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Dear Dr Evans-Galea

Thank you for the invitation to attend the inaugural "Science Pathways" meeting, with the important theme "Getting Science on the National Agenda". It is a fantastic achievement to have put together such a high calibre program of eminent speakers from the science community. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend this event, but I am very interested in hearing the outcomes of the meeting.

I would like to congratulate the Australian Academy of Science on establishing the Early-Mid Career Researcher Forum and for its continuing support of Australia's young scientists.

Science is crucial to Australia's current and future prosperity. Today's early-to-mid career researchers will be the science leaders of tomorrow. Australia needs to develop a long-term strategy to support and nurture its best and brightest.

Researchers face increasingly tough challenges in establishing their scientific careers. Issues around career pathways, funding opportunities, research training and education, need to be addressed. I am a fierce advocate for the importance of scientific research and the need for secure and long-term funding and support.

The "Science Pathways" forum is a terrific opportunity for scientists from around the nation to come together and discuss how Australia can meet the challenges facing the science sector.

It is with great interest that I look forward to hearing the ideas for the future of Australian science from Australia's early-mid career researchers.

I wish you all the best for the coming "Science Pathways" meeting.

Yours sincerely



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