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# Leaders in Science & Society



## Dr Scott Watkins

KISCO, Pollinate Energy and parkrun Australia

**“From Research to Social Enterprise and Industry: chemistry, solar panels, startups and Korea”**

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**Host: Prof John Mattick**

Scott has a PhD in Chemistry from UNSW, was a postdoctoral fellow at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities and joined CSIRO in 2004, via a UK startup, to work on developing the chemistry to enable flexible electronic devices such as printed solar cells. In 2014 Scott moved from a role as a Research Program Leader at the CSIRO to become Chief Marketing Officer for KISCO, a Korean chemical company. Scott now spends his time between his paid role in industry in Korea and his voluntary roles with social enterprises in Melbourne, Australia. In Australia, Scott is a Non-Executive Director and Chair of the board of both parkrun Australia and Pollinate Energy. Parkrun is the world's largest running organisation. We are helping to make a happier, healthier planet by building communities through free, weekly, inclusive, 5km run or walks that are held in parks all around the world. Pollinate Energy is a social business based in Australia and India. We improve the lives of India's urban poor by providing them access to sustainable and affordable products, such as solar-powered lights, that make their lives better.