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Composites	
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Nano/Plasma/Modelling	
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Dr Luhua Li luhua.li@deakin.edu.au	Atomically thin diamond with unprecedented properties
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Energy and Infrastructure	
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Metals	
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Dr Dan Liu dan.liu@deakin.edu.au Prof Xungai Wang xungai.wang@deakin.edu.au	Bio-inspired robust composite materials with outstanding fire-retardancy as separator for safe batteries
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Dr Christopher Hurren christopher.hurren@deakin.edu.au	High abrasion resistant knit structure for protective clothing
Prof Joselito Razal joselito.razal@deakin.edu.au	From brittle to tough and Shelf-Stable MXenes: A Novel Biomimetic *Design of Interfaces
A/Prof Jingliang Li jingliang.li@deakin.edu.au	Producing graphene oxide catalysts to address crucial energy and environmental problems