



**AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS DEANS COUNCIL
JOURNAL QUALITY LIST
2013 REVIEW**

Overall Report

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Executive Summary

General Commentary

- The inaugural version of the ABDC Journal Quality List was released in 2008 and later updated in 2010.
- The aggregated 2010 ABDC list comprised 2,671 different journal titles, with A*: 5.5%; A: 19.5%; B: 27.6%; and C: 47.4% journals.
- In 2012, BARDSNet agreed that the list should be updated, with six key process principles: (a) transparency; (b) consistency; (c) independence; (d) external validation; (e) “business scope”; (f) incrementality.
- Process for 2013 Review:
 - Step 1: Appointment of chairs of each panel linked to primary field of research (FoR) codes.
 - Step 2: three to six members on each panel.
 - Step 3: Public call for submissions (May).
 - Step 4: Panel review of submissions (June-August), revised list created/exposed (early September) seeking public response.
 - Step 5: Responses reviewed by: (a) FoR chairs in conjunction with BARDSNet nominee; & (b) small group of “external” academics (Sept).
 - Step 6: Final list announced (Oct.), presented to the ABDC for endorsement (Nov.) and then made available via the ABDC web site.
- Primary FoR panel structure:
 - Information Systems (0806)
 - Economics (1401-1499)
 - Accounting (1501)
 - Finance (1502)
 - Management (1503)
 - Marketing/Tourism/Logistics (1504-07)
 - Business and Taxation Law (180105/1801025)
- Collectively, the review panel covers a broad cross-section of 27 highly qualified academics across all these fields (refer to Appendix A).
- As for the prior ABDC list, 4 quality rating categories are formally maintained:
 - **A***: highest quality category, indicatively representing the top 5-7% of the journals assigned to the given primary panel.
 - **A**: second-highest quality category, indicatively representing the next 15-25% of the journals assigned to the given primary panel.
 - **B**: third-highest quality category, indicatively representing the next 35-40% of the journals assigned to the given primary panel.
 - **C**: fourth-highest quality category, representing the remaining recognised quality journals assigned to the given primary panel.
- A detailed set of guidelines was prepared – “Instructions to Submitters” (refer to Appendix B).
- A primary criterion for adding journals not contained in the ABDC 2010 list is the “substantive business element” test, based on simple metrics e.g. > 50% of articles over 3 years written by business faculty or > 50% of articles over a recent 3-year period are of a business nature.
- In each FoR group there are a range of relevant journals either deemed NOT to reach the necessary quality threshold level e.g. including “predatory open-access” journals, or deemed to fail the “substantive business element test”. Such journals are excluded from the ABDC list.

- It was stressed to submitters that for any given recommended action, the QUALITY of a submission is far more important than the quantity of submissions.
- To be eligible, the submission must have emanated from "within" Australia or New Zealand (ANZ) and come from one of three relevant stakeholder groups (refer to Appendix B, Section 8 for details).
- Templates for submissions were designed to cover four scenarios leading to four alternative templates (forms): A – additions, B – downgrades (including de-listings), C – upgrades and D – transfers (refer to Appendix C, for blank templates). Each template/form comprises three pages:
 - Page 1: requesting key information relevant to the designated scenario
 - Page 2: Executive Summary (250 word limit i.e. one page)
 - Page 3: a check list for supplementary appendices.
- A summary of raw submission numbers logged for the 2013 review is given below (noting that there were several cases in which submitters used incorrect forms or submitted to incorrect panels or had invalid submissions):

	FORM A New	FORM B Downgrade	FORM C Upgrade	FORM D Change +	FORM D Change -	Total
0806 Information Systems	8	0	8	0	0	16
1401-1499 Economics	33	13	80	0	105	231
1501 Accounting	4	2	76	1	0	83
1502 Finance	31	0	27	6	2	66
1503 Management	61	1	135	1	5	203
1504-07 Marketing Tourism and Logistics	39	0	87	1	2	129
180105-25 Business Taxation and Law	8	5	25	0	0	38
	184	21	438	9	114	766

- Users of the list should take note that the purpose of the A* category is NOT to exclusively identify truly elite journals (the so-called "Tier 1" journals) for a given area of research. Indeed, in most cases Tier 1 journals are a small subset of the A* category. As such, a contentious issue in discussions across panel chairs, was the role/need for panels to make comment about which of their A* group are truly "Tier 1". It was agreed that, in accordance with the ABDC guidelines, no formal (fifth) category should be created. However, a minority of panels were keen to volunteer a view on Tier 1 journals for their group. Since such voluntary information falls outside the terms of reference set down by the ABDC/BARDsNet, such nomination of Tier 1 journals is not in any way endorsed by the ABDC.

- Another contentious issue was the treatment of “statistics” journals. Such journals were previously accommodated within the Economics panel, but this year’s panel felt uncomfortable continuing to “sponsor” them going forward. As clearly articulated in their report (see Appendix D2), the Economics panel recommend: (a) that the ABDC add another FoR to its list: 0401 as “Statistics” or “Business Statistics”, and (b) that this new FoR be populated with the statistics journals that are transferring out of the economics list, using the same journal ratings as assigned in the 2010 ABDC list.
- In summary, the new aggregated 2013 ABDC Journal Quality list comprises 2,598 different journal titles, with A*: 6.6%; A: 19.4%; B: 28.0%; and C: 45.9% journals. A disaggregated summary across the different FoR codes covered by this review is as follows:

FoR	Description	Total journals	A* %	A %	B %	C %
0806	Information systems	197	6.6%	19.8%	30.5%	43.1%
1401	Economic theory	30	13.3%	33.3%	30.0%	23.3%
1402	Applied economics	508	7.1%	15.7%	31.9%	45.3%
1403	Econometrics	33	18.2%	24.2%	18.2%	39.4%
1499	Other economics	110	0.9%	4.5%	24.5%	70.0%
1501	Accounting, Auditing & Accountability	128	7.0%	14.9%	23.4%	54.7%
1502	Banking, Finance & Investment	184	6.0%	16.8%	28.3%	48.9%
1503	Business & Management	765	7.0%	22.0%	23.9%	47.1%
1504	Commercial services	91	4.4%	14.3%	39.6%	41.8%
1505	Marketing	145	6.9%	17.9%	29.0%	46.2%
1506	Tourism	59	6.8%	18.6%	35.6%	39.0%
1507	Transportation & Freight services	56	7.1%	17.9%	37.5%	37.5%
180105	Commercial & Contract law	244	6.2%	31.2%	26.6%	36.0%
180125	Taxation law	48	4.1%	18.8%	29.2%	47.9%
All	All	2,598	6.6%	19.4%	28.0%	45.9%

- Suggested improvements for future reviews of the ABDC journal list:
 - Create a fully online process, with inbuilt compliance checks
 - Create a new 5th scenario and associated proforma for journal “de-listings”
 - Convene a new panel to maintain the “0104” Statistics list
- Appendix D provides detailed individual Panel reports.

A FINAL WARNING: Users of the ABDC list should take note that panels are generally of the view that within any given rating category there is considerable variability in the average quality between the (unidentified) marginal journals located at either end of the category. This underscores the widely held view that, like any journal list, the ABDC list should only ever be used as a rough guide (or filter) for assessing likely publication quality. **Journal lists should be a starting point only.** Ultimately, there is no substitute for assessing the quality of individual articles on a case by case basis – no journal list, regardless of how meticulously it is derived, can ever usurp this role. Like any inherently harmless device, if used (abused) in a way that was never intended by the creators, journal lists can become dangerous weapons! Users beware!

Executive Summary

Panel-specific Commentary

Information Systems (0806)

- Full details regarding the Information Systems (INS) Panel review are given in Appendix D1.
- A total of 15 submissions were received by the INS Panel.
- Four submissions received recommended journal rankings the same as the current ranking.
- Of the total submissions, seven cases recommended “new” journals be added to this list and, after due deliberation, all of the new journals were endorsed by our panel. In addition, the panel initiated 68 new journals for inclusion in the list, informed by the Australasian Councils of Heads and Professors of Information Systems (ACPHIS) list.
- Of the total submissions, there were no recommendations for downgrading or delisting of journals. However, the panel initiated 18 downgrades of journals and 49 de-listings, informed by the ACPHIS list.
- Of the total submissions, eight cases recommended upgrading of journals and, after due deliberation, four of these upgrades are endorsed by our panel. One journal was mis-assigned. In addition, the panel initiated 30 upgrades of journals, informed by the ACPHIS list.
- Of the total submissions, there were no recommendations for transfer of journals into or out of this panel.
- In its deliberations, this panel also considered the question of the truly elite Tier 1 journals, as relevant to the researchers in the discipline area(s) covered by our panel. Accordingly, the panel agreed there would not be any journals assigned a ranking higher than A*. The rationale being that ACPHIS have not considered such a change and it is not appropriate for our panel at this stage to propose such a change without their consideration. This may be discussed in the future.
- Summary distribution of ratings relevant to this panel: a comparison across categories in the 2010 ABDC list versus the 2013 draft list is given below.

	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	12	6.9%	13	6.6%
A	22	12.6%	39	19.8%
B	43	24.6%	60	30.5%
C	98	56.0%	85	43.1%
	175	100%	197	100.0%

Economics (1401-1499)

- Full details regarding the Economics (ECO) Panel review are given in Appendix D2.
- 217 submissions were considered by the ECO Panel, of which several made the same recommendations.¹ There were 193 distinct submissions. The panel also made 358 suggestions.
- Of the total distinct submissions, 25 cases recommended “new” journals be added to this list and, after due deliberation, 16 of these new journals are endorsed by our panel. The panel also made 106 suggestions for new journals, bringing the total number of recommended additions to 122. A total of 91 of these journal additions are brought in at “C” rating, while 5, 2, 24 are brought in with A*, A, B ratings, respectively.
- Of the total distinct submissions, 12 cases recommended downgrading of journals and, after due deliberation, 7 downgrades are endorsed by our panel. The panel also suggested 5 downgrades, bringing the total number of recommended downgrades to 12.
- Of the total distinct submissions, 57 cases recommended upgrading of journals and, after due deliberation, 25 of these upgrades are endorsed by our panel. The panel also suggested 19 upgrades, bringing the total number of recommended upgrades to 44.
- Of the total distinct submissions, 97 cases recommended transfer of journals out of this panel and, after due deliberation, 95 of these “outgoing” are endorsed by our panel. The panel also suggested 228 transfers out, bringing the total number of recommended transfers out to 323.
- In its deliberations, this panel also considered the question of the truly elite Tier 1 journals, as relevant to the researchers in the discipline area(s) covered by our panel. Accordingly, the panel agreed that the following journals, a subset of the A* category, constitute this Tier 1 Grouping:

American Economic Review; Econometrica; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Journal of Political Economy; Review of Economic Studies; Journal of Monetary Economics; Journal of Economic Theory; Journal of Econometrics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Economic Journal.

- Summary distribution of ratings relevant to this panel: a comparison across categories in the 2010 ABDC list versus the 2013 draft list is given below

	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	49	5.4%	47	6.9
A	183	20.2%	103	15.1
B	291	32.1%	204	30.0
C	384	42.3%	327	48.0
	907	100.0%	681	100.0%

¹ In the ECO report, we will use following meanings for the following words:

"Submissions" refer to the files sent to the ABDC from across Australia.

"Distinct submissions" refer to the particular changes indicated through the submissions. (In several cases, several different submissions referred to the same suggested changes.) Thus, the number of "distinct submissions" is smaller than the number of "submissions".

"Suggestions" are suggested changes that come from the panel itself, which do not have submissions associated with them.

Accounting (1501)

- Full details regarding the Accounting (ACC) Panel review are given in Appendix D3.
- The ACC Panel considered a total of 83 submissions, related to 50 journals. In addition, based on a perusal of databases, the Panel added 17 new journals (editorial boards, etc. for each journal are provided).
- Of the total submissions, four cases recommended 'new' journals be added to this list and, after due deliberation, all of these new journals are endorsed by our Panel. Furthermore, three of these journal additions are brought in at C rating, while one is brought in with B rating. The Panel also added 17 new journals (13 at C, 3 at B, 1 at A).
- Of the total submissions, two cases recommended downgrading of journals and, after due deliberation, there are no downgrades endorsed by the Panel.
- Of the total submissions, 76 cases recommended upgrading of journals (related to 43 journals, i.e., there were up to 11 different requests for one journal; on the other hand some journals gave one submission but it was supported by multiple academics). After due deliberation, 34 of these journal upgrades are endorsed by our Panel (related to 15 journals: three increases from A to A*; two increases from B to A; 10 increases from C to B).
- Of the total submissions, one case recommended transfer of a journal into this Panel and, after due deliberation, this was endorsed by our Panel. One journal was suggested for an upgrade from A to A* but was not in the accounting list. The Panel did not consider it to be an accounting journal and did not ask to have it added to the list.
- In its deliberations, this Panel also considered the question of the truly elite Tier 1 journals, as relevant to the researchers in the discipline area(s) covered by our Panel. There is limited controversy internationally on what are the Top-6 journals in accounting. Accordingly, the Panel agreed that the following journals, a subset of the A* category, constitute this Tier 1 Grouping: Journal of Accounting Research, The Accounting Review, Journal of Accounting and Economics, Accounting, Organizations and Society, Contemporary Accounting Research and Review of Accounting Studies. The Panel also notes that these were the six A* journals in 2010. There are differences in quality even within this list. Overall, there are big differences between the top and bottom journal in each category, with regard to impact, type of article (e.g., note, teaching case), etc. We believe care must be taken not to over-rely on categorization.
- Summary distribution of ratings relevant to this Panel: a comparison across categories in the 2010 ABDC list versus the 2013 draft list is given below.

	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	6	5.6	9	7.0
A	19	17.8	19	14.9
B	17	15.9	30	23.4
C	65	60.7	70	54.7
	107	100.0	128	100.0

Finance (1502)

- Full details regarding the Finance (FIN) Panel review are given in Appendix D4.
- A total of 72 submissions were considered by the FIN Panel.
- Of the total submissions, 31 cases recommended “new” journals be added to this list and, after due deliberation, 30 of these new journals are endorsed by our panel (A*: 2 case; A: 1 case; B: 4 cases; C: 23 cases).
- Of the total submissions, there were no cases recommending a downgrade of journals and, after due deliberation, this is endorsed by our panel.
- Of the total submissions, 35 cases recommended upgrading of journals and, after due deliberation, 16 of these upgrades are endorsed by our panel (A*: 2 cases; A: 3 cases; B: 11 cases).
- Of the total submissions, 5 cases recommended transfer of journals into this panel and, after due deliberation, all 5 of these “incoming” are endorsed by our panel (A*: 1 case; A: 3 cases; B: 1 case).
- Of the total submissions, 1 case recommended transfer of journals out of this panel and, after due deliberation, this “outgoing” journal is endorsed by our panel.
- Summary distribution of ratings relevant to this panel: a comparison across categories in the 2010 ABDC list versus the 2013 draft list is given below:

	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	6	4.0%	11	6.0%
A	26	17.3%	31	16.8%
B	39	26.0%	52	28.3%
C	79	52.7%	90	48.9%
	150	100.0%	184	100.0%

Management (1503)

- Full details regarding the Management (MAN) Panel review are given in Appendix D5.
- A total of 194 submissions were received by the MAN Panel, including three that were originally considered by other panels. The majority of journals for which submissions were made received only a single submission. Twenty-nine journals received multiple submissions. There was a mix of individual and institutional submissions.
- Of the total submissions, 62 cases recommended “new” journals be added to this list. After due deliberation, 45 of these new journals were endorsed by our panel. Three journals were brought in with an A* rating; 16 were brought in with an A rating; 17 were brought in with a B rating and nine were brought in with a C rating.
- Of the total submissions, only one case recommended the downgrading of a journal and, after due deliberation, this submission was not endorsed by our panel.
- Of the total submissions, 126 cases recommended upgrading of journals. After due deliberation, 50 upgrades were endorsed by our panel. Our panel endorsed eight upgrades to A*, 25 upgrades to A and 17 upgrades to B. Of the total upgrades, one triple-rating upgrade and two double-rating upgrades were endorsed. Five submissions that made multiple-upgrade cases were endorsed in-part with single rating upgrades. In the case of two journals with multiple submissions, our panel sought the views of discipline experts external to the panel to ensure the robustness and integrity of the process.
- Of the total submissions, one case recommended the transfer of a journal into this panel but, after due deliberation, this transfer was not endorsed by our panel.
- Four submissions recommended transfer of journals out of this panel and, after due deliberation, all of these “outgoing” transfers were endorsed by our panel.
- The MAN panel further endorsed removal of 17 journals, where the journal content was deemed out of scope, the journal had insufficient English language content or the journal was a duplicate in error on the original list.
- In cases where a journal name has changed or a journal has subsumed another journal, both the original and changed names appear on the list.
- Summary distribution of ratings relevant to this panel: a comparison across categories in the 2010 ABDC list versus the 2013 draft list is given below:

	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	44	5.9%	54	7.0%
A	139	18.8%	168	22.0%
B	179	24.2%	183	23.9%
C	379	51.1%	360	47.1%
	741	100.0%	765	100.0%

Marketing/Tourism/Logistics (1504-07)

- Full details regarding the Marketing/Tourism/Logistics (MTL) Panel review are given in Appendix D6.
- A total of 128 submissions were received by the Marketing, Tourism and Logistics Panel.
- Of the total submissions, 39 recommended “new” journals (additions) were received by the panel. After due deliberation, 31 of these new journals were endorsed by our panel. The remaining journals were not considered to have a sufficient business orientation to be included in the ABDC list. Twenty two of these journal additions were given a “C” rating, eight were given a “B” rating, and one was given an “A” rating.
- None of the submissions recommended a downgrade of a journal. However, after due deliberation, eight downgrades were suggested by our panel (four in 1504, 1 in 1506 and 3 in 1507), as it was clear these journals did not fit well with the other journals in their original rating group.
- Eighty seven cases recommended an upgrade of a journal and, after due deliberation, 75 upgrades were endorsed by our panel (21 in 1504, 25 in 1505, 17 in 1506 and 12 in 1507), although not all were from specific external submissions, as the panel considered all of the journals in the various FOR groups in its deliberations.
- One journal was recommended for transfer into this panel (from 1502 to 1504) and, after due deliberation, was endorsed by our panel. It is worth noting that we believe a number of the distribution channel journals (e.g. “Supply Chain Management Review”) would fit more logically in 1507 than in 1504, where they are currently located. Thus some internal changes were also made within the FORs in this panel to make things more consistent (e.g. all of the leisure journals were put into the 1504 FOR).
- There were no recommended transfers of journals out of this panel. However, it should be noted that one submission was received recommending that the “Journal of Tourism Studies” be deleted from the records as the journal no longer exists. This journal has been duly delisted.
- A Summary distribution of ratings relevant to this panel that compares the 2010 list with the 2013 draft list can be seen in the table below.

