

# Media Release



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## **AusBiotech welcomes support for Pharmaceutical Industry Working Group**

AusBiotech, the national biotechnology organisation, is pleased that the Rudd Government has committed to revitalising the Pharmaceuticals Industry Working Group (PIWG).

The PIWG is comprised of AusBiotech, Medicines Australia and the Generics Medicines Industry Association (GMiA) and meets quarterly to discuss and inform government on policy matters in the pharmaceutical industry.

CEO of AusBiotech, Dr Anna Lavelle, said the three groups represented the spectrum of the pharmaceutical industry and offered a variety of perspectives on a range of policy and regulatory issues.

“AusBiotech is pleased that Ministers Carr and Roxon have recognised the value of bringing these groups together under the umbrella of the Pharmaceutical Industry Working Group,” Dr Lavelle said.

“We agree with Minister Carr that it is essential for Government to bring the views of industry to the table.

“The biopharmaceutical industry is complex and I am glad the working group can continue to build on its achievements with the support of the Federal Government,” Dr Lavelle said.