



Higher Education Standards Panel Executive
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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Draft Standards for Research, Research Training and Learning Outcomes (Research Training), dated 28th May 2013.

The Australian Institute of Police Management - registered with TEQSA as the Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police - is a small higher education provider delivering a graduate certificate and graduate diploma to senior police and emergency service leaders, with students numbering less than 200 per year. (There are a larger number of course participants attending a range of non-accredited programs offered by the Institute). The Institute has a small, and relatively new, research capability (consisting of one PhD qualified director and one research assistant), and engages in research to contribute to the body of knowledge, and in particular to the Institute's understanding of leadership and leadership development.

The research work undertaken by the Institute is conducted in line with best practice, and in line with much of the draft guidance contained in the *call for comment*. For instance, all proposed research passes through an ethical review committee comprised of leading police and emergency service scholars drawn from a range of universities. Nonetheless, I am concerned that the proposed systems and processes have been designed with more sophisticated research functions in mind, and do not consider the impost this will have on smaller providers. In particular I am concerned about the bureaucratic implications that the draft guidelines will have on our small team.

It is essential that the Institute continues to contribute to the relatively scant body of knowledge about police and emergency service leadership, although these draft guidelines and associated accountability mechanisms make this more difficult to do. As such, I would like the Higher Education Panel to take into consideration the position of providers with small or emerging research capacities when finalising the research guidelines and standards.

Yours sincerely,

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