

International technology innovator to lead CSIRO

The Chairman of the CSIRO Board, Simon McKeon, recently announced the appointment of Dr Larry Marshall as the organisation's Chief Executive from January 2015.



Credit: CSIRO

‘Dr Marshall has an impeccable record as a scientist, a technology innovator and business leader,’ Mr McKeon said.

‘His wealth of experience in developing and applying science and technology makes him an excellent fit.

‘The Chief Executive of CSIRO is probably the most important position in national science administration, so we conducted an extensive global search for an innovative scientist with strong business leadership qualities, and more than 70 candidates were considered.

‘Dr Marshall combines commercial and scientific credentials with extensive global experience, making him the world class leader we were seeking for CSIRO.

‘The Board is confident that Dr Marshall will lead CSIRO in a manner which ensures that it continues to provide advice

of the highest quality to Government as well as provide best practice collaboration with the private sector.’

Mr McKeon also thanked current Chief Executive Dr Megan Clark for her leadership over the past six years. Dr Clark will leave CSIRO at the end of December.

‘Dr Clark leaves CSIRO with a legacy to be proud of, most notably for her long term commitment to the global competitiveness of Australian science through the establishment of research precincts; and to major knowledge infrastructure projects such as the new research vessel,’ Mr McKeon said.

Dr Marshall is currently Managing Director of Southern Cross Venture Partners, an early stage venture capital firm specialising in creating Australian technology companies and growing them globally in Asia and the United States.

Dr Marshall was educated at Macquarie University (Sydney) where he took a doctorate in physics. He began his career in the Defence Science and Technology Organisation and has 25 years experience as an international technology entrepreneur and holds 20 patents protecting commercial products.

He has founded six successful United States companies in biotechnology, photonics, telecommunications and semiconductors.

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