	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	13	4.1%	22	6.3%
A	45	14.1%	60	17.1%
B	99	30.9%	120	34.2%
C	163	50.9%	149	42.5%
	320	100.0%	351	100.0%

Business and Taxation Law (180105/1801025)

- Full details regarding the Business and Taxation Law (BTL) Panel review are given in Appendix D7.
- The BTL Panel was responsible for 2 fields of research (FoR) namely commercial and contract law 180105 (LAW) and taxation law 180125 (TAX).
- A total of 38 submissions related to 32 journals were received by the BTL Panel.
- Submissions were received from:
 - institutions (19 in total, 18 from UNSW; 1 from the University of Sydney);
 - peak bodies (9 in total, all from the Australasian Tax Teachers Association (ATTA)); and
 - individuals (10 in total, 3 being editors of the relevant journal).
- Of the total submissions, 8 submissions recommended “new” journals (relating to 6 journals: 3 LAW and 3 TAX) be added to this list and, after due deliberation, 5 new journals (2 LAW and 3 TAX) are endorsed by our panel and all are brought in at “C” rating. The remaining submission (LAW: International Journal of Law and Management) was, based on a review of its content, referred to the MAN Panel for consideration.
- Of the total submissions, 5 submissions (relating to 4 journals: 1 LAW and 3 TAX) recommended downgrading (or delisting) of journals and, after due deliberation, 2 (TAX) downgrades are endorsed by our panel. In addition, our panel initiated cases for the downgrading of 4 LAW journals. This was considered necessary to more accurately reflect their quality given the underlying philosophy of the rating categories as prescribed.
- Of the total submissions, 25 submissions (relating to 22 journals: 11 LAW; 10 TAX and 1 belonging to another FoR) recommended upgrading of journals and, after due deliberation, 7 of these upgrades are endorsed by our panel. One submission (Fiscal Studies) was referred to the correct panel (ECO) for consideration.
- 2 duplications on the 2010 list were removed (Intertax: International Tax Review; and Common Law World Review).
- Of the total submissions, no cases recommended transfer of journals into this panel. Of the total submissions, no cases recommended transfer of journals out of this panel.
- Summary distribution of ratings relevant to this panel: a comparison across categories in the 2010 ABDC list versus the 2013 draft list is given below followed by a reconciliation of transfers. A comparison across these same categories by each field of research is provided in the body of the BTL report (refer to Appendix D7).

	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	17	5.9%	17	5.8%
A	86	29.8%	85	29.1%
B	78	27.0%	79	27.1%
C	108	37.3%	111	38.0%
	289	100.0%	292	100.0%

Appendices

Appendix A

ABDC Journal Review Panels 2013

Overall Chair: Robert Faff

0806 Info Systems

Julie Fisher (chair)	Monash University
John Lamp	Deakin University
Deborah Bunker	University of Sydney

1401-1499 Economics

Ian King (Chair)	University of Melbourne
Simon Grant	University of Queensland
David Harris	Monash University
Rodney Falvey	Bond University
Alan Woodland	University of NSW

1501 Accounting

Ken Trotman (Chair)	University of NSW
Naomi Soderstrom	University of Melbourne
Peter Clarkson	University of Queensland

1502 Finance

Robert Faff (Chair)	University of Queensland
Steve Easton	University of Newcastle
Carole Commerton-Forde	University of Melbourne

1503 Management

Ingrid Nielson (Chair)	Monash University
Neal Ashkanasy	University of Queensland
Bob Cavana	Victoria University of Wellington
Gavin Jack	La Trobe University
Vikas Kumar	University of Sydney
Adrian Wilkinson	Griffith University

1504-07 Marketing Tourism Logistics

Geoff Soutar (Chair)	University of Western Australia
Chandana Hewge	Swinburne University of Technology
Geoffrey Couch	La Trobe University
Janet McColl- Kennedy	University of Queensland

180105-1801025 Business and Taxation Law

Margaret McKerchar (Chair)	University of NSW
Kerrie Sadiq	Queensland University of Technology
Vince Morabito	Monash University

Appendix B

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Instructions to Submitters

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BACKGROUND²

1. History of the ABDC Journal List

To consider the most appropriate process for reviewing the ABDC Journal Quality List, it is important to understand how the existing list was created and subsequently modified. The existing list is widely used, whether in its exact form or with modifications deemed appropriate via individual schools. There is also significant anecdotal evidence that Business Schools outside of Australia and New Zealand find the ABDC Journal List to be of use. The fact that the list is widely used gives credibility to the suggestion that although not perfect, it at least serves as a useful starting point for certain discussions regarding research output evaluation. It also suggests that some caution may be warranted in making any significant changes to the scope of coverage.

In 2007 the Australian Business Deans Council determined that it would establish a Journal Quality List for the use of its members. While the Council accepted that it was impossible to establish a journal list that would meet with the full agreement of all interested parties given the diversity of subjective opinion that surrounds academic journal quality, the Council nonetheless recognized that there were benefits from establishing a journal list. There was a growing proliferation of journal lists internationally and various Council members were using different lists for internal purposes.

A review of international journal lists was undertaken and it was agreed that an Australian Business Deans list was required as there were shortcomings in the available international lists. These shortcomings included regional biases, insufficient coverage of Australian journals, too heavy an emphasis on some criteria that worked against specific disciplines, and lack of consensus of a definitive list.

The development of the initial ABDC Journal Quality List was undertaken by a disciplinary representative working group under the leadership of the ABDC subgroup of Associate Deans of Research (BARDsNET). The subsequent list was ratified by the Council and published in early 2008. It was agreed that the ABDC Journal List should not be revised for two years to allow members an opportunity to become familiar with the list and to provide some certainty over journal ratings. The Council agreed to review the list after two years.

During the course of 2008 and 2009, a feedback mechanism allowed interested parties to provide commentary on the ABDC Journal List. Over 200 items of feedback were received. Approximately half of this feedback related to incorrect journal titles, inactive journals, matters of fact relating to journal identity and disciplinary classification. These corrections were subsequently made to the list. The remaining items of feedback entered the review process.

² The first four sections of this document were prepared by Professor Stephen Taylor, BARDsNet Chair, incorporating material already available on the ABDC web-site.
ABDC Journal Quality List – 2013 Review: Overall Report

Toward the end of 2009, the ABDC advised that it was undertaking a review of the ABDC Journal List. The first stage of the review involved establishing a panel of 17 discipline experts who reviewed the existing ABDC Journal List. The experts were given latitude to exercise their judgment. Criteria to be considered included:

- Relative standing of the journal in other recognized lists (such as the Association of Business Schools)
- Citation metrics
- International standing of the editorial board
- Quality of peer-review processes
- Track record of publishing influential papers
- Sustained reputation
- Influence of publications in the journal in relation to hiring, tenure and promotion decisions.

A draft ABDC Journal List was released in December 2009 for public comment. The list was sent to all Council member business schools and faculties, professional and academic associations, international business schools that were known to be using the list, and publishers. In addition, the list was made public on the ABDC website. The exposure period was two months.

Of note, from the feedback items that concerned the rating category of journals that were received during 2008 and 2009, most of these were no longer a relevant input to the review as the expert reviewers had produced a draft list that agreed with the commentary. The remaining feedback items were then treated as submissions on the draft list. Almost 1,000 items of feedback were received on the draft ABDC Journal Quality List.

The submissions were grouped according to type. Submissions broadly fell into four categories:

1. Incorrect journal details (title, ISSN)
2. Incorrect field of research classification
3. Missing and expired journal titles
4. Debate over journal rating.

Questions over journal rating were the most contentious matters. In around 90% of cases, submissions concerning journal rating were made for an upward re-rating of journal titles.

The journal rating questions were dealt with through the following process:

- Initial assessment was made by reference to comparable journals in the specific discipline; relying mainly on citation metrics and other reputable journal quality lists. In some cases, the submissions were judged as lacking sufficient evidence to take the case further.
- Where submissions were judged to be reasonable, specific cases were referred to a new group of discipline experts who made a recommendation.
- Where possible, the expert recommendations were compared to an existing disciplinary list from a recognized discipline association for alignment.

A revised list was subsequently produced. Before publication, this list was referred to a panel of 10 disciplinary experts selected because of their experience and standing to make comparisons across broad disciplinary groups. The final panel of 10 experts were instructed to make a “sanity check”. This final review resulted in only a handful of amendments.

The 2010 review relied on disciplinary opinion to classify journals rather than following any existing journal-FoR mapping. There was also a deliberate attempt to minimize the number of titles appearing in “other” categories.

The list was developed for the purpose of serving ABDC members. While it is inevitable that other parties outside of the ABDC use the list, marginal decisions regarding journal classifications have typically been made slanted to the interests of the members of the ABDC.

Perhaps the most significant departure of the 2010 list from the 2008 list was the removal of the interdisciplinary category. However, many of these journals did not disappear from the list altogether. Rather, journals previously listed as interdisciplinary (which might more accurately be termed multi-disciplinary) were re-coded under a field of research code that aligns with the type of academic areas likely to publish in such journals. For example, actuarial science appears under Banking Finance & Investment (FoR: 1502); applied psychology appears under Business & Management (FoR: 1503).

Some inter-disciplinary titles were removed as they appeared elsewhere on other discipline lists. It was thought to be unhelpful to have journal titles appearing on multiple lists with different ratings. Hence, where journal titles appeared in other subject areas (eg education, psychology, history), they were left off the ABDC list.

There is little doubt that most journal lists are biased against new journals, mainly on the basis that they have not had sufficient time to be listed under citation databases or gain sufficient citations which occurs with the passage of time. However, in revising the list, attention was paid to those journals that are on a particularly steep upward trajectory, and where appropriate there was some extrapolation made of future trajectory. Hence, the 2010 list has sought to mitigate against new journal bias.

A handful of Australian based journals were judged to be of high quality but suffered from small readerships and hence did not fare as well as some of their international counterparts in metric contests such as citations. In such cases when the expert feedback indicated a marginal rating decision (ie. falling in-between two rating categories), the journal was rated into the upper category.

Statistics on the 2010 list (i.e., the current version) are produced below. Note that the disciplinary groupings follow the Australian standard classification of Field of Research code (FoR). Further details on FoR can be found at: www.abs.gov.au.

FoR	Description	Total journals	A* %	A %	B %	C %
All	All	2671	5.5	19.5	27.6	47.4
0806	Information systems	175	6.9	12.6	24.6	56.0
1401	Economic theory	29	13.8	27.6	31.0	27.6
1402	Applied economics	602	3.5	15.3	33.2	48.0
1403	Econometrics	119	14.3	29.4	29.4	26.9
1499	Other economics	157	4.5	30.6	29.9	35.0
1501	Accounting, Auditing & Accountability	107	5.6	17.8	15.0	61.7
1502	Banking, Finance & Investment	150	4.0	17.3	26.0	52.7
1503	Business & Management	741	5.9	18.8	24.2	51.1
1504	Commercial services	57	0.0	14.4	38.6	47.4
1505	Marketing	117	6.0	12.8	30.8	50.4
1506	Tourism	79	3.8	15.2	31.6	49.4
1507	Transportation & Freight services	49	6.1	20.4	18.4	55.1
1599	Other commerce	0	-	-	-	-
180105	Commercial & Contract law	243	6.2	32.1	25.9	35.8
180125	Taxation law	46	4.3	17.0	31.9	46.8

2. Planning a Review for 2012-2013: BARDSNet feedback

Clearly, a credible journal list must be consistently updated. This can occur via either a static process (i.e., a periodic review) or via a more dynamic process which allows for relatively constant adjustment. As the ABDC journal list has not been updated since 2010, it was agreed at the first 2012 meeting of BARDSNet that the list should be updated (at least initially in a static manner) and that the process for this updating should satisfy a number of key conditions, namely;

- The process should be transparent. There was wide consensus that a key determinant of the credibility of a journal ranking list is the transparency of the process by which rankings are determined. Two key aspects of transparency discussed were with respect to who makes the decisions (i.e., the identity of those deciding rankings and classifications as well as the ability of individuals to be considered for such roles) and the information on which changes and adjustments are made (i.e., the basis on which rankings changes occur, namely the submissions made to the decision making group).
- The basis on which submissions are made should be consistent: BARDSNet members suggested that all submissions for change should be made on a standard template. This template should clarify the source of the submission and the evidence on which changes are suggested.
- The review process should have independent leadership: It was suggested by several BARDSNet members that the review process (how ever exactly structured) should have a chair who is independent of the BARDSNet executive and the ABDC Council. This was viewed as giving more credibility to the process and some “arms-length” from the overseeing organization.
- External validation should occur: For maximum credibility it was suggested that the final journal list should have some form of external review, most likely by academics not located in Australian and New Zealand Business Schools.

- Scope should be restricted: As the table above indicates, the current list includes journals in all major business disciplines (FoRs 1501-1599), as well as economics (FoRs 1401-1403 and 1499) and certain areas of law (FoRs 180105 and 180125) plus information systems (FoR 0806). There was some discussion over whether the list should be reduced in scope or not, but very little enthusiasm for any expansion.
- The existing Journal List has been widely acknowledged as credible, so the review process should not dismantle what is presently in place but rather build on it.

With these factors in mind, it was agreed that there was most definitely a need for a review of the journal list, and that a process should be put to the BARDeNet group for discussion and approval which could then be presented to the ABDC for support.

3. Process for 2013 Review agreed by ABDC and BARDeNet

The process for reviewing the ABDC Journal List will proceed in a manner designed to explicitly recognize the feedback summarized above:

- **Step 1:** Appointment of Journal List “Guardians”: A call will be issued for nominations for Chairs of each primary FoR “panel” (although it may not be necessary to have a separate nominee for each of the primary economics codes). These nominations will be submitted to the BARDeNet executive for discussion and approval by the ABDC Executive. Nominations should simply be a brief statement of background and a CV. From among this group one person will be selected as chair of the “Guardians”. It is expected that each member of this group will be a senior academic located in either an Australian or New Zealand Business School and who would also be free of major editorial conflicts of interest (e.g. they will not be a managing editor of a journal, but may have other editorial roles).
- **Step 2:** Following the appointment of chairs for each panel there will be a call for nominations to each panel. As far as possible, panel members should be free of major editorial conflicts of interest. There will be typically no more than three to five members of any one panel. ECRs with appropriate experience may also nominate. Nominations will be reviewed by the BARDeNet executive in conjunction with the chair of the “Guardians” (in all cases) and the relevant panel chair. The names of the members of each panel will be publicly available.
- **Step 3:** A public call for submissions will be made via the Deans of Australian and New Zealand Business Schools. The call for submissions will also be placed on the ABDC web site (by which means the submission process would be accessed). Submissions are encouraged from universities and associations, but will also be accepted from individuals. The current journal list and FoR classifications will form the basis of the journals and classifications to be ranked. Criteria for adding journals not contained in ABDC 2010 include that they contain a substantive business element (evidenced by >50% of articles over 3 years written by business faculty; or >50% of articles over 3 years being of a business nature). Alternatively, a journal can be removed from the list if it does not contain a substantive business element. All

submissions are to be made on condition they will be publically available. If a decision is made not to accept a submission (for reasons such as making this submission publicly available may create a legal liability for the ABDC) then it will not be made publically available.

- **Step 4:** Submissions will be reviewed by the relevant FoR panel and then the revised list for each FoR will be forwarded to the Chair of Guardians, who will review the overall outcomes and summarize before forwarding to the BARDSNet executive for review. Once approved the revised list will be exposed via the ABDC web-site to allow responses.
- **Step 5:** Responses will be reviewed by the FoR chairs in conjunction with a nominee from the BARDSNet executive. The draft list will also be reviewed by a small group of external (i.e., outside Australia and New Zealand) academics to be identified by the BARDSNet executive and approached on behalf of the ABDC. Suggestions for changes to the rankings from the external review will be evaluated by the Guardians.
- **Step 6:** The final revised list will be presented to the ABDC for endorsement and will be made available via the ABDC web site.

4. Proposed Timeline

- **Step 1:** Appointment of Panel Chairs/Guardians: Nominations open February 6 and close February 28, with outcomes announced by March 15.
- **Step 2:** Call for nominations to Panels opens March 15 and closes April 10, with outcomes announced April 19.
- **Step 3:** Call for submissions opens May 1, closes May 31.
- **Step 4:** Submissions reviewed during June-July, with draft list announced July 31. The ABDC will provide funding to enable each expert panel to meet face-to-face once, as well as for the Guardians to meet with the BARDSNet executive to finalize the list.
- **Step 5:** Responses to the draft revised list open August 1, close August 31. External review also occurs between August 1 and August 31.
- **Step 6:** Final revised list announced September 1 and made available via ABDC web site.

