FORM B: ABDC 2013 JOURNALS LIST REVIEW
RATING DOWNGRADE SUBMISSION

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT: FORM B is designed to formalise requests to the ABDC Journals Review Panel 2013 seeking a downgrade in rating of an academic journal which is currently included and rated in the ABDC 2010 list e.g. seeking a drop in rating from an "A" to a "B" journal. Please complete a separate form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type. Complete this form also, if there is a currently listed journal which you believe does not meet minimum research quality thresholds and should therefore be removed from the ABDC lists (e.g. because it is a "predatory" open access journal).

Journal Title: Journal of Law, Information and Science

QB1. FIELD of RESEARCH (FoR) PANEL to which this request is directed (tick one box only):
☐ 0806 Information Systems
☐ 1401-1499 Economics
☐ 1501 Accounting
☐ 1502 Finance
☐ 1503 Management
☐ 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
☐ 180105/1801025 Business and Taxation Law

QB2. WHAT ABDC 2013 RATING DO YOU PROPOSE FOR THIS JOURNAL?
☐ A* ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ remove from ABDC list

QB3. WHAT ABDC 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?
☐ A* ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

QB4. WHAT ERA 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?
☐ A* ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ not applicable

QB5. NOMINATE "THE BEST" COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in research quality): International Review of Law, Computers and Technology

QB6. JOURNAL INFORMATION
Editor’s Name: Dr Brendan Gogarty 
Institution: University of Tasmania
Web Address: http://www.jilisjournal.org/

NATURE OF SUBMISSION

QB7. 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

QB8. Primary submitter: BTL panel
Institutional Affiliation:

QB9. Are there other signatories to this submission? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)?
The BTL panel is of the view that this journal should be downgraded on the ABDC 2013 list from an "A" rated journal to a "B" rated journal.

We note that the journal was rated "C" by the College of Law Deans and by the Australian Research Council.

The editorial board of the journal does include eminent members (as does the comparator journal), however, the quality of the journal's content is not at the level expected of an "A" rated journal. Further, it is noted that whilst articles are subject to peer review, other invited content (including conference papers, book reviews etc as detailed in the attached information on the scope of the journal) appears not to be.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: APPENDIX CHECKLIST

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

QB11. 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):

- Appendix B1: List of Editorial Board Members
- Appendix B2: Description and Scope of Journal
- Appendix B3: Recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field
- Appendix B4: Comparisons with existing rated journals
- Appendix B5: Coverage in review articles
- Appendix B6: Impact Factors: SSCI or others
- Appendix B7: Other supporting documentation
- Appendix B8: 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 QB9 above).
A1: Editorial Board

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A2: Scope of journal

The Journal of Law, Information and Science (JLIS) is devoted to scholarly research, dialogue and debate about the intersection of law, science and technology.

Originally published in 1981 under the title "Journal of Law and Information Science", JLIS was one of the first journals to provide a forum for the consideration of problems generated in the legal sphere by computers and information systems. Its original mandate was to "expand understanding of the law in its relationship to modern technology".

In 2005 the title of the Journal was modified to its current form to reflect the maturity of information technology and its increasing integration into and overlap with the sciences. The expanded remit also reflected the originating founder's intent that the JLIS be dedicated to the discussion of legal issues relating to emerging science and technology (as information science once was).

Publication Frequency

The JLIS publishes all articles on its website once they have passed peer review and are copy edited. The Journal produces two general issues in print form per year. Print editions of the JLIS are distributed to most leading international law libraries.

Topic Areas

Examples of topics include articles on law and: artificial intelligence/expert systems; computers; intellectual property; genomics; nanotechnology; privacy; bioethics; electronic commerce. We also welcome articles describing the use of technologies for legal practice or teaching. The Editorial Board would invite any articles, book reviews, conference papers etc. on these areas or anything else that may be relevant to law, information and science to be submitted for possible publication.

The Journal favours articles with an oceanic or international focus.

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