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Victoria's Minister for Technology Gordon Rich-Phillips says the inaugural Biotechnology Advisory Council will be chaired by Prof Ian Gust.

A Department of Business and Innovation media release said the Council would provide advice on current and emerging opportunities and threats to the sector, as well as contributing to the implementation of Government policy.

"The Council will assist the Coalition Government in providing a long term and co-ordinated approach to fostering innovation and promoting growth in Victoria's biotechnology industry," Mr Rich-Phillips said. "The Council brings together expertise gained through experience in small, medium and large companies in a range of sub-sectors, including in international firms, all the way along the industry value chain, from research and development, through commercialization and production, to market."

The Council is composed of Prof Gust, Dr Leigh Farrell, Dr Simon Green, Robert Klupacs, Peter Lewis, Sue MacLeman, Dr Ian Nisbet, Dr Esra Ogru, Dr Paul Savage, Prof Richard Strugnell, Prof Andrew Wilks, Michelle Gallaher, Dr Anna Lavelle.

The Department said the Council members were appointed for two years, would report to Mr Rich-Phillips and would meet several times a year, with the first meeting this month.

The Department said Prof Gust was a board member of several biotechnology companies and research institutes, was chair of the Bio21 Cluster, the founder of the Burnet Institute in the 1980s and CSL research and development director in the 1990s.