5. Primary FoR Panel Structure

The overall review panel comprises **seven** sub-panels, based on a logical set of groupings of Field of Research (FoR) codes. The seven groups are:

0806:	Information Systems	(INS)
1401-1499:	Economics	(ECO)
1501:	Accounting	(ACC)
1502:	Finance	(FIN)
1503:	Management	(MAN)
1504-07:	Marketing/Tourism/Logistics	(MTL)
180105/1801025:	Business and Taxation Law	(BTL)

6. Underlying Philosophy and Indicative “definitions” of the Four Research Quality Rating Categories

The basic philosophy underlying the ABDC list is **first** to identify a broad set of quality journal outlets relevant to a given group of FoR category and to collectively recognise them as worthy targets of academic research endeavour (in contrast to those journals unlisted and unrated). The **second** leg of the process then involves partitioning this full set of quality journals into four mutually exclusive (and collectively exhaustive) rating categories labelled: A*; A; B and C. These quality rating categories are defined as follows:³

A*: this is the **highest** quality category, and indicatively represents approximately the top **5-7%** of the journals assigned to the given primary FoR panel.⁴

A: this is the **second** highest quality category, and indicatively represents approximately the **next 15-25%** of the journals assigned to the given primary FoR panel.

B: this is the **third** highest quality category, and indicatively represents approximately the **next 35-40%** of the journals assigned to the given primary FoR group.

C: this is the **fourth** highest quality category, and represents the remaining recognised quality journals assigned to the given primary FoR panel.

Unrated and unlisted journals: It should be noted that in each FoR group there will be a range of relevant journals deemed **NOT** to reach the **quality threshold** level to be classified as quality journal outlets e.g. including “predatory open-access” journals. Such journals will **not** be listed or rated in the ABDC list.

³ The percentages stated for each rating category are indicative only – moreover, individual FoR codes will exhibit some variation around the means assigned to the overall panel.

⁴ It should be noted that the purpose of the A* category is **NOT** to exclusively identify **Tier 1** journals for a given area of research – experts within each specific discipline are well-versed in making such judgements irrespective of the ABDC objectives. While such elite journals are an important component, the purpose of the A* group is to **augment** the Tier 1 group with the closest set of relevant journals that are nearest in quality to the Tier 1 group.

7. Some Key Considerations

- For the purposes of this review, the **ABDC 2010 journal list** is accepted as a firm foundation upon which to build. While the coverage in each panel list is open to relevant expansion, ratings assigned to journals in the 2010 list should be viewed as “**sticky**”, particularly in the downward direction. Suggested downgrades will attract particular careful scrutiny and the review process in Stage 5 (August 2013) will give ample opportunity for cases to be made against (or in support of) the proposed downgrade of any journal.
- Recognition that the **main purpose** of the ABDC list is to best serve the **interests** of the business-related academic community located in **Australia and New Zealand** (ANZ). Thus, where multiple competing objectives of/uses for the list might lead to conflict, the **over-riding ANZ focus** will take **precedence**.
 - Achieve an efficient and effective process for submitters and assessor panels
 - Minimise information overload
 - Minimise information duplication
 - Minimise irrelevant information
 - Focus on objective information
 - Avoid overlap of lists – assign unique journal “ownership”
 - For any given journal, the **QUALITY** of submissions⁵ is far more important than the quantity of submissions – like-minded submitters are **STRONGLY** encouraged to submit a **single joint submission**.

⁵ “Quality” in this context predominantly refers to the collective strength and persuasiveness of the arguments/evidence submitted in support of the action requested. Of course, the care and presentational quality that the submission displays is also important.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

8. Eligibility for making Submissions

To be **eligible**, the submission must emanate from "within" Australia or New Zealand (ANZ) and come from one of **three** relevant stakeholder groups:

- (1) an official submission from a **Business School/Faculty** located in ANZ, or from a non-business school or faculty located in ANZ deemed to have a legitimate interest in the FoR codes covered by the ABDC list;
- (2) a submission from a relevant **Peak Body** representing ANZ academics (where such a body is primarily located in ANZ);
- (3) a submission from an **individual academic or groups** of like-minded academics with formal affiliation(s) to a university(ies) based in ANZ (NB: each signatory must have a relevant **minimum of 0.5 FTE** position).

The basic logic for such eligibility criteria is that the core purpose of the list to serve relevant academic "needs" within the Australian and New Zealand setting (which won't necessarily coincide with considerations relevant in other country settings) **AND** recognition of the critical need to keep the workload of each panel reasonable and manageable.

9. A Summary of Scenarios and Proforma Templates

Draft templates for submissions are designed with the above considerations in mind and cover **four** distinct scenarios leading to four alternative templates (forms):

- **Scenario 1:** A relevant journal is missing from the ABDC 2010 list – complete **FORM A** (i.e. "addition to list" request).
- **Scenario 2:** A currently ABDC-rated journal is "over-rated" in the ABDC 2010 list – complete **FORM B** (i.e. "downgrade" request).
- **Scenario 3:** A currently ABDC-rated journal is "under-rated" in the ABDC 2010 list – complete **FORM C** (i.e. "upgrade" request).
- **Scenario 4:** A currently ABDC-rated journal is "mis-classified" in the ABDC 2010 list – complete **FORM D** (i.e. "reclassification" request, with scope here also for recommending a changed rating if desired).

Each template/form comprises **three pages**:

- **Page 1:** requesting key information relevant to the designated scenario
- **Page 2: Executive Summary** (250 word limit i.e. one page)
- **Page 3:** provides a **check list** for supplementary appendices that attach to the submission (allowing more detailed information to be documented).

10. Filling in FORM A: “New Academic Journal”

When should I use this Form?

- You should complete FORM A if you believe that a relevant journal is missing from the ABDC 2010 list.
- Previously unrated journals should only be nominated in this form where a clear case can be made for them (a) achieving a minimum “business element test” and (b) satisfying a minimum threshold of research quality.
- For example, there is a strong presumption that titles that fall into the recent wave of “predatory” open access journals should **not** be nominated.
- Please complete a **separate** form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type.

FORM A Guidelines for filling in Page 1:

Journal Title: type in the name of the journal that you wish to nominate.

QA1: simply place a check against the relevant primary FoR Panel.

QA2: simply place a check against the requested ABDC 2013 rating.

QA3: simply place a check against the relevant FoR Panel used by ERA 2010.

QA4: simply place a check against the appropriate ERA 2010 rating.

QA5: type in the name of a journal rated in the **ABDC 2010 list** and belonging to the same FoR code as selected in QA1 which, in your view, is the **nearest in academic quality** to the one that you have nominated as a new inclusion.

QA6: complete all the journal information as requested relating to your nominated new journal.

QA7: place a check in the box which appropriately describes the “primary” submitter. The primary submitter is the “lead” submitter in cases where a joint submission is being lodged by like-minded groups – the other parties to such a submission are described as “other signatories”.

QA8: type in the name of the primary submitter – be it a university institution name (e.g. “UQ Business School”); or an eligible Peak Body (e.g. “AFAANZ”); or an eligible individual (e.g. “Professor Fred Tuttle”). For submissions in which the primary submitter is an **individual** academic, that individual’s institutional affiliation should be typed in (e.g. “University of Sydney”).

QA9: If this submission represents other signatories apart from the primary submitter, then tick “yes”. Otherwise tick “no”. If yes, type in the total number of signatories including the primary submitter (e.g. if there are 6 other signatories plus the primary submitter, then type in “7”). **Please note:** for submissions which do involve “other signatories” you will need to lodge **Appendix A9** that provides the requested details of the other signatories (see below).

FORM A Guidelines for filling in Page 2 (QA10):

- Page 2 is designed to give you the opportunity to clearly and concisely make your best case for why the nominated journal should be included in the 2013 ABDC list **and** for why it should be rated at the level you nominated in answer to question **QA2**.
- A bullet-point style is encouraged – but not mandatory.
- The content of your **Executive Summary** should, where relevant, make brief reference to a particular appendix that contains further details underlying the key argument(s) e.g. "... Journals X, Y, Z are strong benchmarks for Journal A (App.A5)".

FORM A Guidelines for filling in Page 3 (Supplementary Information: Appendix Checklist):

The ABDC invites further supplementary and supporting information to be submitted by way of appendices. However, please note that: (a) FoR panels will be highly appreciative of those submissions that present **concise, focused and carefully crafted** material; and (b) you are strongly **encouraged** to collaborate with like-minded institutions/colleagues across the sector to create **single joint submissions**.

- **QA11:** tick the box which is appropriate. If your answers to QA1 and QA3 are the same, then tick the second box – in this case Appendix A1 is not needed. Otherwise, tick the first box – in this case Appendix A1 **MUST** be provided as part of your **full** submission.
- **QA12:** this question requires you tick whichever boxes are appropriate to your submission – in all cases that you tick, the designated appendices **MUST** be provided as part of your **full** submission.
- **Appendices A2 – A8:** are **optional** – it is entirely up to you which of these are important and need to be included in your full submission.
- **Appendix A9** is mandatory only for those submissions which involve "other signatories" (see QA9).

In your full submission:

- **Appendices A2, A3, A7 and A9:** are straightforward and require no further explanation.
- **Appendix A4:** covers recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field. The best example would be signed/dated letter(s) on official letterhead directly from the leading academic in question.
- **Appendix A5:** Comparisons with existing rated journals. Here you could nominate several journals e.g. 3-5 journals which you believe are highly comparable (in terms of their academic quality) to your nominated journal and you should give a brief justification how you identified these journals as appropriate "benchmark" journals e.g. based on citation analysis.
- **Appendix A6:** In many disciplines, review articles give high praise to select influential papers/journals and making reference to this might help make your case.
- **Appendix A8:** Other supporting documentation e.g. relative ratings of this journal given by other reputable journals lists or in reputable journal ranking/rating articles (please keep this concise and relevant).

11. Filling in FORM B: “Rating Downgrade”

When should I use this Form?

- You should complete FORM B if you believe that a currently ABDC-rated journal should be **downgraded** from its ABDC 2010 rating.
- 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).
- Please complete a **separate** form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type.

FORM B Guidelines for filling in Page 1:

Journal Title: type in the name of the journal that you wish to nominate.

QB1: simply place a check against the relevant primary FoR Panel.

QB2: simply place a check against the requested ABDC 2013 rating.

QB3: simply place a check against the appropriate ABDC 2010 rating.

QB4: simply place a check against the appropriate ERA 2010 rating.

QB5: type in the name of a journal rated in the **ABDC 2010 list** and belonging to the same FoR code as selected in QB1 which, in your view, is the **nearest in academic quality** to the one that you have nominated for downgrade.

QB6: complete the journal information as requested relating to your nominated new journal.

QB7: place a check in the box which appropriately describes the “primary” submitter. The primary submitter is the “lead” submitter in cases where a joint submission is being lodged by like-minded groups – the other parties to such a submission are described as “other signatories”.

QB8: type in the name of the primary submitter – be it a university institution name (e.g. “UQ Business School”); or an eligible Peak Body (e.g. “AFAANZ”); or an eligible individual (e.g. “Professor Fred Tuttle”). For submissions in which the primary submitter is an **individual** academic, that individual’s institutional affiliation should be typed in (e.g. “University of Sydney”).

QB9: If this submission represents other signatories apart from the primary submitter, then tick “yes”. Otherwise tick “no”. If yes, type in the total number of signatories including the primary submitter (e.g. if there are 6 other signatories plus the primary submitter, then type in “7”). **Please note:** for submissions which do involve “other signatories” you will need to lodge **Appendix B8** that provides the requested details of the other signatories (see below).

FORM B Guidelines for filling in Page 2 (QB10):

- Page 2 is designed to give you the opportunity to clearly and concisely make your best case for why the nominated journal should be **downgraded** in the 2013 ABDC list.
- A bullet-point style is encouraged – but not mandatory.
- The content of your **Executive Summary** should, where relevant, make brief reference to a particular appendix that contains further details underlying the key argument(s) e.g. "... Journals X, Y, Z are strong benchmarks for Journal A (App.B4)".

FORM B Guidelines for filling in Page 3 (Supplementary Information: Appendix Checklist):

The ABDC invites further supplementary and supporting information to be submitted by way of appendices. However, please note that: (a) FoR panels will be highly appreciative of those submissions that present **concise, focused and carefully crafted** material; and (b) you are strongly **encouraged** to collaborate with like-minded institutions/colleagues across the sector to create **single joint submissions**.

- **QB11:** this question requires you tick whichever boxes are appropriate to your submission – in all cases that you tick, the designated appendices **MUST** be provided as part of your **full** submission.
- **Appendix B8** is mandatory only for those submissions which involve "other signatories" (see QB9).
- for the scenario of a rating downgrade, **all** other appendices should be seen to be **optional** – you have total discretion over those that you choose to supply and those that you choose to ignore in your full submission.

In your full submission:

- **Appendices B1, B2, B6 and B8:** are straightforward and require no further explanation.
- **Appendix B3:** covers recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field. The best example would be signed/dated letter(s) on official letterhead directly from the leading academic in question.
- **Appendix B4:** Comparisons with existing rated journals. Here you could nominate several journals e.g. 3-5 journals which you believe are highly comparable (in terms of their academic quality) to your nominated journal and you should give a brief justification how you identified these journals as appropriate "benchmark" journals e.g. based on citation analysis.
- **Appendix B5:** In many disciplines, review articles give high praise to select influential papers/journals and making reference to this might help make your case.
- **Appendix B7:** Other supporting documentation e.g. relative ratings of this journal given by other reputable journal quality lists or in reputable journal ranking/rating articles; major recent changes to the editorial board; major recent changes in acceptance rates. Please keep the material included in this appendix concise and relevant.

12. Filling in FORM C: “Rating Upgrade”

When should I use this Form?

- You should complete FORM C if you believe that a currently ABDC-rated journal should be **upgraded** from its ABDC 2010 rating.
- Please complete a **separate** form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type.

FORM C Guidelines for filling in Page 1:

Journal Title: type in the name of the journal that you wish to nominate.

QC1: simply place a check against the relevant primary FoR Panel.

QC2: simply place a check against the requested ABDC 2013 rating.

QC3: simply place a check against the appropriate ABDC 2010 rating.

QC4: simply place a check against the appropriate ERA 2010 rating.

QC5: type in the name of a journal rated in the **ABDC 2010 list** and belonging to the same FoR code as selected in QC1 which, in your view, is the **nearest in academic quality** to the one that you have nominated for upgrade.

QC6: complete the journal information as requested relating to your nominated new journal.

QC7: place a check in the box which appropriately describes the “primary” submitter. The primary submitter is the “lead” submitter in cases where a joint submission is being lodged by like-minded groups – the other parties to such a submission are described as “other signatories”.

QC8: type in the name of the primary submitter – be it a university institution name (e.g. “UQ Business School”); or an eligible Peak Body (e.g. “AFAANZ”); or an eligible individual (e.g. “Professor Fred Tuttle”). For submissions in which the primary submitter is an **individual** academic, that individual’s institutional affiliation should be typed in (e.g. “University of Sydney”).

QC9: If this submission represents other signatories apart from the primary submitter, then tick “yes”. Otherwise tick “no”. If yes, type in the total number of signatories including the primary submitter (e.g. if there are 6 other signatories plus the primary submitter, then type in “7”). **Please note:** for submissions which do involve “other signatories” you will need to lodge **Appendix C8** that provides the requested details of the other signatories (see below).

FORM C Guidelines for filling in Page 2 (QC10):

- Page 2 is designed to give you the opportunity to clearly and concisely make your best case for why the nominated journal should be **upgraded** in the 2013 ABDC list.
- A bullet-point style is encouraged – but not mandatory.
- The content of your **Executive Summary** should, where relevant, make brief reference to a particular appendix that contains further details underlying the key argument(s) e.g. "... Journals X, Y, Z are strong benchmarks for Journal A (App.C4)".

FORM C Guidelines for filling in Page 3 (Supplementary Information: Appendix Checklist):

The ABDC invites further supplementary and supporting information to be submitted by way of appendices. However, please note that: (a) FoR panels will be highly appreciative of those submissions that present **concise, focused and carefully crafted** material; and (b) you are strongly **encouraged** to collaborate with like-minded institutions/colleagues across the sector to create **single joint submissions**.

- **QC11:** this question requires you tick whichever boxes are appropriate to your submission – in all cases that you tick, the designated appendices **MUST** be provided as part of your **full** submission.
- **Appendix C8** is mandatory only for those submissions which involve "other signatories" (see QC9).
- for the scenario of a rating upgrade, **all** other appendices should be seen to be **optional** – you have total discretion over those that you choose to supply and those that you choose to ignore in your full submission.

In your full submission:

- **Appendices C1, C2, C6 and C8:** are straightforward and require no further explanation.
- **Appendix C3:** covers recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field. The best example would be signed/dated letter(s) on official letterhead directly from the leading academic in question.
- **Appendix C4:** Comparisons with existing rated journals. Here you could nominate several journals e.g. 3-5 journals which you believe are highly comparable (in terms of their academic quality) to your nominated journal and you should give a brief justification how you identified these journals as appropriate "benchmark" journals e.g. based on citation analysis.
- **Appendix C5:** In many disciplines, review articles give high praise to select influential papers/journals and making reference to this might help make your case.
- **Appendix C7:** Other supporting documentation e.g. relative ratings of this journal given by other reputable journal quality lists or in reputable journal ranking/rating articles; major recent changes to the editorial board; major recent changes in acceptance rates. Please keep the material included in this appendix concise and relevant.

13. Filling in FORM D: “Change of FoR Panel”

When should I use this Form?

