



Letter to the editors

Urgent submissions requested on the value of mathematical sciences

The productivity commission, which is an important independent advisory group on economic matters to the federal government, has been asked to report on the (economic) value of science and innovation. This is a matter of great significance to all of science in Australia and the national committees in each area have been asked to put together information, which can be used for submissions.

I would like short articles (half to one page is fine) of projects in any area of mathematical sciences, which have been done recently, where there is some tangible economic benefit. We will, of course, high-

light the contributions of mathematically and statistically trained people in areas such as finance, mining, agriculture, medicine, bioinformatics etc. But it is vital that we can also stress the value of projects undertaken by professional mathematical scientists working directly with industry.

I would greatly appreciate contributions by email to rubin@ms.unimelb.edu.au. If these could be in by mid June, this would be very helpful in preparing for the July submission. Contributions will also be invaluable for supporting the report of the national review of mathematical sciences, which will be launched in July.

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