

Families to benefit from research to fight food waste

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Joint media release with the Minister for Jobs and Innovation, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash and the Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation, Senator the Hon Zed Seselja.

It is estimated that Australian households throw away almost \$4,000 worth of unused food each year.

A new Cooperative Research Centre (CRC), supported by a \$30 million grant from the Turnbull Government's CRC Program, could see this wastage reduced, keeping more money in the pockets of Australian families.

The Fight Food Waste CRC will support industry-led collaborations between researchers, industry and the community to address the issue of food waste and help the Government to fulfil its National Food Waste Strategy commitment to halve food waste in Australia.

CRCs link industry expertise with our world-class research capability and generate new knowledge, solve problems and offer opportunities to commercialise new ideas.

Minister for Jobs and Innovation, Michaelia Cash welcomed the funding for the new CRC and said it had great potential to deliver economic and social benefits to Australians.

"As the Australian Government's longest-running grant program, the CRC Program is at the heart of our efforts to bring researchers and industry together to focus on solving industry-related problems," Minister Cash said.

Assistant Minister for Science, Job and Innovation, Zed Seselja said the CRC Program had a proven track record in delivering tangible benefits for industry and the community.

"The CRC Program continues to be central to the Coalition Government's commitment to improving the competitiveness, productivity and sustainability of Australian industries.

"This funding will be used to identify opportunities and solutions to reduce food wastage from paddock to plate," Assistant Minister Seselja said.