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CONCERNING RESEARCH BY JOHN HARRISON ON MAGNESIUM CEMENTS

I understand that John Harrison is seeking financial support under the Tasmanian Innovation Scheme.

I have a degree of familiarity with this work, and wish to make the following points:

- The science is sound, and John Harrison has done very interesting work in a somewhat neglected field
- The markets for the products being investigated are diverse
- The qualifications of the inventor are appropriate to extend this work towards commercialisation
- The commitment of the inventor is total. John Harrison has backed his ideas with a substantial commitment in dollars, and a huge commitment in time
- This project is highly appropriate at a time when Australia is seeking to reduce greenhouse gases, and to move to more environmentally friendly processes

I recommend this work for support by the Committee. I would be surprised if the projects do not subsequently attract significant levels of support under the various Commonwealth grant schemes.



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