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## **NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

It is my great pleasure to congratulate the National Youth Science Forum on the remarkable achievement of 40 years as an organisation.

As we face the contemporary challenges of our time, the need for organisations and programs like the National Youth Science Forum will only grow.

With every new challenge, solutions must be found – and the only way to navigate and address these issues is by thinking bigger.

Your organisation's commitment to supporting young Australians with a passion for science has led to countless achievements, to the benefit of our country, and beyond.

Edward O. Wilson, the foremost proponent of sociobiology, wrote in his book *Letters to a Young Scientist*:

*"Everyone sometimes daydreams like a scientist at one level or another. Ramped up and disciplined, fantasies are the fountainhead of all creative thinking. Newton dreamed, Darwin dreamed, you dream."*

These words remind us that behind every great discovery, there is a spark of curiosity that ignites innovation and drives us all forward.

The National Youth Science Forum is fuelling this spark among the next generation of Australia's science and technology professionals.

Thank you to all members and supporters of the Forum for your contributions.

In particular, I'd like to acknowledge the 115 Victorian participants that have been selected – you are making your State proud.

This milestone is not just a celebration of the past 40 years, but a call to action to continue this important work into the future.

**Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC**

Governor of Victoria