FORM C: ABDC 2013 JOURNALS LIST REVIEW
RATING UPGRADE SUBMISSION

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT: FORM C is designed to formalise requests to the ABDC Journals Review Panel 2013 seeking an upgrade in rating of an academic journal which is currently included and rated in the ABDC 2010 list e.g. seeking to raise a rating from a "B" to an "A" journal. Please complete a separate form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type.

Journal Title: JOURNAL OF ACCOUNTING AND PUBLIC POLICY

QC1. FIELD of RESEARCH (FoR) PANEL to which this request is directed (tick one box only):
☐ 0808 Information Systems
☐ 1401-1499 Economics
☐ 1501 Accounting
☐ 1502 Finance
☐ 1503 Management
☐ 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
☐ 180105/1801025 Business and Taxation Law

QC2. WHAT ABDC 2013 RATING DO YOU PROPOSE FOR THIS JOURNAL?
☐ A* ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

QC3. WHAT ABDC 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?
☐ A* ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

QC4. WHAT ERA 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?
☐ A* ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ not applicable

QC5. NOMINATE "THE BEST" COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in research quality): CONTEMPORARY ACCOUNTING RESEARCH

QC6. JOURNAL INFORMATION
Editor's Name: Lawrence A. Gordon  Institution: University of Maryland

NATURE OF SUBMISSION

QC7. Primary submitter type (tick one box only)
☐ Higher Education Institutional Submission (e.g. formal submission from Business Faculty/School)
☐ Peak Body Submission (e.g. AFAANZ, ANZAM)
☐ Individual Submission

QC8. Primary submitter: Greg Shailer
Institutional Affiliation: The Australian National University

QC9. Are there other signatories to this submission? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)?
The Journal of Accounting and Public Policy (JAPP) is unique among the quality accounting journals in it focus on the intersection between accounting and public policy.

Important points:

- JAPP has published numerous highly influential papers.

- Has an ISI Impact Factor of 1.048. This is substantially higher than other leading generalist A journals such as Abacus and JBFA.

- The journal genuinely international and is highly ranked and enjoys very high recognition in Europe, the US and Asia.

- JAPP has a large international editorial board that includes many very accomplished and influential academics known for the quality of their own work.

- The journal consistently publishes papers of very high quality and regularly publishes studies relevant to Australia and our region.

- Inclusion of JAPP as an A* journal will encourage future international dissemination and recognition of high quality Australian accounting research that has strong policy relevance.

The ANU Research School of Accounting and Business Information Systems strongly recommends the upgrade of JAPP from A to A*. 
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: APPENDIX CHECKLIST

The ABDC invites further supplementary and supporting information to be submitted by way of appendices.

QC11. What supplementary information are you supplying (by way of appendices) to support your submission?

The following documents are attached in support of this application (please tick boxes as relevant):

- [X] Appendix C1: List of Editorial Board Members
- [X] Appendix C2: Description and Scope of Journal
- [X] Appendix C3: Recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field
- [X] Appendix C4: Comparisons with existing rated journals
- [X] Appendix C5: Coverage in review articles
- [X] Appendix C6: Impact Factors: SSCI or others
- [X] Appendix C7: Other supporting documentation
- [X] Appendix C8: Signatory Details — in cases where there are more than one signatory to the submission, list all signatory names and their university or relevant affiliations (this appendix should articulate with the answer given to QC9 above).
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31 May 2013

Australian National University

Accounting Panel (1501)

RE: AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS DEANS COUNCIL
JOURNAL QUALITY LIST, 2013 REVIEW

Dear Panel members,

We are aware that our institutional submission duplicates points made in submissions by other parties. Unfortunately, the process for submitting reviews does not appear to allow for institutional submissions to be combined or to be attached to peak body submissions.

We are particularly concerned that accounting academics are substantially disadvantaged by the disparate under statement of the quality of accounting journals relative to many other disciplines, and particularly economics. It is our contention that, based on the treatment afforded other disciplines, accounting should have 8 to 10 journals identified as A*. However, we are sensitive to the fact that few accounting journals have enjoyed a long history of inclusion in citation ranking schemes, thus making it more difficult to compile objective evidence for ranking the journals.

We submit that all accounting journals with ISI 5-year impact factor greater than 1.0 are, prima facie, A* journals. For journals without 5-year impact factor scores, journals with 1-year scores greater than 1.0 that have demonstrated relevance to Australia and the region should be seriously considered for A* ranking.

On this basis, we identify three journals previously ranked as A that should be upgraded to A*. These are:

1. Auditing: Journal of Practice and Theory (5 year impact factor 1.51)
2. Management Accounting Research (no 5 year impact factor, 2011 impact factor of 1.333)
3. Journal of Accounting an Public Policy (no 5 year impact factor, 2011 impact factor 1.048)

Two other journals with high impact factors (Accounting Horizons and European Accounting Review) do not, we suggest, have sufficient demonstrated relevance to Australia and the region to be recognised as A* for Australian purposes. The Journal of Business Finance and Accounting is borderline (no 5 year impact factor 1.056, 2011 impact factor 0.689) and we have not made any submission in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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