- You should complete FORM D if you believe that a currently ABDC-rated journal should **change** from its ABDC 2010 FoR Panel to different FoR Panel.
- Please complete a **separate** form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type.

FORM D Guidelines for filling in Page 1:

Journal Title: type in the name of the journal that you wish to nominate.

QD1: simply place a check against the relevant “new” primary FoR Panel.

QD2: simply place a check against the relevant “old” primary FoR Panel.

QD3: simply place a check against the requested ABDC 2013 rating.

QD4: simply place a check against the appropriate ABDC 2010 rating.

QD5: simply place a check against the appropriate ERA 2010 rating.

QD6: type in the name of a journal rated in the **ABDC 2010 list** and belonging to the same FoR code as selected in QD1 which, in your view, is the **nearest in academic quality** to the one that you have nominated for a change in FoR panel.

QD7: complete the journal information as requested relating to your nominated new journal.

QD8: place a check in the box which appropriately describes the “primary” submitter. The primary submitter is the “lead” submitter in cases where a joint submission is being lodged by like-minded groups – the other parties to such a submission are described as “other signatories”.

QD9: type in the name of the primary submitter – be it a university institution name (e.g. “UQ Business School”); or an eligible Peak Body (e.g. “AFAANZ”); or an eligible individual (e.g. “Professor Fred Tuttle”). For submissions in which the primary submitter is an **individual** academic, that individual’s institutional affiliation should be typed in (e.g. “University of Sydney”).

QD10: If this submission represents other signatories apart from the primary submitter, then tick “yes”. Otherwise tick “no”. If yes, type in the total number of signatories including the primary submitter (e.g. if there are 6 other signatories plus the primary submitter, then type in “7”). **Please note:** for submissions which do involve “other signatories” you will need to lodge **Appendix D8** that provides the requested details of the other signatories (see below).

FORM D Guidelines for filling in Page 2 (QD11):

- Page 2 is designed to give you the opportunity to clearly and concisely make your best case for why the nominated journal should have its assigned FoR Panel changed in the 2013 ABDC list.
- Make it clear whether you propose to retain the ABDC 2010 rating or that seek an “upgrade” or a “downgrade” – and in the latter two cases clearly justify the proposed rating change.
- A bullet-point style is encouraged – but not mandatory.
- The content of your **Executive Summary** should, where relevant, make brief reference to a particular appendix that contains further details underlying the key argument(s) e.g. “... Journals X, Y, Z are strong benchmarks for Journal A (App.D4)”.

FORM D Guidelines for filling in Page 3 (Supplementary Information: Appendix Checklist):

The ABDC invites further supplementary and supporting information to be submitted by way of appendices. However, please note that: (a) FoR panels will be highly appreciative of those submissions that present **concise, focused and carefully crafted** material; and (b) you are strongly **encouraged** to collaborate with like-minded institutions/colleagues across the sector to create **single joint submissions**.

- **QD12:** this question requires you tick whichever boxes are appropriate to your submission – in all cases that you tick, the designated appendices **MUST** be provided as part of your **full** submission.
- **Appendix D8** is mandatory only for those submissions which involve “other signatories” (see QD10).
- for the scenario of a rating upgrade, **all** other appendices should be seen to be **optional** – you have total discretion over those that you choose to supply and those that you choose to ignore in your full submission.

In your full submission:

- **Appendices D1, D2, D6 and D8:** are straightforward and require no further explanation.
- **Appendix D3:** covers recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field. The best example would be signed/dated letter(s) on official letterhead directly from the leading academic in question.
- **Appendix D4:** Comparisons with existing rated journals. Here you could nominate several journals e.g. 3-5 journals which you believe are highly comparable (in terms of their academic quality) to your nominated journal and you should give a brief justification how you identified these journals as appropriate “benchmark” journals e.g. based on citation analysis.
- **Appendix D5:** In many disciplines, review articles give high praise to select influential papers/journals and making reference to this might help make your case.
- **Appendix D7:** Other supporting documentation e.g. relative ratings of this journal given by other reputable journals lists or in reputable journal ranking/rating articles (please keep this concise and relevant).

14. Instructions for making a Submission

(1) Submissions to the 2013 Review of the ABCD journal quality list will only be **valid** and **only** be considered if they comply **FULLY** to all directives issued in this “Instructions to Submitters” document. Most critically, such compliance relates to (a) eligibility, as stated in Section 8 above and (b) the instructions listed below.

(2) **ALL** submissions should be fully word processed directly on the relevant form(s) as provided (i.e. **not** hand written, **not** copied into Word, **not** amended in any other way).

(3) Do **NOT** adjust the format of the 3-page form relating to each submission (e.g. once completed, each form should comply with the format as described in Section 9 above).

(4) Regarding **each** individual submission (i.e. relating to ONE journal), having identified the appropriate form (i.e. either “A”, “B”, “C”, or “D”), **2 files** must be lodged:

File #1: Completed 3-page form relevant to the submission (i.e. saved PDF)

File #2: One single consolidated file containing the **FULL** submission: i.e. completed 3-page proforma first **followed by** all relevant appendices (i.e. create one combined PDF file)⁶

(5) Lodge your submission by email to: journals@abdc.edu.au

(6) The email should:

- a. **Subject line** = “ABDC Journal List 2013 Review Submission: <<primary submitter name>>.x” (where “x” represents the “xth” submission you have made).

For example, say you are making a submission from UQ Business School and this is your 11th different submission, then the subject line in your email should state (please keep a careful summary record of your submissions as you make them):

“ABDC Journal List 2013 Review Submission: UQBS.11”

- b. **Attach** to the email, the 2 associated files relating to the given submission (as outlined in step (4) above).
- c. **Body** of the email should simply state the target FoR panel (i.e. INS, ECO, ACC, FIN, MAN, MTL or BTL), the Form submitted (A, B, C, or D) and the journal title relating to the submission.

For example, lets say you are submitting a Form C (i.e. upgrade) to the Information Systems Panel regarding the “Journal of BIS”. The body of the email should simply state:

“INS: Form C: Journal of BIS”

⁶ One way of creating a combined PDF file for full submissions is as follows. 1. Convert all files to PDF. 2. Open Adobe Acrobat Pro. 3. Select “Combine files in PDF”. 4. Drag and drop files into the window to add them. 5. Arrange them in the desired order: 3-page form first, followed by relevant appendices in numerical order. 6. Select the “Combine files” button.

- (7) An **automated reply** will be sent to you acknowledging receipt of your submission.
- (8) **Each** submission should be sent via a **separate** email.
- (9) Submissions **Open**: 3 May, 2013.
- (10) Submissions **CLOSE**: COB 31 May, 2013 (EST).

15. Further Inquiries

Please read the “Instructions to Submitters” very carefully before you proceed to extensively develop any possible submission. Considerable effort has been devoted to making the instructions fully self-contained and unambiguous. However, should you feel that there is any confusion around the requirements please follow the procedure and sequence stated below to gain assistance.

- (a) **Consult FAQ list**: an “FAQ” listing will be established and updated on the ABDC website. Please, in the **first instance**, consult the relevant web-page for this list to check that your question/query has not been adequately resolved there.
- (b) **Contact the ABDC Secretariat**: Should the FAQ listing not adequately resolve your query, please contact the ABDC secretariat – either by sending an email to:

journals@abdc.edu.au

OR by phoning Fiona Doyle (Executive Officer, ABDC) on:

02 6162 2970

PLEASE DO NOT contact any of the panel members directly or indirectly, since **ALL** queries **MUST** be handled **centrally** to ensure **consistency** and **correctness** in the advice given; and that such advice is conveyed in a **timely** fashion. Your compliance in this regard is greatly appreciated.

Should you disregard this directive, all panel members are instructed to give **no** advice and to immediately refer you to the above procedure. Please be respectful and understanding of such a response when it happens.

Appendix C

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS DEANS COUNCIL JOURNAL QUALITY LIST 2013 REVIEW

Proforma Templates

FORM A: ABDC 2013 JOURNALS LIST REVIEW
NEW ACADEMIC JOURNAL SUBMISSION

*** **PLEASE NOTE THAT:** FORM A is designed to formalise requests to the ABDC Journals Review Panel 2013 seeking the **inclusion** of an academic journal which is currently **omitted** from the **ABDC 2010** list. Previously unrated journals should only be nominated in this form where a clear case can be made for them (a) achieving a minimum "business element test" and (b) satisfying a minimum threshold of research quality. Please complete a **separate** form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type.

Journal Title: _____

QA1. 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

QA2. WHAT ABDC 2013 RATING DO YOU PROPOSE FOR THIS JOURNAL?

- A* A B C

QA3. IN ERA 2010, WHICH FoR GROUP WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?

- 0806 Information systems
 1401-1499 Economics
 1501 Accounting
 1502 Finance
 1503 Management
 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
 180105/1801025 Business and Taxation Law
 OTHER: please specify _____
 New journal not previously ranked

QA4. WHAT ERA 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?

- A* A B C not applicable

QA5. NOMINATE "THE BEST" COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in research quality): _____

QA6. JOURNAL INFORMATION

Publisher: _____

Frequency:

Current Volume: Current Issue: ISSN: First Year Published:

Refereed (please tick one): yes no

Editor's Name: Institution:

Web Address: _____

NATURE OF SUBMISSION

QA7. 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

QA8. Primary submitter: _____

Institutional Affiliation: _____

QA9. Are there other signatories to this submission? Yes No

If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)?

QA10. Executive Summary (250 words fully presented on this page only). In the space below succinctly highlight the most powerful elements of your case for **including** the designated new journal in the ABDC 2013 list and for the suggested **rating** given in **QA2**. Please use a “bullet point” style where possible.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: APPENDIX CHECKLIST

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

QA11. Mandatory “substantive business element test” (please tick one box only):

- Appendix A1:** Substantive business element test
You should provide:
- Simple metrics that demonstrate a substantive “business” element relating to the relevant FoR Panel e.g. > 50% of articles over 3 years written by business faculty or > 50% of articles over a recent 3-year period are of a business nature. For the purposes of this test, a research area is deemed to be “business” provided that it meaningfully relates to (at least) one of the FoR Panels established for the ABDC journal list review.
 - The Editorial Board list and clearly establish that many academics on the board have meaningful links to the relevant area of business-related research.
- ERA 2013 FoR code is the **same** as the requested FoR designation (i.e. answer for QA1 = QA3) – **Appendix A1 is NOT required.**

QA12. What supplementary information are you supplying (by way of appendices) to support your submission? (these appendices should be seen to be **optional** – you have discretion over those that you choose to supply and those that you choose to ignore).

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

- Appendix A2:** List of Editorial Board Members
 Appendix A3: Description and Scope of Journal
 Appendix A4: Recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field
 Appendix A5: Comparisons with existing rated journals
 Appendix A6: Coverage in review articles
 Appendix A7: Impact Factors: SSCI or others
 Appendix A8: Other supporting documentation
 Appendix A9: 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 QA8 above).

**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: _____

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): _____

QB6. JOURNAL INFORMATION

Editor's Name: _____

Institution: _____

Web Address: _____

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: _____

Institutional Affiliation: _____

QB9. Are there other signatories to this submission? Yes No

If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)?

QB10. Executive Summary (word limit: 250 words fully presented on this page only). In the space below succinctly highlight the most powerful elements of your case for **downgrading the rating** of the designated journal. Please use a “bullet point” style where possible.

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).

**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: _____

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?

- 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): _____

QC6. JOURNAL INFORMATION

Editor’s Name: _____ Institution: _____
 Web Address: _____

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: _____

Institutional Affiliation: _____

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

If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)? _____

QC10. Executive Summary (word limit: 250 words fully presented on this page only). In the space below succinctly highlight the key elements of your case for **upgrading the rating** of the designated journal. Please use a “bullet point” style where possible.

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):

- Appendix C1:** List of Editorial Board Members
- Appendix C2:** Description and Scope of Journal
- Appendix C3:** Recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field
- Appendix C4:** Comparisons with existing rated journals
- Appendix C5:** Coverage in review articles
- Appendix C6:** Impact Factors: SSCI or others
- Appendix C7:** Other supporting documentation
- 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).

FORM D: ABDC 2013 JOURNALS LIST REVIEW
CHANGE OF FIELD of RESEARCH (FoR) CLASSIFICATION SUBMISSION

*** **PLEASE NOTE:** FORM D is designed to formalise requests to the ABDC Journals Review Panel 2013 seeking a **change** in the FoR classification of an academic journal which is currently **already included** in the **ABDC 2010** list (e.g. from 1401 to 1502). Please complete a **separate** form relating to each journal for which you wish to make a submission of this type.

Journal Title: _____

QD1. NEW FIELD of RESEARCH (FoR) PANEL proposed for ABDC 2013 list (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

QD2. WHAT "OLD" FoR group is this journal assigned in the ABDC 2010 list?

- 0806 Information systems
 1401-1499 Economics
 1501 Accounting
 1502 Finance
 1503 Management
 1504-07 Marketing/Tourism/Logistics
 180105/1801025 Business and Taxation Law

QD3. WHAT ABDC 2013 RATING DO YOU PROPOSE FOR THIS JOURNAL?

- A* A B C

QD4. WHAT ABDC 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?

- A* A B C

QD5. WHAT ERA 2010 RATING WAS THIS JOURNAL ASSIGNED?

- A* A B C not applicable

QD6. NOMINATE "THE BEST" COMPARATOR JOURNAL (journal from the ABDC 2010 list that is most similar in quality): _____

QD7. JOURNAL INFORMATION

Editor's Name: _____ Institution: _____
 Web Address: _____

NATURE OF SUBMISSION

QD8. 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

QD9. Primary submitter: _____
Institutional Affiliation: _____

QD10. Are there other signatories to this submission? Yes No
 If yes, how many signatories are there (including the primary submitter)? _____

QD11. Executive Summary (word limit: 250 words fully presented on this page only). In the space below succinctly highlight the most powerful elements of your case for **changing the FoR category** of the designated journal (as indicated in QD1 above). Make it clear whether you propose to retain the ABDC 2010 rating or an “upgrade” or a “downgrade” – and in the latter two cases clearly justify the proposed rating change. Please use a “bullet point” style where possible.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: APPENDIX CHECKLIST

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

QD12. 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 D1:** List of Editorial Board Members
- Appendix D2:** Description and Scope of Journal
- Appendix D3:** Recommendations from eminent scholars in the relevant field
- Appendix D4:** Comparisons with existing rated journals
- Appendix D5:** Coverage in review articles
- Appendix D6:** Impact Factors: SSCI or others
- Appendix D7:** Other supporting documentation
- Appendix D8:** 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 QA8 above).

Appendix D1

**AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS DEANS
COUNCIL JOURNAL QUALITY LIST
2013 REVIEW**

0806 Information Systems (INS) FoR Panel Report

**Julie Fisher (Chair) – Monash University
John Lamp – Deakin University
Deborah Bunker – University of Sydney**

Since 2007 when the first journal ranked list for 0806 was developed the Australasian Councils of Heads and Professors of Information Systems (ACPHIS) has continued to receive and consider changes to the list. In December 2012 a formal review of Information Systems Journal rankings was undertaken. The process involved inviting submissions from all Australian and New Zealand Information Systems academics. When submitting, academics were required to provide justification for any changes to what was then the current list. At the conclusion of the process a revised journal ranked list was produced. ACPHIS reviewed this list before agreeing to the changes. Decisions that were made through this earlier process, regarding Journal rankings informed the panel's decisions and have been included in this report along with the decisions regarding new submissions received.

A. Journal Additions

The **INS Panel** received **seven** submissions recommending journal **additions** to the ABDC list. After due deliberation, **all** journals were added and endorsed by our panel. Three of the journals are both new “young” journals– with less than **5-6** years of publishing history.

- The journal Transforming Government: People, Process and Policy was launched in 2007, it could be regarded as peripheral to information systems however it does publish papers relevant to IS. The submission requested a rank of A the panel however ranked the journal B as it has yet to establish itself and demonstrate it is clearly a A level IS journal.
- The Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Technology was launched in 2010. The submission requested a rank of B the panel agreed given it is clearly a journal relevant to IS and business. It has already built a presence with good citations.
- International Journal of Actor-Network Theory and Technological Innovation as a new journal has yet to establish itself and was given the rank of C.

Four older journals not on the 0806 list have been added.

- Behaviour and Information Technology, leading journal in the field and previously on the ACPHIS list ranked A
- Library Review publishes papers very relevant to IS and the panel agreed to accept the recommendation of the submission for it to be ranked B.
- Online Information Review quality journal on the ACPHIS list ranked B
- The Electronic Library publishes papers relevant to IS and the panel agreed to include the journal. The recommendation of the submission was for it to be ranked A, the panel thought it should be a B journal as its focus is primarily on libraries.

The endorsed list of **newly-admitted** journals to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table INS_A1**. A list of other journals considered by the panel, informed by the ACPHIS list, have been added. Those journals with explanations for their inclusion and ranks is provided in **Table INS_A2**.

B. Journal Downgrades

The **INS Panel** received **no** submissions recommending journal **downgrades**.

The panel however did review the current list and made decisions regarding the downgrade of some journals. A list of journals downgraded considered by the panel, informed by the ACPHIS list, have been included. Those journals with explanations for their downgrading and ranks is provided in **Table INS_B**.

C. Journal Upgrades

The **INS Panel** received **eight** submissions recommending journal **upgrades**. After due deliberation, **four** of these rating upgrades are endorsed by our panel. A range of recommended journal upgrades are **not** acted upon by this panel, primarily for one or more of the following reasons:

- The journal was peripheral to IS
- The arguments for change did not present any or strong evidence for change
- Upgrading had been considered by the ACPHIS executive previously and rejected
- The publisher is not well regarded
- It was not considered the equivalent of other A* journals
- The editorial board consists of those who have published in the journal
- Not appropriate to upgrade to A* the journal is narrowly focused or peripheral to IS.

