



PRIME MINISTER

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER**

**CEBIT AUSTRALIA TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE**

On behalf of the Australian Government, I extend a warm welcome to everyone participating in CeBIT Australia 2017.

This year's event comes at a time of unprecedented opportunity for the economic future of our nation. Technological and scientific trends are re-shaping many sectors of industry, and trade agreements are opening doors into expanding markets.

More than ever, innovation and science are critical for Australia to deliver new sources of growth, maintain high-wage jobs and seize the next wave of economic prosperity.

That's why my Government is committed to supporting a culture that backs new ideas. Our *National Innovation and Science Agenda* is creating opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship, rewarding risk taking, and promoting science, maths and computing in schools.

We are also working hard to support regulatory arrangements that will enable the business sector to continue operating with confidence and certainty, and to reduce the red tape and tax burden.

This is a time of incredible optimism, and I am greatly encouraged by the attendance of so many delegates and exhibitors committed to sharing their ideas and strengthening relations with peers from around the world.

I wish all attendees an enjoyable and productive conference, and thank you for your contributions to our long-term economic future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mal Turnbull'.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP  
Prime Minister of Australia

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