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New Diagnostic Test Birth of a Great Idea

A new diagnostic test to predict when a pregnant woman will start labour, developed at the University of Newcastle, will receive \$205,677 in Government funding in recognition of its innovative nature and commercial viability, says Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP.

The test is one of the first creative ideas to be supported by Commercialisation Australia – the Government’s new body to help Australian inventors, entrepreneurs and researchers turn their ideas into money-making products and services.

“It is great to see another innovative project like this coming out of the University of Newcastle,” said Ms Grierson.

“I congratulate the team at Newcastle Innovation for the recognition this wonderful work is receiving.”

Newcastle Innovation is the commercial arm of the University.

The project will determine the commercial viability of a new diagnostic test to predict when a pregnant woman will commence labour. Upon successful completion of the project, the technology will be ready to be licensed to a leading diagnostic company to take the necessary steps to launch the new product on the market.

Commercialisation Australia, which opened for business in January, recognises that Australians have always been creative innovators, but far too often, the rewards generated by our inventions and discoveries have been captured by others.

Commercialisation Australia supports the modernisation of the Australian economy by increasing its focus on entrepreneurship, knowledge-based industries, and new business growth.

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