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Dear Colleague

Re: Call for Comment (Number 2): Draft Standards for Research, Research Training and Learning Outcomes (Research Training)

The standards are well written, clear and comprehensive. The guiding principles provided in the document are very useful for understanding the standards, although there could be some elaboration of what constitutes 'research' to include an agreed definition of 'applied research'. There are also various interpretations of 'international standing'.

The standards however do reflect the status quo in research and are clearly geared towards the expectations of a research university, regardless of the assurance that they are directed towards all providers. NMIT is extending its scholarly activities in applied research with industry partners and invariably our measures and outputs will be collaborative and may require a different assessment to those implicit in the proposed broad traditionally focussed standards for research.

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