The endorsed list of **upgraded** journals relevant to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table INS_C1**. A list of ranking upgrades of other journals considered by the panel, informed by the ACPHIS list, have been included. Those journals with explanations for the changes is provided in **Table INS_C2**.

D. Journal Transfers

The **INS Panel** received **no** submission(s) recommending journal **transfers** into (out of) this panel. One journal was mis-assigned.

The panel considered journals which had been on the 2010 ABDC list but were not regarded as information systems journals. These journals have been omitted from the 2013 list. These are not journals for transfer within the ABDC discipline group. A list of journals the panel considered should be deleted can be found in **Table INS_D** with an explanation for their non inclusion.

TABLES

Table INS_A1: Journal Additions – External Submissions

	Journal	Submission Request	Decision	Justification	FORM A Submission Reference*
1	Behaviour and Information Technology	A	A	Leading journal, ranked A by ACPHIS 2010	INS_FA_A_001
2	Library Review	B	B	Panel agreed with the submission. The journal publishes papers very relevant to IS	INS_FA_A_002
3	International Journal of Actor-Network Theory and Technological Innovation	A*	C	New journal published by IGI, relevant research approach for IS. Yet to establish itself. Editorial board mainly people who have published in the area.	INS_FA_A_003
4	Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Technology	B	B	New journal launched in 2010. Panel agreed with the request, has already built a presence in the area	INS_FA_A_005
5	Online Information Review	B	B	Quality publisher. Relevant to IS.	INS_FA_A_004
6	The Electronic Library	A	B	Publishes papers relevant to IS and the panel agreed to include the journal. The recommendation of the submission was for it to be ranked A, the panel thought it should be a B journal as its focus is primarily on libraries	INS_FA_F_006
7	Transforming Government: People, Process and Policy	A	B	New journal launched in 2007. A little peripheral to IS. Submission requested A panel decided B.	INS_FA_S_007

* The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

Table INS_A2: Journal Additions – INS Panel Initiated (informed by the 2010 ACPHIS list)

	Journal	Rank	Justification
1	ACM Transactions on Database Systems	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
2	ACM Transactions on Graphics	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
3	ACM Transactions on Internet Technology	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
4	ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
5	Australian Journal of Emerging Technologies and Society	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
6	British Journal of Educational Technology	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
7	Business Intelligence Journal	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
8	Campus-Wide Information Systems	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
9	eHealth International	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
10	Electronic Commerce Research and Applications	A	Well regarded. Leading IS scholars on the editorial board
11	Electronic Journal on Information Systems in Developing Countries	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
12	e-Service Journal	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
13	European Journal of Operational Research	A	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
14	First Monday	B	Considered sufficiently relevant to IS and of sufficient quality

15	Group Decision and Negotiation	A	Considered relevant and quality IS journal. Quality editorial board
16	Health Policy and Technology	B	New journal, important area for IS
17	IBM Systems Journal	A	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
18	Informatics for Health and Social Care	C	Emerging area for IS researchers
19	Information Communication and Society	A	Not on the list previously. High quality journal, well regarded
20	Information Economics and Policy	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
21	Information Technology & Development	B	Emerging area, new journal
22	Information Visualization	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
23	International Journal of Applied Management and Technology	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
24	International Journal of Education and Development using Information and Communication Technology	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
25	International Journal of Electronic Business	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
26	International Journal of Electronic Customer Relationship Management	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
27	International Journal of Healthcare Technology and Management	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
28	International Journal of Information and Communication Technology Education	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
29	International Journal of Information Technology and Web Engineering	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
30	International Journal of Intelligent Information Technologies	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change

31	International Journal of Internet Science	C	Emerging area, new journal
32	International Journal of Knowledge and Learning	C	New journal
33	International Journal of Social Humanistic Computing	C	Emerging area for IS researchers
34	International Journal of Technology Management	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
35	International Journal of Technology Management and Sustainable Development	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
36	International Journal of Technology, Knowledge and Society	C	Relevant journal for IS researchers
37	IT and Society: An Online Journal	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
38	Journal of Behavioral Decision Making	A	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
39	Journal of Community Informatics	B	Publishes papers of interest to IS researchers, reasonable editorial board and quality
40	Journal of Computing and Information Technology	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
41	Journal of Electronic Commerce in Organizations	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
42	Journal of Information and Optimization Sciences	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
43	Journal of Information Communication and Ethics in Society	B	Good publisher, high quality editorial board
44	Journal of Information Systems	A	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
45	Journal of Information Systems Education	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
46	Journal of Information Systems Security	C	Very new journal

47	Journal of Information Technology Education	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
48	Journal of Information Technology Theory and Application	A	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
49	Journal of Intelligent Information Systems	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
50	Journal of Internet Commerce	B	Reasonable impact factor, very relevant to IS
51	Journal of Knowledge Management Practice	B	Overlooked in the first round of rankings, considered relevant and reasonable quality
52	Journal of Management Systems	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
53	Journal of Research on Technology in Education	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
54	Journal of Strategic Information Systems	A*	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
55	Journal of Technology Management and Innovation	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
56	Journal of the Operational Research Society	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
57	Journal on Educational Resources in Computing	C	Relevant journal for IS researchers
58	Journal on Information Technology in Healthcare	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
59	Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology	A*	Leading journal in the area of informatics. Very highly regarded by the discipline. Top editorial board
60	Knowledge and Process Management	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
61	New Technology, Work and Employment	A	Articles focus on issues relevant to Social Informatics and general IS scholars. Good impact factor
62	Operations Research	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change

63	Quarterly Journal of Electronic Commerce	C	Relevant journal for IS researchers
64	Science, Technology and Society	B	Quality publisher, relevant to IS
65	SIAM Journal on Computing	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
66	The Computer Journal	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change
67	The Information Society	A	Ranked A by 0807 previously. Considered relevant to IS
68	World Wide Web: Internet and Web Information Systems	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list no change

Table INS_B: Journal Downgrades – INS Panel Initiated (informed by the 2010 ACPHIS list)

	Journal	ABDC 2010	Rank 2013	Rationale
1	ACM Transactions on Information Systems	A*	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change
2	Computer Supported Cooperative Work	A	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a B, no change
3	Expert Systems with Applications	B	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change
4	Information Processing Letters	B	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change
5	Information Retrieval	B	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change
6	Information Technology and Libraries	B	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change
7	INFORMS Journal on Computing	A	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a B, no change
8	Interfaces	B	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change
9	International Journal of Accounting Information Systems	A	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a B, no change
10	International Journal of Electronic Government Research	B	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change
11	International Journal of Human-Computer Studies	A	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a B, no change
12	Journal of Database Management	A	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a B, no change
13	Journal of Information Technology and	B	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change

	Tourism			
14	Journal of Research and Practice in Information Technology	B	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change
15	Journal of Software Maintenance and Evolution	B	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change
16	Journal of Systems and Software	A	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a B, no change
17	Journal of the ACM	A*	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, more computer science than IS, no change
18	Knowledge and Information Systems	B	C	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a C, no change

Table INS_C1: Journal Upgrades – External Submissions

	Journal Title	Previous rank	New rank	Justification	FORM C Submission Reference*
1	International Journal of Web Based Communities	C	B	Range of qualitative and quantitative evidence provided	INS_FC_U_001
2	Journal of Enterprise Information Management	C	B	Range of qualitative and quantitative evidence provided	INS_FC_U_002
3	Journal of Systems and Information Technology	C	B	Range of qualitative and quantitative evidence provided	INS_FC_U_003
4	Journal of the Association of Information Systems	A	A*	Newish journal when first ranked, very high quality and impact now. On US IS Scholars top journal list (http://ais.site-ym.com/?SeniorScholarBasket)	INS_FC_U_004

Table INS_C2: Journal Upgrades – INS Panel Initiated (informed by the 2010 ACPHIS list)

	Journal upgrades	ABDC rank 2010	Rank 2013	Justification
1	Applied Ontology	C	A	Consulted leading scholar in area
2	Australasian Journal of Information Systems	B	A	Change in editorial board and policy since 2010
3	Business and Information Systems Engineering	C	A	English language version of the German journal WIRTSCHAFTSINFORMATIK highly regarded journal. Editorial board has high quality IS scholars
4	Computers and Security	B	A	Improved impact factor, more leading researchers on the editorial board
5	Data and Knowledge Engineering	B	A	Quality publisher. Improved standing
6	Enterprise Information Systems	C	A	Leading IS scholar joining the editorial board, improved ISI
7	INFOR (INFOR: Information Systems and Operational Research)	C	B	Previously ranked B by ACPHIS
8	Information and Organization	A	A*	Highly regarded. Recommendation came from senior US scholar.
9	Information Processing and Management	C	B	Improving quality
10	Information and Software Technology	B	A	Quality publisher
11	Information Systems and e-Business Management	C	B	Improving quality.
12	Information Systems Management	C	B	Improving quality
13	Information Technology and Management	C	B	Improving quality
14	International Journal of Cooperative Information Systems	C	A	Improving quality and higher impact factor
15	International Journal of Information Management	C	A	High-quality editorial board, improved impact factor.

16	International Journal of Information Security	C	B	Improving quality
17	International Journal of Knowledge Management	C	B	Consultant leading scholar in the area. Improved ranking and decrease in acceptance rate of papers
18	Internet Research	B	A	Rectifying a mistake from ERA 2008
19	Journal of Computer Information Systems	B	A	Previously ranked A by ACPHIS
20	Journal of Decision Systems	C	B	New publisher and improved quality
21	Journal of Electronic Commerce Research	C	B	Senior scholars on the editorial board. Well regarded journal
22	Journal of Global Information Management	B	A	Improved impact factor. Improved editorial board including leading IS scholars
23	Journal of Strategic Information Systems (Note ABDC has it listed as Studies not Systems)	A	A*	On US IS Scholars top journal list (http://ais.site-ym.com/?SeniorScholarBasket).
24	Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association	B	A	High impact factor, improving relevance to IS
25	Journal of Theoretical and Applied Electronic Commerce Research	C	B	Improved Impact Factor.
26	Knowledge Management Research and Practice	B	A	Premier journal in the area, good impact factor
27	Knowledge-Based Systems	B	A	Quality publisher. Improved editorial board
28	Personal and Ubiquitous Computing	B	A	Leading IS scholar on the editorial board, good impact factor
29	Strategic Outsourcing Journal	C	B	Quality publisher. Improved editorial board
30	International Journal of Data Warehousing and Mining	C	B	On the 2010 ACPHIS list as a B, no change

Table INS_D: Journal Delistings – INS Panel Initiated (informed by the 2010 ACPHIS list)

	Journal name	ACPHIS 2012	ABDC 2010	Justification
1	ACM Transactions on Asian Language Information Processing	NR	B	Peripheral to IS
2	Asian Journal of Information Technology	NR	C	Peripheral to IS
3	Bulletin of Informatics and Cybernetics	NR	C	Peripheral to IS
4	Communications of the IBIMA	NR	C	Very business broad, peripheral to IS
5	Communications of the ICISA	NR	C	Taiwanese journal
6	Communications of the IIMA	NR	B	Management journal not IS
7	Data Base for Advances in Information Systems	C	B	More computer science than IS
8	Electronic Journal of Organizational Virtualness	NR	C	Peripheral to IS
9	IEICE Transactions on Information and Systems	NR	C	Focus is engineering.
10	IMA Journal of Mathematical Control and Information	NR	C	Mathematics not IS
11	Information Systems Control Journal: a leader in IT governance and assurance	NR	C	Could not find an editorial board, does not look credible
12	Information Technology in Hospitality	C	C	Poor quality journal, not indexed.
13	Information Technology Journal	NR	C	Peripheral to IS
14	Information Technology, Learning and Performance Journal	NR	C	Has not published an edition since 2009

15	Informing Science: international journal of an emerging transdiscipline	NR	C	Does not look like a credible publisher
16	Interdisciplinary Journal of Information, Knowledge, and Management	NR	C	Does not look like a credible publisher
17	International Journal for Infonomics	NR	C	Peripheral to IS
18	International Journal of Business and Systems Research	NR	C	Does not look like a credible publisher
19	International Journal of e-Business Research	NR	C	Poor quality journal and publisher
20	International Journal of Accounting Information Science and Leadership	NR	C	Peripheral to IS
21	International Journal of High Performance Systems Architecture	NR	C	Deemed to be computer science
22	International Journal of Human Factors Modelling and Simulation	NR	C	Tending more to mathematical modelling, peripheral to IS
23	International Journal of Information and Systems Sciences	NR	C	Publishes mathematical modelling, nothing published since 2011
24	International Journal of Information and Computer Security	NR	C	Does not look like a credible publisher Computer science
25	International Journal of Information Technology and Management	NR	C	Does not look like a credible publisher. No editorial board
26	International Journal of Information Technology and the Systems Approach	NR	C	Does not look like a credible publisher
27	International Journal of Interoperability in Business Information Systems	NR	C	German language journal
28	International Journal of IT Standards and Standardization Research	NR	C	Does not look like a credible publisher

29	International Journal of Semantic Computing	NR	C	Deemed to be computer science
30	International Journal of Web Information Systems	NR	C	Deemed to be computer science
31	International Journal of Web Portals	NR	C	Does not look like a credible publisher
32	International Journal of Web Services Research	NR	C	Does not look like a credible publisher
33	International Journal on Semantic Web and Information Systems	NR	C	Unknown publisher, unsure about their credibility
34	JITTA: an information systems journal	NR	B	Could not find a page for the journal, maybe dead
35	Journal of Applied Systems Studies: methodologies and applications for systems approaches	NR	C	Could not find a page for the journal, maybe dead
36	Journal of Information Science and Technology	NR	C	Thai journal, very technical,
37	Journal of Information Systems and Small Business	C	C	Dead
38	Journal of Information Technology Management	NR	C	Strange unknown publisher,
39	Journal of Information Technology Cases and Applications	C	C	Journal changed name to Case and Application research
40	Journal of Information, Information Technology, and Organizations	NR	C	Small editorial board, does not look credible
41	MISQ Discovery	B	C	Dead
42	Mobile Information Systems	C	C	Not IS very much computer science
43	RAIRO - Operations Research	NR	C	Core Operations Research
44	The African Journal of Information Systems	NR	C	Deemed not relevant to Australian research

45	The Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries	NR	C	No evidence of an ed board, published in Hong Kong, delete
46	The International Journal of Emerging Technologies and Society	NR	C	Could not find web page
47	The Journal of Information Systems	NR	A	Same as Journal of Information Systems
48	The Journal on Information Technology in Healthcare	NR	C	Cannot find a website
49	Wirtschaftsinformatik	NR	B	German language

Appendix D2

**AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS DEANS
COUNCIL JOURNAL QUALITY LIST
2013 REVIEW**

1401-1499 Economics (ECO) FoR Panel Report

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Introductory Remarks

The ECO Panel faced a 2010 ABDC list with 907 journals on it. The panel realized quite quickly that many of these journals were from other disciplines, which had FoRs outside of 14 according to the ERA, but which had been, for reasons unknown, assigned to the various categories within 14 at some stage during the construction of previous ABDC lists.

These non-economics journals came from many different disciplines, including political science, public administration, demography, ecology, environmental studies, sociology, climatology, philosophy, geography, biology, physics, mathematics, and statistics.

The panel noted, in particular, that when comparing the 1403 ("Econometrics") and 1499 ("Other Economics") lists with their counterparts in previous ERA rounds, there were very significant differences. For example, of the 119 journals listed under 1403, only 11 of them (9%) had any connection with the code 14 according to the ERA. Similarly, of the 157 journals listed under 1499, only 9 of them (6%) had any connection with the code 14. Put another way, 91% of the journals in 1403, and 94% of the journals in 1499 had no connection at all with economics (i.e., not even cross-listed with economics) according to the ERA.¹

The problem also existed, but with much less severity, in the other 2 codes: 1401 (Economic Theory) and 1402 (Applied Economics). Of the 29 journals listed under 1401, 3 of them were non-economics journals (10%). Similarly, of the 602 journals listed under 1402, 66 of them were non-economics journals (11%).

These non-economics journals also had a significant presence in the premier categories. For example, 1403 had 17 journals listed as A*, of which 13 (76%) were non-economics. Similarly, 1499 had 7 journals listed as A*, with 100% of them being non-economics.

The panel also noted that a significant number of foreign-language journals were present throughout the lists. Some checking was done, and many of these journals were found to have no English at all in them.

After checking with the ABDC, the panel confirmed that its terms of reference extended beyond simply the reviewing of submissions to consideration of the Economics list overall. The panel therefore decided to take on the responsibility of checking throughout the entire list to:

- Identify journals that should be added or removed from the list.
- Assess the validity of existing grades of all journals on the list using, as much as possible, citation-based data -- as a "reality check".
- Identify sensible re-assignments, within the 14 FoR, that would bring the ABDC 1403 and 1499 FoRs more in line with their ERA counterparts.

After significant discussion on the issue the majority of the panel took the view that, for most part, journals that have no identifiable connection with economics (for example, journals that are not cross-listed with economics, do not have a significant proportion of economists on their editorial boards, and do not mention economics in their mission statements) would be recommended to be excluded from the 2013 ABDC list. This is an important decision

¹ Hereafter, journals that are not listed or cross-listed as economics (14) in the ERA will be referred to as "non-economics" journals.

because, in the 2010 ABDC list, there are literally hundreds of journals that fall into that category.

