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Dear Professor Coaldrake

RE: Review of Higher Education Provider Category Standards

Thank you for your email on 5 December inviting submissions to the first stage of the Review of the Higher Education Provider Category Standards (PCS Review). I understand you have met with officers from my department, Tony Considine and Joanna Minkiewicz, as part of your targeted stakeholder consultations.

The Northern Territory (NT) supports continued diversity of providers in the higher education sector. Potential systems for categorisation of higher education institutions should seek to maintain this diversity and reflect an opportunity for higher education providers to differentiate themselves. A key role of any revised classification system should maintain and protect the solid reputation of the Australian higher education sector as a high quality education provider, while enabling the sector to remain dynamic.

The Department of Education maintains close contact with Northern Territory higher education providers and is aware that both Charles Darwin University and the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education intend to provide submissions to the PCS Review and that you have undertaken targeted consultations with both of these institutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute feedback to the review. We look forward to receiving the final report of the Review in the second half of 2019.

Yours sincerely


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Chief Executive