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# UNE researcher awarded grant to go global

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Professor Roger Hegarty will work with global partners to progress an innovative project funded under a new grant from the Federal Coalition Government.

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said Mr Hegarty is one of 22 Australian researchers and small-to-medium businesses to receive funding in the third round of the Bridging Grants component of the Global Connections Fund.

Mr Hegarty will use his \$50,000 grant to work with the University of New England for his project titled Advancing the social and environmental sustainability of beef production.

Specifically, the research will examine a new amino acid based feed additive as a new tool to both reduce Australia's livestock dependence on antibiotics, and reduce emissions of methane.

Mr Joyce congratulated the local researcher on his efforts which will help further advance Australia's agricultural interests, domestically and abroad.

"The livestock industry has always and will continue to play an important role in our nation's economy, particularly here in the New England North West, which is why it's important we have all the information available us to make informed decisions in the future," he said.

"I am pleased that a local researcher is participating in such a useful project with our local university and look forward to its success."

Since 2016-17, the Coalition Government has provided 65 Bridging Grants in the Global Connections Fund. The Fund forms part of the Government's Global Innovation Strategy, which seeks to create more jobs and drive Australia's economic growth by advancing Australian ideas and assist in the commercialisation process.

The grants are supplemented by contributions from applicants and their international partners and grant recipients will work with partners from India, the United States, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Japan, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Singapore and the Republic of Korea.

The Global Connections Fund is one of the key internationally-focused measures of the Global Innovation Strategy, part of the Coalition Government's \$1.1 billion National Innovation and Science

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