The panel recognized that a special issue arises when considering what are typically thought of as statistics journals. In particular, a significant percentage of econometricians in Australia publish not only in econometrics journals (1403) but also in statistics journals -- which have the FoR 0104. The 2010 ABDC list had 67 non-economics journals (56%) with this FoR listed under "econometrics". A concern was raised (and the case was made, vigorously, by one member of the panel in particular) that if these journals were no longer listed under the ABDC journal listings, then this may have a negative effect on the way that publications in statistics journals would be viewed within the business school community.

Acknowledging these concerns, the panel agreed that a sensible way forward would be to propose that the ABDC include the FoR 0104 (with the title "Statistics", or possibly "Business Statistics") as a new listing under its auspices. This was a proposal that was endorsed by the meeting of the panel heads on August 12, 2013, and which allows the economics panel to restrict its attention to journals that fall under its realm of expertise.

Overall, then, the panel considered all of the submissions but also made many other recommendations, based on a comprehensive analysis of the list.

When considering journal additions, downgrades, and upgrades, particular attention was paid to citation-based journal rankings. Overall, 3 sources were used when making these determinations:

- Thomson Reuters ISI Journal Citation Reports, 2013 edition (hereafter, JCR)
- Kalaitzidakis et al (Canadian Journal of Economics, 2010) economics journal rankings (hereafter, KMS)
- IDEAS/REPEC 2013 economics journal rankings.

The primary source was the JCR which ranks over 300 journals in Economics, according to a variety of criteria. Three of these criteria are comprehensive for all of the journals they list: "Total Cites", "Impact Factor", and "Eigenfactor®". Ordinarily, only journals that are ranked in the top 50 according to at least 2 of these 3 criteria would be considered as candidates for the A* category. (Exceptions can be made -- discussed below.) Similarly, only those that are ranked in the range 51-150 or better in at least 2 of the 3 categories would be candidates for the A category. Since the number of journals in the JCR is significantly smaller than the number of economics journals in the ABDC ranking, the JCR ranking is not particularly helpful for distinguishing between B and C journals.

The KMS study is widely used, internationally, for ranking economics journals. It has the advantage of using a particularly well-regarded methodology for adjusting citations for quality. However, it also covers a smaller number of journals, and is now several years old. This was used as an occasional backup check, to make sure that no really serious errors were made -- particularly for the top journals.

The IDEAS/REPEC website is much more comprehensive, covering almost 1200 journals, and is continuously updated. It also uses several criteria. The one used most extensively was the most sophisticated one, based on "Recursive Discounted Impact Factors". Coverage was the clear advantage of this list -- particularly for newer journals. However, this list does not

have the formal academic credentials that the other two lists have. As such, it was used mainly as a backup. It was also used as a source to identify economics journals (typically, in the B and C range) that, up to this point, have not appeared on any ABDC lists but which the panel considers to be legitimate additions to the list.

Some other considerations were also brought to bear, when making the recommendations. First, the panel was aware of the recent entry of several, very high profile, new journals. (Specifically, 4 new journals recently issued by the very prestigious American Economics Association (the *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* and *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*) and 2 new journals recently issued by the equally prestigious Econometric Society (*Theoretical Economics* and *Quantitative Economics*). These journals are big news in the economics profession, and are widely viewed as being competitive with the very top field journals. Although they do not yet have a history of citations, to grade them as anything less than A* would significantly undervalue them relative to how they are seen internationally. The panel recommends an A* grade for all of these journals, based on the prestige of their editorial boards, the associations they represent, and the expectations that they will be cited very heavily in the near future.

Another consideration was the stature of a journal within its field. Generally, the panel viewed the #1 journal in a field as deserving of A* status, even if the journal would not achieve this status by citation data alone. For example, the *Journal of Economic History* is regarded as the top journal in the important field of Economic History, and has significantly more citations than any other journal in that field, but would not make the top 50 based on citations alone. (Of course, a line must be drawn, somewhere, concerning which fields are considered "important fields", and the panel used its judgment on that issue.)

Acknowledging the view, expressed by the ABDC, that the exercise should be a conservative one, downgrades and upgrades were recommended by the committee only when there was very clear evidence, from the criteria listed above, that these changes were warranted.

A. Journal Additions

The **ECO Panel** considered 25 distinct submissions recommending journal **additions** to the ABDC. After due deliberation, 16 of these journal additions are endorsed by our panel. These journals have mostly entered at the lowest, “C” rating level. There are some exceptions, however, where a persuasive case is made for a rating above C, as discussed in the Introductory Remarks, above.

A range of recommended “new” journals are **not** acted upon by this panel, primarily due to the fact that they were not deemed by the panel to be economics journals or that they were already assigned to another discipline within the ABDC (for example Accounting, or Finance).

The panel also made 106 suggestions for additions. These suggestions were drawn from various sources, including the lists of economics journals given in the KMS study, and the IDEAS/REPEC webpage, along with the panel members' specialized knowledge in their own field areas -- particularly with new journals.

The total number of recommended additions is 122.

The endorsed list of **newly-admitted** journals to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table ECO_A** at the end of this report.

B. Journal Downgrades

The **ECO Panel** considered 12 distinct submissions recommending journal **downgrades**. After due deliberation, 7 of these rating downgrades are endorsed by our panel.

One of these downgrades (*The Review of Black Political Economy*) involved a movement of two steps downward, from A to C. The panel considered this case carefully, and agreed that, by all citation criteria, this move was justified.

Five of the journal downgrade submissions were **not** acted upon by this panel, for the following reasons.

Three of the journals under consideration were *BE Press* journals, which are electronic "Contributions", and "Topics", in descending order with respect to quality). Thus, each of the 3 journals considered here arguably represented 4 tiers of journal -- arguably making them 12 different journals to consider. The top tiers of these journals are well regarded and could arguably be ranked as A*, but the lower tiers could be regarded as A or possibly B in some cases. Many researchers, however, do not list the tier of the publication on their CVs, which makes it difficult to distinguish the prestige of that particular publication. To complicate matters further, all of the BE Press journals were recently sold to another publisher (De Gruyter) and it is not clear to what extent the qualities or the tiers will be maintained. Accordingly, panel decided to simplify matters by ignoring the tiers within the BE Press publications, and giving them an A grade overall. This appeared as the most sensible solution to this problem at the moment.

One submission suggested that the *History of Political Economy* be downgraded from A to C. The panel checked the citation data on this journal and found that this downgrade would not be justified. However, a downgrade from A to B would be justified.

Another submission suggested that *Housing Studies* be downgraded from A to C. The panel determined that this journal is not an economics journal and, so, recommended that it be transferred from the economics list.

The panel also suggested 5 downgrades, based on an exhaustive citation analysis of all of the economics journals in the 2010 ABDC list that also appear in the citation-based lists (primarily the 3 criteria in the JCR). Included is the *History of Political Economy*, as mentioned above. In all cases, the citation scores were consistently below the minimal scores for the initial grades.

The total number of recommended downgrades is 12.

The endorsed list of **downgraded** journals relevant to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table ECO_B** at the end of this report.

C. Journal Upgrades

The **ECO Panel** considered 57 distinct submissions recommending journal **upgrades**. After due deliberation, 25 of these rating upgrades are endorsed by our panel.

A range of recommended journal upgrades are **not** acted upon by this panel, due to one of the two following reasons. First, several of these journals were deemed by the panel not to be economics journals, and so were recommended to be transferred from the economics list. The remainder were not acted upon because they could not be justified by the citation data.

The panel also suggested 19 upgrades, based on an exhaustive citation analysis of all of the economics journals in the 2010 ABDC list that also appear in the citation-based lists (primarily the 3 criteria in the JCR). In all cases, the citation scores were consistently above the minimal scores for the new grades.

All of the journals that were upgraded moved up only one grade, except for two journals: *Theoretical Economics* and *Marine Resource Economics* which both moved up two grades. The upgrade of the first of these came from a submission, and the second came from a suggestion from the panel. *Theoretical Economics* (moved from B to A*) is a special case because, since the previous ABDC round, it changed its state quite significantly. Previously, it had been a new and independent journal but, recently, it has been adopted by the prestigious Econometric Society to become one of its 2 new journals (along with *Quantitative Economics*) which (as discussed above) are regarded by the profession as being comparable to the top field journal *Journal of Economic Theory*, which is clearly an A* journal (indeed, a "Tier 1" journal). *Marine Resource Economics* moved from C to A based simply on its impressive citation record. According to all 3 criteria in the JCR, this is a solid A journal.

The total number of recommended upgrades is 44.

The endorsed list of **upgraded** journals relevant to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table ECO_C** at the end of this report.

D. Journal Transfers

The **ECO Panel** considered 97 submissions recommending journal **transfers** out of this panel. After due deliberation, 95 of these “incoming (“outgoing”) transfers are endorsed by our panel. Both of the two submissions that were not endorsed referred to journals that the panel deemed to be economics journals that belonged on the list.

The panel also suggested 228 transfers off the list, as described in some detail in the Introductory Remarks above. None of these journals were considered by the panel to be economics journals. The panel took the position that it is not qualified to judge the quality of journals outside of the discipline of economics. Moreover, it felt that it would be inappropriate to keep journals on the list that are clearly outside of economics. To judge which journals fell into this category, the panel identified FoR codes from the ERA as a start. Only journals that did not have any 14 FoR code in the ERA were candidates for transfer. Candidate journals were then assessed according to other criteria, such as composition of editorial boards (whether or not significant representation from economists appears) and mission statements of the journals (whether or not the journal mentions economics). Only those journals that failed these tests were placed on the transfer list.

The panel would like to reiterate, however, that it holds the view that the ABDC should add another FoR to its list: 0401 as "Statistics" or "Business Statistics", for the reasons outlined in the Introductory Remarks. We recommend that this new FoR be populated with the statistics journals that are recommended for transfer out of economics in this report, using the journal ranks (A, A, etc.,) from the 2010 ABDC journal ranking, and that a new panel be convened to maintain this list for the future.*

The panel also noticed that a significant number of foreign-language journals were present throughout the lists. Some checking was done, and many of these journals were found to have no English at all in them. On the grounds that the committee is not competent to judge the quality of research written in languages other than English, those journals that were found to have no significant English in them were recommended for transfer from the list.

The total number of journal recommended for transfer from the list is 323.

The panel also recommends transferring some journals across classifications within the Economics FoR – mainly to re-populate 1499 and 1403, once the non-economics journals have been transferred out. The main sources, when deciding which journals should be transferred across, were the 1499 and 1403 ERA lists.

The endorsed list of journals **transfers** relevant to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table ECO_D** at the end of this report.

TABLES

ABDC 2013	1401	1402	1403	1499	Aggregated
A*	4	36	6	1	47
A	10	80	8	5	103
B	9	162	6	27	204
C	7	230	13	77	327
	30	508	33	110	681

Table ECO_A: Journal Additions

	Journal Title	Rating and FoR	FORM A Submission Reference*/Panel Suggestions
1	African Journal of Economic and Sustainable Devt	C 1402	ECO_FA_F_033
2	American Economic Journal: Applied Economics	A* 1402	ECO_FA_F_017
3	American Economic Journal: Economic Policy	A* 1402	ECO_FA_F_018
4	American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics	A* 1402	ECO_FC_F_041
5	American Economic Journal: Microeconomics	A* 1402	ECO_FA_F_025
6	Dynamic Games and Applications	B 1401	ECO_FA_S_028
7	Health Policy	B 1402	ECO_FA_F_029
8	Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Em ...	C 1499	ECO_FA_F_006
9	Journal of Chinese Economic and Foreign Trade Studies...	C 1499	ECO_FA_S_007
10	Journal of Choice Modelling	C 1401	ECO_FA_F_014
11	Journal of Economic and Administrative Sciences	C 1499	ECO_FA_S_004
12	Journal of Financial Economic Policy	B 1499	ECO_FA_S_002
13	Journal of Human Capital	A 1402	ECO_FA_S_005
14	Journal of Pacific Studies	C 1499	ECO_FA_S_011
15	Journal of Time Series Econometrics	B 1403	ECO_FA_S_027
16	Value in Health	B 1499	ECO_FA_F_032
17	Quantitative Economics	A* 1403	Panel suggestion
18	Journal of LACEA Economia (Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association)	B 1402	Panel suggestion
19	Innovation Policy and the Economy	B 1402	Panel suggestion
20	Annual Review of Economics	B 1402	Panel suggestion

21	Annual Review of Financial Economics	B 1402	Panel suggestion
22	Annual Review of Resource Economics	B 1402	Panel suggestion
23	Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy	B 1402	Panel suggestion
24	Asia-Pacific Journal of Accounting & Economics	C 1402	Panel suggestion
25	Asian Economic Policy Review	C 1402	Panel suggestion
26	Cambridge Journal of Regions Economy and Society	B 1402	Panel suggestion
27	Economic Computation and Economic Cybernetics Studies and Research	C 1499	Panel suggestion
28	Economics - The Open-Access, Open-Assessment E-Journal	B 1402	Panel suggestion
29	Journal of Business Cycle Measurement and Analysis	B 1402	Panel suggestion
30	International Environmental Agreements-Politics Law and Economics	A 1402	Panel suggestion
31	Climate Change Economics	B 1499	Panel suggestion
32	Journal of Globalization and Development	B 1499	Panel suggestion
33	Finnish Economic Papers	B 1402	Panel suggestion
34	African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics	B 1402	Panel suggestion
35	Review of Economic Analysis	B 1402	Panel suggestion
36	Journal of Korea Trade	C 1402	Panel suggestion
37	Journal of Behavioral Economics	B 1499	Panel suggestion
38	Western Economics Forum	C 1402	Panel suggestion
39	European Journal of Government and Economics	C 1402	Panel suggestion
40	Eurasian Business Review	C 1402	Panel suggestion
41	Romanian Journal of Economic Forecasting	C 1403	Panel suggestion
42	Spatial Economic Analysis	B 1402	Panel suggestion
43	Transformations in Business & Economics	C 1402	Panel suggestion
44	Peace Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
45	Middle East Development Journal	C 1499	Panel suggestion
46	Money Affairs	C 1402	Panel suggestion
47	The IUP Journal of Monetary Economics	C 1402	Panel suggestion
48	Central European Journal of Economic Modelling and Econometrics	C 1403	Panel suggestion
49	The Journal of Development Effectiveness	C 1402	Panel suggestion
50	Journal of Cost-Benefit Analysis	C 1499	Panel suggestion
51	Latin American Journal of Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
52	Czech Economic Review	C 1402	Panel suggestion

53	Czech Journal of Economics and Finance	C 1499	Panel suggestion
54	International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
55	Choices	C 1499	Panel suggestion
56	Western Journal of Agricultural Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
57	Mineral Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
58	Review of Business and Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
59	Northeastern Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
60	Cyprus Economic Policy Review	C 1499	Panel suggestion
61	European Journal of Economics and Economic Policy	C 1499	Panel suggestion
62	European Political Economy Review	C 1499	Panel suggestion
63	Review of Economic and Business Studies	C 1402	Panel suggestion
64	Asian Economic and Financial Review	C 1499	Panel suggestion
65	Journal of Applied Economic Sciences	C 1402	Panel suggestion
66	The IUP Journal of Applied Economics	C 1402	Panel suggestion
67	Review on Economic Cycles	C 1402	Panel suggestion
68	Socio-Economic Planning Sciences	C 1499	Panel suggestion
79	International Journal of Energy Economics and Policy	C 1499	Panel suggestion
70	Philippine Review of Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
71	The IUP Journal of Public Finance	C 1402	Panel suggestion
72	Austrian Economic Quarterly	C 1499	Panel suggestion
73	Asian Journal of Agriculture and Development	C 1499	Panel suggestion
74	Agricultural Economics Review	C 1499	Panel suggestion
75	Sustainable Development	C 1499	Panel suggestion
76	International Journal of Economic Sciences and Applied Research	C 1402	Panel suggestion
77	Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
78	Economics and Policy of Energy and the Environment	C 1499	Panel suggestion
79	Lahore Journal of Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
80	Health Economics Review	C 1402	Panel suggestion
81	Agricultural Economics Research Review	C 1499	Panel suggestion
82	New Economy	C 1499	Panel suggestion
83	Journal of the Knowledge Economy	C 1499	Panel suggestion
84	Bulletin of the Czech Econometric Society	C 1403	Panel suggestion

85	The IUP Journal of Managerial Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
86	European Economic Letters	C 1499	Panel suggestion
87	Applied Econometrics	C 1403	Panel suggestion
88	Review of Marketing and Agricultural Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
89	International Journal of Economics and Business Researc	C 1402	Panel suggestion
90	German Journal of Agricultural Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
91	Journal of Global Business and Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
92	Studies in Agricultural Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
93	African Development Review	C 1499	Panel suggestion
94	International Journal of Management and Network Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
95	Journal of the New Economic Association	C 1499	Panel suggestion
96	Enometrica	C 1499	Panel suggestion
97	The IUP Journal of Agricultural Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
98	Asian Journal of Empirical Research	C 1499	Panel suggestion
99	International Journal of Economics and Financial Issues	C 1499	Panel suggestion
100	Theoretical and Applied Economics	C 1401	Panel suggestion
101	Kobe Economic and Business Review	C 1402	Panel suggestion
102	Dynamic Econometric Models	C 1403	Panel suggestion
103	International Journal of Economic Practices and Theories	C 1402	Panel suggestion
104	Romanian Economic Business Review	C 1499	Panel suggestion
105	Contemporary Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
106	Brazilian Journal of Rural Economy and Sociology	C 1499	Panel suggestion
107	Economic Studies Journal	C 1402	Panel suggestion
108	Journal of Economics and Management	C 1499	Panel suggestion
109	Economic Thought Journal	C 1499	Panel suggestion
110	Ethics and Economics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
111	History of Economic Thought and Policy	C 1499	Panel suggestion
112	Agricultural Economics and Rural Development	C 1499	Panel suggestion
113	Economics and Applied Informatics	C 1499	Panel suggestion
114	Studies in Business and Economics	C 1402	Panel suggestion
115	Business and Economics Research Journal	C 1402	Panel suggestion
116	Bio-based and Applied Economics Journal	C 1499	Panel suggestion

