

Australian Qualifications Framework

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Dear Mr Riordan

The AQF Council recently conducted stakeholder consultations on its proposal for a strengthened AQF. The Council appreciated your contribution. Support for the Council's proposal was strong and the many considered suggestions provided during the consultations have been taken into account. The analysis of the submissions is available on the AQF website – www.aqf.edu.au.

The AQF Council is now developing a revised AQF based on a taxonomy of AQF qualifications that has a nine level structure plus an enabling level; a classification of knowledge, skills and application (incorporating generic skills); and a notional duration of learning for each qualification type. A consultation paper on this revised architecture will be released on 28 September and stakeholder consultations will occur from 28 September until 16 October 2009.

I am writing to invite you, and your staff and members of your board as appropriate, to participate in a consultation workshop during this period. The workshops have been designed to maximise the involvement of participants to enable views on the strengthened architecture to be discussed. Two workshop options are available:

- Monday 12 October from 12.30 pm – 4 pm in Melbourne
- Tuesday 13 October from 9.30 pm – 1 pm in Sydney

People interested in participating can book a place by contacting the AQF Council Secretariat at aqfc@saugov.sa.gov.au or 08 8226 2775. Details of the workshop, including the venue, will be provided to confirmed participants.

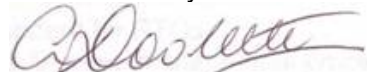
The consultation paper will be sent to you on Monday 28 September in preparation for the workshop and for dissemination within your organisation.

An alternative to participating in a workshop is to provide a written response. Written responses can be submitted electronically to aqfc@saugov.sa.gov.au by 5 pm Friday 16 October.

Other workshops are being held for qualification developers and accrediting bodies in each of the three education and training sectors.

If you would like to discuss the consultation arrangements, please contact me on 08 8226 5453 or doolette.ann@saugov.sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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