

Summary of Discovery Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2010

Northern Territory

Charles Darwin University

DP1094139 A/Prof TS Lea

Approved Project Title **Can there be good policy? Tracing the paths between policy intent, evidence and practical benefit in regional and remote Australia**

2010 : \$ 175,000

2011 : \$ 145,000

2012 : \$ 155,000

2013 : \$ 150,000

2014 : \$ 150,000

Primary RFCD 3703 ANTHROPOLOGY

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Administering Organisation Charles Darwin University

Project Summary

By tracking major health, housing and education reforms currently underway across regional and remote Australia, this research generates fresh perspectives on an urgent contemporary debate in Indigenous social affairs: namely, are governments best placed to drive social change or to determine policy imperatives; and if not, are there alternate ways to generate good policy? An anthropological approach will be used to observe government policy at work. The research will explore the institutional reasons behind the gap between intention and outcome in Indigenous social policy; how failure cycles in policy are replicated; and possible techniques for creating and implementing a new ethics of policy engagement.

DP1092620 Dr J Mitroy

Approved Project Title **Long range interactions of atoms**

2010 : \$ 84,000

2011 : \$ 90,000

2012 : \$ 80,000

Primary RFCD 2403 ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR PHYSICS; NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE PHYSICS;
PLASMA PHYSICS

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Project Summary

Atomic physics is often described as both a basic and enabling discipline and the present project on long range atomic interactions fits within both of those categories. The results of the project will lead to a more thorough understanding of the details of long range atom-atom interactions. This will lead to Australian expertise making a significant contribution in a number of cutting edge areas in atomic and molecular physics.