

**COMMITTEE OF CHAIRS OF ACADEMIC BOARDS/SENATES
OF UNIVERSITIES IN NSW AND THE ACT**

MEETING (06/1)

30 MARCH 2006

Item 7.1 ARC Grants 2005

**RESOLUTIONS OF UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE ACADEMIC SENATE,
30/11/05, TO UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR ENDORSEMENT AND ACTION**

1. As active researchers, we deplore the Federal Minister's action in overturning the results of rigorous academic peer review processes of independent statutory authority.
2. While we accept that the minister has the responsibility to ensure that Federal funds are spent in accordance with the expectations of the Australian community, we believe the ARC's processes are fully adequate to ensure that research projects are funded in accordance with that principle.
3. We urge the Minister to issue a public statement affirming his full confidence in the ARC College of Experts and the peer review processes used to select research projects for ARC funding.
4. We expect the minister to give full details of the applications rejected in 2004 and 2005 and the reasons for his intervention in those cases.

**RESOLUTION OF UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY ACADEMIC
BOARD, 1 MARCH 2006**

RESOLVED AB/06/08

that the Academic Board note with concern that the integrity of the peer review process in respect of ARC grants in the 2005 grant round may have been compromised by political intervention, and requests the Vice-Chancellor, when an appropriate opportunity arises, to express to the Minister for Education, Science and Training the belief that this should not continue to happen.