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Duncan Kerr SC, the Federal Labor Member for Denison, has accused the Opposition Leader, Brendan Nelson, of misleading the public on the future of the CSIRO in Hobart.

Dr Nelson, who was in Hobart today touring the CSIRO's Hobart headquarters, told journalists that the Marine and Atmospheric Research Division will see budget cuts.

"Dr Nelson's claims are not accurate," Mr Kerr said.

"The CSIRO has assured the relevant Minister, Senator Carr, that Hobart is a growth area for CSIRO, with 15 climate change scientists being recruited as we speak."

"Per capita, Hobart has more scientists than anywhere else in the world. We are not about to see that change any time soon."

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