The Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) wishes to thank the Higher Education Standards Panel for the opportunity to provide comment on the above draft standard.

CIT is a VET Higher Education provider and delivers two very niche and applied Bachelor degrees, one in Computer Forensics and the other in Games and Simulation programming. Both of these degrees are very much of an applied nature and tailored to suit both industries’ needs and its contribution to expanding the body of knowledge. The research, especially within complex projects that form much of the learning, needs to reflect this applied nature. The teaching staff in these two degrees, as all staff engaged in higher education, are engaged in scholarly activity either in their discipline or in pedagogy. CIT does not attract nor are we in a position to attract (research) funding to support research as do Universities but we believe that there needs to be within the threshold standards an acknowledgement of scholarly activity and its contribution to expanding the body of knowledge.

During our recent registration application process CIT found the guidance provided in the TESQA application guides when referring to the standards, especially relating to research could have been clearer in providing assistance for non-research based higher education providers.

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