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To Whom It May Concern

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the 11th International Student Science Fair to be held in Melbourne in February 2015 and hosted by John Monash Science School. The International Student Science Fair (ISSF) is a prestigious event that will see the John Monash Science School in partnership with Monash University. The ISSF provides an avenue for senior science students, teachers, and university researchers to interact and exchange knowledge and concepts with likeminded peers at an international level.

The John Monash Science School opened in 2010; it is a state government coeducational specialist, select entry school. It is also the first specialist science secondary school in Victoria. It was established due to the recognized need to encourage and support students who are passionate and gifted in the field of science and mathematics.

The ISSF was launched in 2005 to date it has been extremely successful and with the support of industry and the community the 11th International Student Science Fair in 2015 will also be a great success. The ISSF is a leading event of its type in the world providing gifted senior secondary school students an exceptional opportunity to collaborate and exchange ideas, develop their research skills and communicate with likeminded peers at an international level. I have been informed that it is expected that approximately 50 elite schools from around the world will be in attendance.

Australia has moved into the global economy and the young students that will be attending the ISSF will be the young adults who will be at the forefront of Australia’s scientific research and development which will assist in sustaining our economy into the future and providing scientific solutions to current and emerging societal issues. Supporting the ISSF is one step in ensuring our place in the global economy.

I am personally acquainted with the leadership team at John Monash Science School whom I have found to be extremely dedicated and inspirational. Hence I wish the John Monash Science School every success in hosting the 11th International Student Science Fair in 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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Federal Member for Chisholm