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Dear Martin

You will be aware that the AQF Council was established by the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs in 2008. As well as maintaining the AQF, supporting its users and promoting the AQF to stakeholders, the AQF Council’s remit is to consider how the AQF can be strengthened to ensure it is nationally and internationally robust and supports flexible cross-sectoral linkages and pathways.

Following extensive research on stakeholder views and concerns, related academic literature and international practices, the AQF Council has developed a proposal for a strengthened AQF. A copy of the proposal is attached. It is also available on the AQF website – www.aqf.edu.au/aboutaqf.htm.

The proposal will be available for consideration by stakeholders from 19 May 2009 until 12 June 2009. During this period, a written response from your organisation would be welcomed. Responses should be sent to the AQF Council at:

aqfc@saugov.sa.gov.au, or GPO Box 320, Adelaide, SA, 5001.

As a key stakeholder of the AQF, the AQF Council also would like to offer your organisation the opportunity to meet with the consultation panel to discuss your response to the proposal. The consultation panel will be available for meetings at the following dates and locations:

- Friday 28 May Melbourne
- Monday 1 June Adelaide
- Wednesday 3 June Canberra
- Thursday 4 June Canberra
- Friday 5 June Sydney
- Wednesday 10 June Melbourne

If you would like to meet with the consultation panel, please contact the AQF Council Secretariat on 08 8226 2775 to organise a time.

Yours sincerely

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