Compelling FACTS
The Go8’s total economic impact is some $66.4 Billion each year.
Go8 research activity contributes $24.5 Billion to the economy each year. This is $1000 for every Australian.

Ref: Australian population as of the 2016 census was 23.4 million (http://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/036)
The Go8 is a major employer and its location and need for services in each of Australia’s capital cities contributes almost $19 Billion to the economy each year.

This equates to more than half of Australia’s annual defence budget.

The Go8 contributes $17.98 Billion to the nation’s education exports each year.

This is more than a third of the Federal Government’s annual expenditure on primary and secondary education.

Ref: http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/5518.0.55.001
(Figure is Government Operating Expenses on Education, All Levels of Government, primary and secondary education, 2016–17, $47m)
Every $1 of Go8 research income delivers almost $10 in benefits to the private sector.
Every Go8 job supports over twice as many jobs in the Australian economy.
Every three international students studying at a Go8 university (and the Go8 welcomes one in three who study in Australia) generates $1 million in economic impact.