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SA researchers investigate water scarcity affecting Murray Darling

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A deep investigation of water scarcity in the Murray Darling basin has been given the green light as part of over $32 million in funding for South Australian research projects through the Australian Government.

Announcing funding for 68 South Australian projects, Minister for Education, Hon Christopher Pyne MP said that investing in research was absolutely critical for the development of new ideas, for progress of our society and a better life for all Australians.

“This Government is providing a total of $522 million towards promising research to occur across Australia’s research institutions through the Australian Research Council (ARC),” Mr Pyne said.

Researchers at The University of South Australia will also use a $172 000 grant to investigate how water scarcity and market interventions have affected the Murray Darling Basin, providing invaluable policy guidance for future water management.

Dr Simon DeDeyne from The University of Adelaide will develop new methods to assist those affected by diseases such as Alzheimers by using an innovative computational network model.

Associate Professor Joel Brugger has received $285,000 to investigate massive ore deposits such as the one at South Australia’s $1 trillion Olympic Dam. This research is designed to assist the discovery of new Olympic Dam style orebodies and at creating new ore-processing technology.

“After the South Australian Labor Government bungled the original Olympic Dam, identifying another big ore deposit could be the incentive mining companies need to come back to our state,” Mr Pyne said.

“This research that will lead to outcomes that could potentially have an important impact not just in Australia, but also on the international stage.

The 68 research projects were announced as part of the ARC’s 2013 Future Fellowships and 2014 Major Grants Announcement.

To view summaries of all funded projects visit the ARC media announcement kit.

For more information on the ARC and its funding schemes, visit www.arc.gov.au.

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