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LEADING BUSINESSMAN PETER YATES AM HONOURED BY ATSE

Chairman of The Royal Institution of Australia, Mr Peter Yates AM, has today been elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE).

Recognised for his passion and commitment to science and technology as co-founder and current Chair of The Royal Institution of Australia and the Australian Science Media Centre (AusSMC), Mr Yates is honoured to be acknowledged along with 24 other outstanding business and academic leaders.

‘I am delighted to be elected as a Fellow of the Academy’, said Mr Yates. ‘The Australian Science Media Centre and The Royal Institution of Australia including Australia’s Science Channel have become significant parts of the national infrastructure in science communication’.

‘I would like to extend my many thanks to Baroness Susan Greenfield and former Premier of South Australia, Mike Rann, who so strongly supported the establishment of these organisations’, said Mr Yates. ‘I would also like to thank the board members and financial supporters of the two organisations for the vision and energy they have given to support the common good that these two organisations create for our nation.’

Mr Yates is a leading business figure and Not for Profit Organization Chairman. He has been CEO of one of the largest media organisations (PBL) and Executive Director of a major investment bank (Macquarie Bank). He has a passion for science and technology and his efforts in promoting their public dissemination in Australia through The Royal Institution of Australia and the Australian Science Media Centre. He raised multi-million dollar sums of money for both these organisations to enable them to pursue their goals. He is Deputy Chairman of Myer Family Investments and a Director of AIA Australia Limited, Chairman of the Royal Children’s Hospital Foundation, Chairman of the Shared Value Project, Chairman of the Faculty of Business and Economics at Melbourne University and the Centre for Personalised Immunology at ANU.

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