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The Australian Academy of the Humanities and the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia today released a major new report: *Mapping the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences in Australia*.

Launched at the National Press Club in Canberra, the report provides the most comprehensive account of student enrolments, teaching and research in the humanities, arts and social sciences (HASS) sector to date.

“It tells us what the HASS sector is currently delivering to the nation, how well it is positioned to respond to the changing needs of the nation in the future, and where we might look to further capitalise upon its potential”, said Professor Graeme Turner FAHA, the author of the report and chair of its steering committee.

The report is a collaboration between the Australian Academy of the Humanities and the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, with support from the Department of Industry and the Office of the Chief Scientist.

“*Mapping HASS* provides comprehensive information about a sector which is essential to Australia’s capacity to address the complex societal challenges that face us today, nationally and globally”, said President of the Academy of the Humanities, Emeritus Professor Lesley Johnson AM FAHA.

“The report is an important new resource for teachers, researchers, university leadership, politicians and policymakers”, said President of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, Deborah Terry FASSA, “to inform strategic planning, curriculum development and national policies on education and research investment”.

Mapping HASS serves to complement the *Health of Australian Science* report, published by the Office of the Chief Scientist in 2012. “The report is a comprehensive data resource which will serve both practitioners of HASS and those who rely on their skills”, said Australia’s Chief Scientist, Professor Ian Chubb AC, “It is a timely reminder of the essential place of the HASS sector in building Australia’s future”.

The report is available on the website of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, www.humanities.org.au.

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