The forum will aim to present a strategic picture of challenges facing society and industry (in India and Australia) and speakers will discuss:

- Key challenges and appropriate responses that can be tackled via an innovation agenda;
- Exploring the progress and developments in both Indian and Australia of a healthy innovation ecosystem that includes Industry, Academia and the State.
- The role of The Academy in an innovation agenda through the delivery of a robust collaborative research program

**Panelists**

- Dr. Alan Finkel – Chancellor, Monash University
- Prof. Mohan Krishnamoorthy – CEO, IITB-Monash Research Academy
- Prof. Edwina Cornish – Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor & DVC, Research, Monash University
- Prof. Tam Sridhar – Dean of Engineering, Monash University
- Prof. Devang Khakhar – Director, IIT Bombay

**Speakers will touch on:**

- How do we increase the returns on investment into academic research in science, engineering and technology as we meet future challenges through innovation and academic entrepreneurship
- How do we balance our existing core strengths to solve immediate societal challenges while simultaneously exploring anticipated future needs
- How can such innovation be carried out seamlessly across national boundaries?