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The Higher Education Standards Panel
By email

Re: HES Draft Standards: Research, Research Training and TLOs for Research Training

We write in response to the HESP's invitation to comment on the above noted draft standards.

CAUTHE is the Council for Australasian University Tourism and Hospitality Education and has been in existence since 1988. It is the peak body that represents hospitality, tourism, and events researchers and academics in Australia and New Zealand. It has 28 University members (all of the Universities that teach hospitality, tourism and events in Australia and New Zealand) and up to 270 individual members, of which more than 30 are international academics beyond Australia and New Zealand. Our individual membership includes 30 Professors and 18 Associate Professors. More than 126 of the individual members hold a PhD or professional doctorate.

CAUTHE has a membership class titled "Fellow" and we are pleased to note that our 11 Fellows are held in high esteem throughout the world. Several of our Fellows are also Fellows of the prestigious "International Academy for the Study of Tourism". Many of our individual members are also editorial board members of a diverse array of high ranking journals.

CAUTHE has staged an annual conference, typically with 200 plus delegates, since 1988 without interruption. It also stages an annual, day long, PhD Scholars workshop as well as a similar workshop for mid career academics. CAUTHE hosts six special interest groups and we facilitate the conduct of various symposia for these groups as well as collaborative activities with like minded organisations such as SMAANZ and ANZALS.

CAUTHE also hosts a mid year meeting which has a particular focus on industry engagement. Key industry members of CAUTHE include: the Tourism and Transport Forum (TTF), the National Tourism Alliance (NTA), Tourism Research Australia (TRA) and THE-ICE. For your reference, both the TTF and NTA are peak industry bodies; TTF representing the transport and tourism "big end of town" whilst the NTA is a peak body that represents the broader hospitality and tourism industry. Both organisations have high quality political access at state and federal level. The TRA is a Commonwealth Government agency responsible for the gathering, storage, analysis and dissemination of key tourism statistics for the Commonwealth. THE-ICE is an Australian based, international hospitality and tourism education accreditation agency that has strong links into the non-self-accrediting sector, including degree granting TAFES and the private hotel schools.

CAUTHE also owns its own B ranked journal "Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Management" which it jointly publishes with Elsevier.

Recently, CAUTHE was invited by the Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) to offer its views on their listing of academic journals in the business field.

Given our wide and active membership, our regional representation, our own scholarship, our connectedness into other like-minded academic bodies and the industries which we serve, we are pleased to offer our views on the research related standards.

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Research

We are generally pleased with these items and thus accept them, however, we would like to see item 5 refined (see bolded words).

5. An accurate, secure and up-to-date repository of the research outputs **and associated materials** of staff and research students is maintained.

Research Training

We are generally pleased with these items and thus accept them, however, we would like to see item 4 refined (see bolded words).

4. In the case of supervision of students in a course of study that leads to a research higher degree, the principal supervisor holds a **relevant** doctoral degree or has equivalent research experience.

TLOs (Research Training)

We are generally pleased with these items and thus accept them, however, we would like to see an explicit reference to the AQF and especially the AQF work on Research based qualifications.

Should you wish to communicate with us in terms of our response, please contact Dr Paul A Whitelaw ([_____](#)) who has carriage of this on behalf of CAUTHE.

We thank the HESP for the opportunity to express our viewpoint and wish you success this very important work.

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Chair
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