federal Environment Minister, the Honourable Robert Hill, the Foundation will drive new private-public partnerships to advance Australia's scientific endeavours on the icy continent and surrounding ocean.

The establishment of the Antarctic Science Foundation was a commitment made in the Government's *Australian Antarctic Strategy and 20 Year Action Plan*.

The Antarctic Science Foundation brings together government, private sector and philanthropic partners to better understand and protect Antarctica, with benefits to Australians and the wider community. The Foundation will be self-funded from donations.

The Australian Government continues its commitment to a new era of Antarctic endeavour with a \$1.912 billion investment in a new state-of-the-art icebreaker, *RSV Nuyina*, \$50 million for the replacement station on Macquarie Island, \$10 million for an overland traverse capability to help with the search for a million year ice core.

In addition, the 2018-19 Federal Budget included \$13.1 million a year for Antarctic science to be delivered over 10 years, starting from 2019/20. The involvement of the Foundation and the broader community in supporting Antarctic research has the potential to be a significant multiplier of these government funds.

The Government also recently announced its intention to build a paved runway at Davis research station, subject to environmental approvals, which will provide further opportunities for Antarctic science to better understand and protect the icy continent.

Antarctica has always been a place where nations, scientists, and a wide range of organisations work together, in the shared spirit of peace and science. Building on this tradition of collaboration, the launch of the Foundation offers the first opportunity for all sectors of the community to take part in Australia's new era of Antarctic engagement and contribute to new and important research, conservation and education.

Antarctic research helps us understand and plan for the impacts of climate change, support industries such as fisheries, and understand and protect the unique Antarctic environment.

Media contact: Kane Silom – Office of the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP – 02 6277 7920

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From: s22

Sent: Tuesday, 29 May 2018 5:28 PM

To: s22

Subject: FW: MB18-000276 - ASF Launch [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

As discussed.



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Attachments:

1. Event brief (MB18-000276)
2. Draft media release

From: s22

Sent: Thursday, 31 May 2018 2:23 PM

To: s22

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Subject: RE: Media Release for MO clearance: Antarctic Science Foundation Launch
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s22 ,

For awareness, the PR firm advised from their initial pitches – they've received 'warm' interest from The Australian, The Mercury and The Advertiser (SA). As requested, they haven't followed up further – and are happy to pass the contacts on to the MO to follow up with if the Minister would like.

They are keen to keep pitching and to circulate the Foundation's attached media release as soon as you've ticked it off.

They have also requested a phone call with you for a quick chat if you're available/inclined. Let me know if you want their details.

As mentioned, the Government provided an initial start up grant to the Foundation (\$550,000). If the Foundation is asked about the Government funding, are you happy if they respond with the following line:

IF ASKED ONLY:

The Foundation will be self-funded, however the Australian Government provided a grant to the ASF to assist with initial start-up administrative activities.

Kind regards,

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From: s22
Sent: Friday, 1 June 2018 10:46 AM
To: s22
Cc: Jo Scard <jo@fiftyacres.com>; Jackie Hanafie <jackie@fiftyacres.com>; Alys Francis <alys@fiftyacres.com>; s22 s22
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Subject: Antarctic Science Foundation Launch - Comms Planning [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s22 ,

Thanks for your time on the phone. As discussed, I've cc'd in Jo, Jackie and Alys from Fifty Acres.

Fifty Acres Contacts:

Jo's mobile is: +61 457 725 953

Jackie's mobile is: +61 412 652 439

As discussed:

- The MO will clear the Foundation's media release (attached) this morning.
- The MO will provide a copy of the Minister's release for our information.
- Fifty Acres will focus on pitching to broadcast - radio/tv.
- The MO will focus on print, connecting 50 Acres with your contacts to follow up with, following your initial pitch.
- Releases will be issued broadly by both the Foundation and the Minister at 7am on Tuesday, 5 June.

You have also now cleared the proposed TP for Foundation use, if required:

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Anything further we can do to help, please let me know.

Kind regards,
Eliza

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Attached

- 1. Media Release – International – ASF – Final**
- 2. Medial release – ASF – Final**

MEDIA RELEASE

EMBARGOED UNTIL 12:01AM Tuesday 5 June 2018 AEST

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It will support a broad range of significant scientific research delivered by the Australian Antarctic Program to better understand, protect and conserve Antarctica.

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The Antarctic Science Foundation will launch in Melbourne, Australia on World Environment Day, Tuesday 5 June, from 6–7pm at Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Level 25, 567 Collins Street, Melbourne.

MEDIA:

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- Media contacts: Jackie Hanafie on 0412 652 439 or Alys Francis on 0476 287 787.

From: s22
Sent: Friday, 1 June 2018 5:02 PM
To: s22
Subject: ASF Grant details FYI [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hello s22 – just following up on s22 message. Grant details of the ASF funding are available at the following link:

<https://www.grants.gov.au/?event=public.advancedsearch.keyword&keyword=Antarctic+Science+Foundation>

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