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PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT THROUGH INNOVATION

Industry and research collaboration is one half of the strategy of the new ARBS Education and Research Foundation.

Ian Hopkins, chair of the Foundation welcomes the Commonwealth government announcement of the National Innovation and Science Agenda.

The ARBS Development Trust was established specifically for the purpose of assisting students, education institutions, research facilities and companies to develop practical solutions to contemporary industry problems.

Australia generally and the air conditioning and refrigeration industries in particular need to lift their productivity. This can only be achieved, through education, product development and introducing innovative work practices. A climate that will enable this to happen can occur if the spirit and intent of the National innovation and science agenda is taken up by the airconditioning and refrigeration industries.

Australian industry needs to improve its performance and bring new ideas to market. "Our research grants hope to play a small part and improving this benchmark," Ian Hopkins ARBS Foundation Chair said.

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