117	Perspectives of Innovation in Economics and Business	C 1499	Panel suggestion
118	Farm and Business - The Journal of the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society	C 1499	Panel suggestion
119	International Journal of Computational Economics and Econometrics	C 1403	Panel suggestion
120	Annals - Economy Series	C 1499	Panel suggestion
121	Games	B 1401	Panel suggestion
122	Theoretical Economics Letters	B 1401	Panel suggestion

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Table ECO_B: Journal Downgrades

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM B Submission Reference*/Panel suggestions
1	Australian Economic History Review	A to B	UTS submission
2	BE Journal of Theoretical Economics	A* to A	ECO_FB_S_001
3	Journal of Economic Issues	A to B	UTS submission
4	Journal of Economic Surveys	A to B	UTS submission
5	Journal of Post Keynesian Economics	A to B	UTS submission
6	The Review of Black Political Economy	A to C	UTS submission
7	Revue Economique	A to B	UTS submission
8	The Economic History Review	A* to A	Panel suggestion
9	Journal of Risk and Uncertainty	A* to A	Panel suggestion
10	History of Political Economy	A to B	Panel suggestion
11	Fiscal Studies	A to B	Panel suggestion
12	ASEAN Economic Bulletin/Journal of Southeast Asian Economies	B to C	Panel suggestion

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Table ECO_C: Journal Upgrades

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM C Submission Reference*
1	Australian Economic Papers	C to B	ECO_FC_S_001, ECO_FC_F_013
2	China Economic Review	B to A	ECO_FC_F_022
3	Economic Analysis and Policy	C to B	ECO_FC_S_020
4	Empirical Economics	B to A	ECO_FC_S_016, ECO_FC_S_045, ECO_FC_S_052
5	Energy Economics	A to A*	ECO_FC_S_004
6	European Economic Review	A to A*	ECO_FC_S_046
7	European Journal of Political Economy	B to A	ECO_FC_S_047, ECO_FC_S_048
8	Feminist Economics	B to A	ECO_FC_F_010
9	Indian Growth and Development Review	C to B	ECO_FC_S_049
10	Information Economics and Policy	B to A	ECO_FC_F_050
11	Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization	A to A*	UTS submission
12	Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control	A to A*	ECO_FC_S_054, ECO_FC_F_055, ECO_FC_S_056, ECO_FC_S_058
13	Journal of Economic History	A to A*	ECO_FC_S_057
14	Journal of Economic Inequality	C to B	ECO_FC_F_019
15	Journal of Environmental Economics and Management	A to A*	ECO_FC_S_059, ECO_FC_F_060
16	Journal of the European Economic Association	A to A*	ECO_FA_S_021, ECO_FC_S_040
17	Journal of Human Resources	A to A*	ECO_FC_S_061
18	Journal of Labor Economics	A to A*	ECO_FC_F_065, ECO_FC_F_066
19	Journal of Money, Credit and Banking	A to A*	ECO_FC_F_070,

			ECO_FC_S_071
20	Journal of Policy Modelling	B to A	ECO_FC_F_072
21	Journal of Public Economic Theory	B to A	ECO_FC_S_073
22	Journal of Urban Economics	A to A*	UTS submission
23	Review of Economic Dynamics	A to A*	ECO_FC_f_076
24	Review of International Economics	B to A	ECO_FC_S_077
25	Theoretical Economics	B to A*	ECO_FC_F_080
26	Ecological Economics	A to A*	Panel suggestion
27	Econ Journal Watch	C to B	Panel suggestion
28	Health Economics	A to A*	Panel suggestion
29	International Review of Economics and Fianance	B to A	Panel suggestion
30	Journal of African Economies	B to A	Panel suggestion
31	Journal of Business Economics and Management	C to B	Panel suggestion
32	Journal of Cultural Economics	B to A	Panel suggestion
33	Journal of Forest Economics	C to B	Panel suggestion
34	Journal of Housing Economics	B to A	Panel suggestion
35	Journal of Sports Economics	B to A	Panel suggestion
36	Marine Resource Economics	C to A	Panel suggestion
37	New Political Economy	B to A	Panel suggestion
38	Papers in Regional Science	B to A	Panel suggestion
39	Pharmacoeconomics	B to A	Panel suggestion
40	Review of Environmental Economics and Policy	B to A	Panel suggestion
41	Journal of Economic Inequality	C to B	Panel suggestion
42	Review of Network Economics	C to B	Panel suggestion
43	Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics	B to A	Panel suggestion
44	Mathematical Social Sciences	B to A	Panel suggestion

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Table ECO_D: Journal Transfers/De-listings

	Outgoing Journal Title	Rating	FORM D Submission Reference*
1	Advances in Applied Mathematics	A	UTS submission
2	Advances in Applied Probability	A	UTS submission
3	American Journal of Political Science	A*	UTS submission
4	American Political Science Review	A*	UTS submission
5	Annals of Applied Probability	A*	UTS submission
6	Annals of Applied Statistics	A	UTS submission
7	Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics	A	UTS submission
8	Annals of Probability	A*	UTS submission
9	Annals of Statistics	A*	UTS submission
10	Australian Journal of International Affairs	A	UTS submission
11	Australian Journal of Political Science	A	UTS submission
12	Australian Journal of Public Administration	A	UTS submission
13	Bernoulli: A Journal of Mathematical Statistics and	A	UTS submission
14	Bioinformatics	A*	UTS submission
15	Biometrika	A	UTS submission
16	Biometrics	A*	UTS submission
17	Biostatistics	A*	UTS submission
18	British Journal of Political Science	A	UTS submission
19	China Quarterly: an International Journal for the	A	UTS submission
20	Comparative Politics	A	UTS submission
21	Computer Methods and Programs in Biomedicine	A	UTS submission
22	Demographic Research	A	UTS submission
24	Demography	A	UTS submission
25	Disasters: the Journal of Disaster Studies, Policy, and	A	UTS submission
26	Ecology	A	UTS submission
27	Environment and Planning A: International J. of Ur	A*	UTS submission
28	Environment and Planning B	A*	UTS submission
29	Environment and Planning D: Society and Space	A	UTS submission
30	Environment and Ecological Statistics	A	UTS submission

31	Environmental Education Research	A	UTS submission
32	Environmental Modelling and Software	A	UTS submission
33	European Journal of Political Research	A	UTS submission
34	European Urban and Regional Studies	A	UTS submission
35	Foreign Affairs	A*	UTS submission
36	Foreign Policy (Washington)	A*	UTS submission
37	Global Networks (Oxford): a Journal of Trans ...	A	UTS submission
38	IMA Journal of Applied Mathematics	A	UTS submission
39	International Affairs	A	UTS submission
40	International Journal of Climatology	A	UTS submission
41	International Migration	A	UTS submission
42	International Statistical Review	A	UTS submission
43	International Studies Quarterly	A	UTS submission
44	Journal of Applied Probability	A	UTS submission
45	Journal of Complexity	A	UTS submission
46	Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics	A	UTS submission
47	Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics	A	UTS submission
48	Journal of European Public Policy	A	UTS submission
49	Journal of Multivariate Analysis	A	UTS submission
50	Journal of Policy Analysis and Management	A	UTS submission
51	Journal of Population Research	A	UTS submission
52	Journal of Public Administration Research and Policy	A	UTS submission
53	Journal of the Royal Stat Society, Series A	A	UTS submission
54	Journal of the Royal Stat Society, Series C	A	UTS submission
55	Journal of the Royal Stat Society, Series D	A	UTS submission
56	Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference	A	UTS submission
57	Land Use Policy	A	UTS submission
58	L'institute Henri Poincare Annales (B)	A	UTS submission
59	Local Government Studies	A	UTS submission
69	Mathematical Finance	A	UTS submission
61	Multiscale Modelling and Simulation	A	UTS submission
62	Numerische Mathematik	A*	UTS submission

63	Pacific Review	A	UTS submission
64	Philosophy and Public Affairs	A	UTS submission
65	Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications	A	UTS submission
66	Policy and Politics: an International Journal	A	UTS submission
67	Political Communication: an International Journal	A	UTS submission
68	Political Science Quarterly	A	UTS submission
69	Population and Environment	A	UTS submission
70	Population Bulletin	A	UTS submission
71	Population Research and Policy Review	A	UTS submission
72	Population Studies: a Journal of Demography	A	UTS submission
73	Public Administration and Development	A	UTS submission
74	Public Administration Quarterly	A	UTS submission
75	Public Administration Review	A	UTS submission
76	Public Administration: an International Quarterly	A	UTS submission
77	Public Money and Management	A	UTS submission
78	Public Opinion Quarterly	A	UTS submission
79	Probability Theory and Related Fields	A*	UTS submission
80	Scandinavian Journal of Statistics: Theory and App	A	UTS submission
81	SIAM Journal of Control and Optimization	A*	UTS submission
82	SIAM Journal of Matrix Analysis and Applications	A*	UTS submission
83	SIAM Journal of Numerical Analysis	A*	UTS submission
84	SIAM Journal on Optimization	A*	UTS submission
85	Statistica Neerlandica	A	UTS submission
86	Statistica Sinica	A	UTS submission
87	Statistical Science: a Review Journal	A	UTS submission
88	Statistics in Medicine	A	UTS submission
89	Stochastic Processes and their Applications	A	UTS submission
90	Studies in Comparative International Development	A	UTS submission
91	Theory of Probability and its Applications	A	UTS submission
92	Third World Quarterly	A	UTS submission
93	Washington Quarterly	A	UTS submission
94	Water Resources Research	A	UTS submission

95	World Politics	A	UTS submission
96	The American Statistician (AMSTAT)	B	Panel suggestion
97	Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics	B	Panel suggestion
98	Canadian Journal of Statistics	B	Panel suggestion
99	Energy Policy	B	Panel suggestion
100	Agribusiness (New York): an international journal	C	Panel suggestion
101	Allemagne d'Aujourd'hui: politique, economie, societe	C	Panel suggestion
102	Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social	B	Panel suggestion
102	Asia Europe Journal: intercultural studies in the social	B	Panel suggestion
103	Australasian Agribusiness Review	C	Panel suggestion
104	Community Development Journal	B	Panel suggestion
105	Conflict Management and Peace Science	B	Panel suggestion
106	Development Review	C	Panel suggestion
107	European Journal of Housing Policy	B	Panel suggestion
108	Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Research Review	B	Panel suggestion
109	Foundations and Trends in Entrepreneurship	C	Panel suggestion
110	Global Environmental Politics	C	Panel suggestion
111	Global Social Policy	C	Panel suggestion
112	Health Marketing Quarterly	B	Panel suggestion
113	Housing Policy Debate	B	Panel suggestion
114	Huan Bohai Jingji Liaowang	C	Panel suggestion
115	Il Pensiero Economico Moderno	C	Panel suggestion
116	Information Technology for Economics Management	C	Panel suggestion
117	Inquiry: an interdisciplinary journal of philosophy	B	Panel suggestion
118	International Journal of Agricultural Resources,	C	Panel suggestion
119	International Journal of Asian Studies	B	Panel suggestion
120	International Journal of Public Policy	B	Panel suggestion
121	International Journal of Technological Learning,	C	Panel suggestion
122	International Monetary Fund Staff Papers	A	Panel suggestion
123	International Social Science Journal	B	Panel suggestion
124	Italian Journal of Regional Science	C	Panel suggestion
125	Jahrbuch fuer Regionalwissenschaft: review of regional research	B	Panel suggestion

126	Journal for Institutional Innovation, Development and	C	Panel suggestion
127	Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation	C	Panel suggestion
128	Journal of Business Chemistry	C	Panel suggestion
129	Journal of Developing Areas	B	Panel suggestion
130	Journal of Human Development and Capabilities	B	Panel suggestion
131	Journal of International Relations and Development	C	Panel suggestion
132	Korea Review of International Studies	C	Panel suggestion
133	Labour and Management in Development	C	Panel suggestion
134	Liiketaloudellinen Aikakauskirja	C	Panel suggestion
135	Maritime Policy and Management: an international	C	Panel suggestion
136	Mind and Society	C	Panel suggestion
137	Mita Gakkai Zasshi	C	Panel suggestion
138	Nase Gospodarstvo	C	Panel suggestion
139	Nationalokonomisk Tidsskrift	B	Panel suggestion
140	Pesquisa e Planejamento Economico	C	Panel suggestion
141	Policy	C	Panel suggestion
142	Post-Soviet Affairs	B	Panel suggestion
143	Public Policy Research	B	Panel suggestion
144	Quarterly Journal of Political Science	B	Panel suggestion
145	Rationality and Society	B	Panel suggestion
146	Revista de Economia Aplicada	C	Panel suggestion
147	Revista de Economia del Rosario	C	Panel suggestion
147	Revista de Economia Institucional: revista de la facultad de economia	C	Panel suggestion
149	Revista de Economia Mackenzie	C	Panel suggestion
150	Revista de Economia Politica	C	Panel suggestion
151	Revista de Metodos Cuantitativos para la Economia y la Empresa	C	Panel suggestion
152	Revista Europea de Direccion y Economia de la Empresa	C	Panel suggestion
153	Revista Galega de Economia	C	Panel suggestion
154	Revista Venezolana de Analisis de Coyuntura	C	Panel suggestion
155	Revue d'Economie Regionale et Urbaine: le meilleur du savoir sur les questions urbaines et regionales contemporaines	C	Panel suggestion
156	Revue d'Integration Europeenne	C	Panel suggestion

157	Revue Internationale de Droit Economique: lieu de	C	Panel suggestion
158	Risk, Decision and Policy	B	Panel suggestion
159	Russell: the journal of Bertrand Russell studies	C	Panel suggestion
160	Small-Scale Forestry	C	Panel suggestion
161	Social Science Japan Journal	C	Panel suggestion
162	Social Service Review	B	Panel suggestion
163	Socio-Economic History	B	Panel suggestion
164	Southern African Journal of Environmental Education	C	Panel suggestion
165	Studies in Family Planning	B	Panel suggestion
166	Telecommunications Policy	B	Panel suggestion
167	Urban Affairs Review	B	Panel suggestion
168	US Bureau of Labor Statistics: Monthly Labor Review	B	Panel suggestion
169	World Bank Research Observer	B	Panel suggestion
170	Zhongnan Caijing Daxue Xuebao	C	Panel suggestion
171	A St A - Advances in Statistical Analysis	C	Panel suggestion
172	Advances and Applications in Statistics	C	Panel suggestion
173	Aligarh Journal of Statistics	C	Panel suggestion
174	American Mathematical Monthly	B	Panel suggestion
175	American Statistician	B	Panel suggestion
176	Applicationes Mathematicae	C	Panel suggestion
177	Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry	B	Panel suggestion
178	Australian Senior Mathematics Journal	C	Panel suggestion
179	Biometrical Journal: journal of mathematical methods in biosciences	B	Panel suggestion
180	British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Psychology	B	Panel suggestion
181	Canadian Journal of Statistics	B	Panel suggestion
182	Communications in Statistics: Theory and Methods	B	Panel suggestion
183	Computational Optimization and Applications	B	Panel suggestion
184	Computational Statistics and Data Analysis	A	Panel suggestion
185	ESAIM: Probability and Statistics	C	Panel suggestion
186	Journal of Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Statistics	B	Panel suggestion
187	Journal of Applied Mathematics and Stochastic Analysis	B	Panel suggestion
188	Journal of Applied Statistical Science	C	Panel suggestion

189	Journal of Applied Statistics	B	Panel suggestion
190	Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics	C	Panel suggestion
191	Journal of Interdisciplinary Mathematics	B	Panel suggestion
192	Journal of Modern Applied Statistical Methods	B	Panel suggestion
193	Journal of Nonparametric Statistics	B	Panel suggestion
194	Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation	C	Panel suggestion
195	Journal of Statistical Research	C	Panel suggestion
196	Journal of Statistical Software	C	Panel suggestion
197	Journal of Statistical Theory and Applications	C	Panel suggestion
198	Journal of Statistics and Management Systems	C	Panel suggestion
199	Journal of Statistics Education	B	Panel suggestion
200	Journal of the American Statistical Association	A*	Panel suggestion
201	Journal of the Japan Statistical Society	C	Panel suggestion
202	Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series B: Statistical Methodology	A*	Panel suggestion
203	Journal of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland	C	Panel suggestion
204	Journal of Theoretical Probability	C	Panel suggestion
205	Lifetime Data Analysis: an international journal devoted to the methods and applications of reliability and survival analysis	B	Panel suggestion
206	Mathematical Biosciences	B	Panel suggestion
207	Mathematical Gazette	C	Panel suggestion
208	Mathematical Methods of Statistics	B	Panel suggestion
209	Mathematical Population Studies	B	Panel suggestion
210	Metrika: international journal for theoretical and applied statistics	B	Panel suggestion
211	Metron: international journal of statistics	C	Panel suggestion
212	Model Assisted Statistics and Applications: an international journal	C	Panel suggestion
213	Monte Carlo Methods and Applications	C	Panel suggestion
214	Osaka Journal of Mathematics	B	Panel suggestion
215	Pakistan Journal of Statistics	C	Panel suggestion
216	Psychometrika	B	Panel suggestion
217	Service Industries Journal	B	Panel suggestion
218	Statistical Inference for Stochastic Processes: an international journal devoted to time series analysis and the statistics of continuous time processes and dynamical systems	C	Panel suggestion

