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The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia strongly supports and warmly welcomes the appointment of Dr Alan Finkel AO FTSE, as Australia's next Chief Scientist. Dr Finkel's breadth of experience and intellect will serve Australia particularly well. His understanding of fundamental research and its translation to commercial and policy success is evident in his roles in the higher education, research, industry, business and government sectors. Crucially, Dr Finkel will bring to the position an expert appreciation of how multiple lines of expertise can be engaged to effect the successful progress of ideas through to the development of beneficial and valuable product.

In welcoming future Chief Scientist Finkel this Academy would like to note its appreciation of Professor Ian Chubb AC. In his tenure, Chief Scientist Chubb has strongly supported the four nationally recognised Learned Academies in their combined efforts to raise national productivity through Securing Australia's Future, an initiative of the Office of the Chief Scientist. We believe that formal collaboration has set the stage for Dr Finkel to harness his own special talents to continue to extend and further capitalise on the breadth of research practice in Australia to benefit the nation and its people.

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