**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 the Australasian Law Teachers Association

**QC1. 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

**QC2. WHAT ABDC 2013 RATING DO YOU PROPOSE FOR THIS JOURNAL?**

**QC3. WHAT ABDC 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?**

**QC4. WHAT ERA 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?**
- [ ] A*  [ ] A  [ ] B  [X] C  [ ] not applicable

**QC5. NOMINATE "THE BEST" COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in research quality):** Journal of the Australasian Tax Teachers Association

**QC6. JOURNAL INFORMATION**
- **Editor's Name:** Prof Dale Pinto
- **Institution:** Curtin University
- **Web Address:** http://www.alta.edu.au/jalta.aspx

**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:** BTL Panel

**Institutional Affiliation:**

**QC9. Are there other signatories to this submission?**  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)?
The BTL panel predicted this journal would be upgraded to a "B" rating. It is noted that this journal was rated "B" by the College of Law Deans in 2009. The panel supports and agrees with the submission by the Editor, Professor Dale Pinto (BTL_FC_F_004) as attached.
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):

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- Appendix C2: Description and Scope of Journal
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- A*
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- not applicable

QC5. NOMINATE "THE BEST" COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in research quality): Journal of the Australasian Tax Teachers Association 1832-911X

QC6. JOURNAL INFORMATION
Editor’s Name: Professor Dale Pinto
Institution: Curtin University

NATURE OF SUBMISSION

QC7. Primary submitter type (tick one box only)
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- Individual Submission

QC8. Primary submitter: Professor Dale Pinto, Editor-in-Chief
Institutional Affiliation: Curtin University Law School

QC9. Are there other signatories to this submission?  Yes  No
   If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)?
The request for a journal upgrade is based on the following:

- Strength of Editorial Board (please see Appendix C1)

- Quality of articles published (please see Appendix C2) including rejection rates

- Existence of the journal since 2008 - ie, it is an established publication

- Refereeing policy – All JALTA articles are subject to a double-blind peer review by specialists in the field as well as being subject to Editorial Board scrutiny, typesetting and proofreading to ensure compliance with the Australian Guide to Legal Citation (AGLC). JALTA satisfies the requirements to be regarded as peer reviewed as contained in current Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) Specifications (C1 Category).

- Benchmarking against similar journals - please refer to Appendix C4.
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Appendix C1

The Journal of the Australasian Law Teachers Association (JALTA) Editorial Board

Professor Dale Pinto, School of Business Law and Taxation, Curtin University of Technology
Professor Roman Tomasic, School of Law, University of South Australia
Professor Rosalind Mason, Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology
Professor Michael Adams, School of Law, University of Western Sydney
Associate Professor Helen Anderson, Melbourne Law School, The University of Melbourne
Emeritus Professor David Barker AM, Faculty of Law, University of Technology, Sydney
Dr Jennifer Corrin, TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland
Professor Stephen Graw, School of Law, James Cook University
Professor Michael Coper, ANU College of Law, Australian National University
Dr Michelle Sanson, School of Law, University of Western Sydney
Professor Maree Sainsbury, School of Law, University of Canberra
Associate Professor Alex Sims, Department of Commercial Law, University of Auckland
Dr John Hopkins, School of Law, University of Canterbury
Mr Sascha Mueller, School of Law, University of Canterbury
Mr Wayne Rumbles, Law School, University of Waikato
Appendix C2

Description and Scope of the Journal

The Journal of the Australasian Law Teachers Association (JALTA) is an electronic double blind peer reviewed journal. Established in 2008, JALTA is published annually and subsequent to the Association’s annual conference. It is common for each issue of JALTA to be based on a theme for which a specific call for papers will be made. JALTA includes scholarly works from ALTA’s special interest groups which range from Administrative Law to Revenue Law.

JALTA publishes articles of between 2,500-5,000 words in length, though articles that are longer than this limit may be considered for publication on a case-by-case basis by the Editor-in-Chief.

All submissions to JALTA are subject to double blind peer review by appropriate specialists in the field. JALTA satisfies the requirements to be regarded as peer reviewed as contained in current Higher Education Research Data Collection (HERDC) Specifications. JALTA also meets the description of a refereed journal as per current Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) categories.

The audience of JALAP includes scholars and as well as industry and government officials.

Articles have been published by noted local and international scholars as well as members of the legal profession – eg, Stephen Keim SC was published in the inaugural (2008) issue of JALTA.

The table on the next page summarises the rejection rates (which have been as high as 33%) as well as giving a breakdown of the referees’ status since the inception of the journal in 2008.
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Benchmarking against similar journals

The closest comparator journal to JALTA is the *Journal of the Australasian Teachers Association* (JATTA) which is ranked “B” and which has existed since 2005.

I am familiar with that journal as I have been the Editor-in-Chief of JATTA since its inception. The nature of the refereeing process, rejection rates, editorial board quality and types of articles and people who publish in JATTA is similar and on a par with JALTA. The main difference, in my view, is that while JATTA has been in existence for longer than JALTA, JALTA is now established having been in existence since 2008 and having now published over 100 refereed articles since 2008.

I therefore submit that a similar ranking to JALTA should be accorded to that of JATTA – ie “B” for the reasons noted.