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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Australia:	Australian Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Australia is designated (or elected):	Australian Patent Office (see National Phase)
May Australia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Australia concerning international-type search:	Regulation 3.14A of the Patents Regulations

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Information of interest if Australia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Australia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or must be furnished within two months from the date of invitation

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)
