Commendation

Seeds are vital elements for a sustainable global future. Knowing how to identify, collect, store and germinate seeds is essential to make optimum use of this important resource, especially the poorly known seeds of a large range of dryland species. We are delighted to see this book, focused on seeds of the unique Australian flora, published in such an accessible and beautiful format. The book represents the outcome of years of hard work and collaboration by many individuals and organisations. All are to be congratulated for setting such a high international standard – a model for other countries to emulate.

Our organisations take special pride in playing significant roles in seeing *Australian Seeds* through to publication over a 10-year gestation period. We know the book will prove immensely useful, and wish it the long shelf life it so richly deserves.

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