219	Statistical Journal of the IAOS	C	Panel suggestion
220	Statistical Methodology	C	Panel suggestion
221	Statistical Methods and Applications	C	Panel suggestion
222	Statistical Methods In Medical Research	B	Panel suggestion
223	Statistical Modelling: an international journal	B	Panel suggestion
224	Statistical Papers	B	Panel suggestion
225	Statistics and Decisions: an international mathematical journal for stochastic methods and models	C	Panel suggestion
226	Statistics and Probability Letters	B	Panel suggestion
227	Statistics Education Research Journal	B	Panel suggestion
228	Statistics: a journal of theoretical and applied statistics	B	Panel suggestion
229	Stochastic Analysis and Applications	B	Panel suggestion
230	Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment	B	Panel suggestion
231	Stochastic Models	B	Panel suggestion
232	Stochastics: an international journal of probability and stochastic processes	C	Panel suggestion
233	The Mathematical Scientist	C	Panel suggestion
234	African Population Studies	C	Panel suggestion
235	Asia Pacific Journal of Finance and Banking Research	C	Panel suggestion
236	Asian and Pacific Migration Review	C	Panel suggestion
237	Asian Journal of Political Science	B	Panel suggestion
238	Asian Population Studies	B	Panel suggestion
239	Asian Survey: a bimonthly review of contemporary Asian affairs	C	Panel suggestion
240	Asian-Pacific Business Review	C	Panel suggestion
241	Asia-Pacific Population Journal	C	Panel suggestion
242	Australasian Journal of Regional Studies	B	Panel suggestion
243	Australasian Journal on Ageing	B	Panel suggestion
244	Australian Journal of Human Rights	C	Panel suggestion
245	Australian Journal of Social Issues	B	Panel suggestion
246	Australian Review of Public Affairs	C	Panel suggestion
247	Australian Social Monitor	C	Panel suggestion
248	Australian Social Policy	C	Panel suggestion
249	Canadian Public Policy	B	Panel suggestion

250	China Information: a journal on contemporary China studies	B	Panel suggestion
251	Chronique Internationale de l'I R E S	B	Panel suggestion
252	Commonwealth and Comparative Politics	C	Panel suggestion
253	Comparative Political Studies	B	Panel suggestion
254	Competition and Change: the journal of global business and political economy	B	Panel suggestion
255	Contemporary Pacific	B	Panel suggestion
256	Contemporary Southeast Asia: a journal of international and strategic affairs	C	Panel suggestion
257	Cuadernos de Relaciones Laborales	C	Panel suggestion
258	Development in Practice	C	Panel suggestion
259	Ecological Modelling	B	Panel suggestion
260	Economies et Societes	B	Panel suggestion
261	Energy and Environment	C	Panel suggestion
262	Environment and Planning C: Government Policy	B	Panel suggestion
263	Environmental Modelling and Assessment	B	Panel suggestion
264	Environmental Values	C	Panel suggestion
265	Environmetrics	B	Panel suggestion
266	Europe - Asia Studies	C	Panel suggestion
267	European Journal of Population	B	Panel suggestion
268	Far Eastern Economic Review	C	Panel suggestion
269	Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Review	C	Panel suggestion
270	Genus	C	Panel suggestion
271	Housing Studies	A	Panel suggestion
272	Interdisciplinary Environmental Review	C	Panel suggestion
273	International Journal of Environment and Pollution	C	Panel suggestion
274	International Journal of Maritime History	B	Panel suggestion
275	International Journal of Public Administration	B	Panel suggestion
276	International Journal of Sustainable Development	C	Panel suggestion
277	International Migration Review	A	Panel suggestion
278	International Review of Administrative Sciences: an international journal of comparative public administration	C	Panel suggestion
279	International Review of Public Administration	B	Panel suggestion
280	Investigacion de Historia Economica	C	Panel suggestion

281	Issues Studies: an international quarterly on China, Taiwan, and East Asian affairs	C	Panel suggestion
282	Japan Labor Review	C	Panel suggestion
283	Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: research and practice	B	Panel suggestion
284	Journal of Co-operative Studies	C	Panel suggestion
285	Journal of Energy and Development	C	Panel suggestion
286	Journal of Family History: studies in family, kinship and demography	C	Panel suggestion
287	Journal of Interdisciplinary History	C	Panel suggestion
288	Journal of International Migration and Integration	C	Panel suggestion
289	Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory	A	Panel suggestion
290	Journal of Public Policy	B	Panel suggestion
291	Lavoro e Diritto	C	Panel suggestion
292	Middle East Policy	B	Panel suggestion
293	Millennium: journal of international studies	B	Panel suggestion
294	Natural Resources Forum	C	Panel suggestion
295	New Left Review	B	Panel suggestion
296	New Zealand Geographer	B	Panel suggestion
297	New Zealand Population Review	C	Panel suggestion
298	Pacific Affairs: an international review of Asia and the Pacific	B	Panel suggestion
299	Parliamentary Affairs: a journal of representative politics	B	Panel suggestion
300	Policy Sciences: an international journal devoted to the improvement of policy making	B	Panel suggestion
301	Policy Studies	B	Panel suggestion
302	Policy Studies Journal	B	Panel suggestion
303	Political Quarterly	B	Panel suggestion
304	Political Studies	B	Panel suggestion
305	Politics and Society	B	Panel suggestion
306	Population	B	Panel suggestion
307	Population and Development Review	A	Panel suggestion
308	Population Trends	C	Panel suggestion
309	Population, Space and Place	C	Panel suggestion
310	Public Policy and Administration	B	Panel suggestion
311	Regional Studies	A	Panel suggestion
312	Review of International Studies	B	Panel suggestion

313	Review of Regional Studies: the official journal of the Southern regional science association	C	Panel suggestion
314	Revista de Historia Industrial	C	Panel suggestion
315	Rio Grande Do Sul Brazil Fundacao de Economia e Estatistica Indicadores Economicos FEERio Grande do	C	Panel suggestion
316	Science and Public Policy	C	Panel suggestion
317	The China Review: an interdisciplinary journal on greater China	C	Panel suggestion
318	The Milbank Quarterly	B	Panel suggestion
319	The Natural Resources Journal	C	Panel suggestion
320	Urban Studies: an international journal for research in urban studies	A	Panel suggestion
321	West European Politics	B	Panel suggestion
322	World Policy Journal	C	Panel suggestion
323	World Review of Science, Technology and Sustainable Development	C	Panel suggestion
	Reassignment of FoR within 14	Source	
1	Journal of Applied Econometrics	Panel	From 1402 to 1403
2	Computational Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1403
3	International Journal of Applied Econometrics and Quantitative Studies	Panel	From 1402 to 1403
4	Journal of Forecasting	Panel	From 1402 to 1403
5	Ecological Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
6.	Journal of Asian Economic	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
7.	Journal of Comparative Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
8.	Journal of Economic Geography	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
9.	Comparative Economic Studies	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
10	Economic Systems	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
11	Faith and Economics	Panel	From 1401 to 1499
12	History of Economic Ideas	Panel	From 1401 to 1499
13	International Journal of Social Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
14	International Journal of the Economics of Business	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
15	International Regional Science Review	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
16	International Tax and Public Finance	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
17	Journal of Australian Political Economy	Panel	From 1402 to 1499

18	Journal of Family and Economic Issues	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
19	Journal of Sports Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
20	Pharmacoeconomics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
21	Politics, Philosophy and Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
22	Economic Systems Research	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
23	Electronic Journal of Evolutionary Modeling and Economic Dynamics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
24	Forum for Health Economics and Policy	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
25	International Journal of Green Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
26	Journal of Bioeconomics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
27	Journal of Forensic Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
28	Journal of Forest Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
29	Netnomics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
30	Theoretical Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1401
31	Games and Economic Behavior	Panel	From 1402 to 1401
32	Journal of Mathematical Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1401
33	Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1401
34	Journal of Public Economic Theory	Panel	From 1402 to 1401
35	Mathematical Social Sciences	Panel	From 1402 to 1401
36	(NBER) Macroeconomics Annual	Panel	From 1401 to 1402
37	Revista de Economia	Panel	From 1401 to 1402
38	Briefing Notes in Economics	Panel	From 1401 to 1402
39	Journal of Economics	Panel	From 1401 to 1402
40	International Journal of Applied Econometrics and Quantitative Studies	Panel	From 1402 to 1403
41	International Journal of Forecasting	Panel	From 1402 to 1403
42	Journal for Studies in Economics and Econometrics	Panel	From 1402 to 1403
43	Journal of Quantitative Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1403
44	Review of Economics of the Household	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
45	European Journal of Comparative Economics	Panel	From 1402 to 1499
46	Rethinking Marxism	Panel	From 1402 to 1499

* The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

Appendix D3

**AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS DEANS
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2013 REVIEW**

1501 Accounting (ACC) FoR Panel Report

**Ken Trotman (Chair) – University of NSW
Naomi Soderstom – Melbourne University
Peter Clarkson – University Queensland**

Background on the Panel

The Panel comprised Ken Trotman (chair) (University of New South Wales), Peter Clarkson (University of Queensland) and Naomi Soderstrom (University of Melbourne). All members have been academics for long periods and are very well acquainted with the majority of the journals, having acted in the roles of author, reviewer, editorial board member, and editor. For the more contentious decisions, Panel members went back and read selections of papers from the relevant journals to support their existing knowledge. Panel members were also informed by the proposals submitted and sought advice from experts in fields with which they were less familiar.

As an example, one or more of the Panel members have been on the editorial boards of the following journals:

- Abacus
- Accounting and Finance
- Accounting Horizons
- Accounting, Organizations and Society
- Accounting Research Journal
- Advances in Accounting
- Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory
- Australian Journal of Management
- Behavioral Research in Accounting
- Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences
- China Accounting and Finance Review
- Contemporary Accounting Research
- European Accounting Review
- International Journal of Auditing
- International Journal of Managerial and Financial Accounting
- Journal of Accounting and Public Policy
- Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics
- Journal of International Accounting Research
- Journal of Management Accounting Research
- Oxford Scholarly Research Reviews
- Pacific Accounting Review
- Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal
- The Accounting Review

The Panel's research specialisations cover auditing, financial accounting and management accounting, and all three have published and are presently working in the area of sustainability accounting. Panel members have published research employing a wide range of research methods, including archival, experimental, survey, and case studies. In sum, the Panel have conducted both quantitative and qualitative research.

The Panel believes that the lists need to be used responsibly in promotion exercises and that they form only part of the picture. Benchmarking exercises, creating league tables based on these scores, is only a small part of the picture in determining promotion, i.e., these methods do not substitute for peer review.

A. Journal Additions

The **ACC Panel** considered four submissions recommending journal **additions** to the ABDC list. After due deliberation, four of these journal additions are endorsed by our Panel. In addition, it appeared to the Panel that a lot of journals that should have been included on the ABDC list were not and as a result the Panel added 17 new journals taken from various databases. Some of the recommended new journals are ‘young’ journals, e.g., those with fewer than five years of publishing history and others that were simply overlooked in the past. As such, these journals have mostly entered at the lowest C rating level. There were four exceptions, however, where a persuasive case was made for a rating above C. Three of these were at B based on the history of the journal or a strong editorial board and some recent quality papers. Finally, one journal ‘Foundations and Trends in Accounting’ was added as an A based on strength of editorial board and recent editions of the journal. It was decided that all journals added reached a minimum threshold quality and meet the “substantive business element test”.

The endorsed list of **newly-admitted** journals to this Panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table ACC_A** at the end of this report.

B. Journal Downgrades

The **ACC Panel** considered two submissions recommending journal **downgrades**. After due deliberation, neither of these rating downgrades are endorsed by our Panel.

The downgrades were **not** acted upon by this Panel, primarily for one or more of the following reasons:

- The Panel believed the present rating was appropriate given the quality of the papers in that journal.
- There were requests to upgrade the same journal and we believe the present rating was considered appropriate.

There is no endorsed list of **downgraded** journals relevant to this Panel.

C. Journal Upgrades

The **ACC Panel** considered 76 submissions (relating to 43 journals) recommending journal **upgrades**. After due deliberation, 34 of these rating upgrades (relating to 15 journals) are endorsed by our Panel.

In summary, of the 11 journals recommended for upgrade to A* from A (in addition one journal was A* in 2010 but the submission asked for a change from A to A*), two were endorsed by the Panel (Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory and Management Accounting Research) and one additional journal was added by the Panel (European Accounting Review). In making these judgments the Panel considered the following issues:

- Suggestions were made to the Panel by numerous individuals, that accounting was badly under represented in A* journals in 2010 with only six A* journals compared to over 40 in some other disciplines. The argument was that accounting researchers were therefore at a disadvantage in evaluations, promotion, etc. In addition, the argument was made that quality should not be based on percentage of journals in a discipline, as that easily makes the number inflatable by including large numbers of journals at the bottom end. The question was raised whether differences in the number of journals considered in each category should be driven by the relatively equal numbers of Australian accounting academics relative to finance, economics and management. The

Panel had sympathy with this sentiment to a large extent, but believed that increasing the list extensively would devalue its credibility, i.e., in most countries the top category of journals usually contains four–six journals.

- There were expressions of concern that the journal list needed to be broader than a solely North American coverage and that consideration had to be given to the availability of publication outlets for high quality qualitative and quantitative research. The Panel's view was that quality of the journal papers rather than the location of the journal was the key issue. In their deliberations, the Panel gave recognition to the importance of including journals that publish a broad range of research methods. Two of the present A* journals (Accounting, Organizations and Society and Contemporary Accounting Review) are important outlets for qualitative research. Of the three journals that were added to the A* category, two (Management Accounting Research and European Accounting Review) are European based journals, with a long history of publishing qualitative research. Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory has recently added an editor, who is a leading publisher of qualitative research and there have been two special issues this year on qualitative research and environmental research.
- Views were expressed of the need to consider including an Australian based journal in the A* category. Three journals put up very strong cases in this category (Abacus, Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal, and Accounting & Finance). Based on quality alone, the Panel decided that at this point, none of the three journals would be included in the A* category, although they are showing improvement. It was recognised that all three journals had some very high quality papers, but the variance in quality was high relative to present A* journals. This point was made to us by numerous leading academics across Australia, with many suggesting that there were papers in these journals that were publishable in A* journals, but there were also papers that were of much lower quality.
- Views were also expressed that the present A* journals placed too strong an emphasis on financial accounting, with two of them rarely accepting either auditing or management accounting. Review of Accounting Studies was considered by many as a specialist financial accounting journal.
- The reasons for promoting the three journals to A* were as follows and were supported by the attached proposals:
 - Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory (AJPT) has been the leading specialist auditing journal in the world for over 25 years, was one of the original seven SSCI journals, has a high five year impact factor, a rigorous review process, includes Australians/New Zealanders as editors, and was well supported by leading audit researchers. A strong case was made that Review of Accounting Studies was a specialist financial accounting journal in the A* category and AJPT was the equivalent in auditing.
 - Management Accounting Research (MAR) has long been one of the two leading specialist management accounting journals, has a strong editorial board, is open to a range of methodologies, and has a high five year impact factor. MAR also has a higher impact factor than competing publications.
 - European Accounting Review (EAR) has strengthened significantly in recent years, has a very strong editorial board, accepts papers across a wide range of research methods, and has a high five year impact factor. The Panel was impressed at the quality of the editorial process.

- Eleven journals were nominated for promotion from C or B to A journals. Of these, only two were promoted to A:
 - International Journal of Auditing – The Panel viewed this as a truly international journal, with editors around the world, a strong editorial board, and very strong support from signatories.
 - Journal of International Accounting Research – This is a AAA journal with a strong editorial board and its inclusion underscores the importance of international accounting research.

The main reason why more journals were not moved from B to A was the extremely high variance in the quality of some of the present B journals, including their special issues. It was felt that these journals were attracting some papers worthy of A journals, but the publications were mixed with some less quality publications.

- Ten C journals were moved from C to B as a clear indication that these journals had improved the quality control of their review processes and that movement to the B category is likely to increase the quality of submissions received.

A range of recommended journal upgrades were **not** acted upon by this Panel, primarily for one or more of the following reasons:

- Proposals sometimes provided comparative journals that did not appear appropriate, i.e., the comparative journal appeared to be of a considerably higher standard than the journal recommended for upgrade.
- The description of the editorial process did not match the common view of the Panel members that had participated in those review processes.
- The journal had high quality papers and good support from some leading academics, but because of only one edition per year it had no impact factor.
- Our reading of papers in the journal led to different conclusions than those put forward in the proposal, e.g., very high variance in quality. The Panel judged the journals based upon both their best papers and worst papers (or best editions and worst editions).
- Some journals solicited very widely for support in the form of signatories. This had the advantage of showing the level of support for the journal, but when it is circulated so widely it also gives an indication of those that did not support the upgrade. In fact, many academics informed us that they were sent open letters for support, but did not believe an upgrade was appropriate for the journal.
- In some cases a journal can be ranked very high by one group of academics but very low by a different group.
- It is more impressive to receive support from researchers who publish in a wide range of journals (suggesting a self interest is less of an issue), compared to support from academics where the vast majority of their research is in the journal they are supporting.
- Lack of control of the quality of special issues.

The endorsed list of **upgraded** journals relevant to this Panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table ACC_C** at the end of this report.

D. Journal Transfers

The **ACC Panel** considered one submission recommending a journal **transfer** into (out of) this Panel. After due deliberation, this transfer is endorsed by our Panel. The endorsed list of journals **transfers** relevant to this Panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table ACC_D** at the end of this report. Also one journal was transferred out as it was listed under two panels.

TABLES**Summary reconciliation table:**

	ABDC 2010	+ New	+ Up Grade	- Lost to Up Grade	+ Transfer	- Transfer	ABDC 2013
A*	6 (5.6%)		3	-	-	-	9 (7.0%)
A	19 (17.8%)	1	2	3	-	-	19 (14.9%)
B	17 (15.9%)	4	10	2	1	-	30 (23.4%)
C	65 (60.7%)	16	-	10	-	1	70 (54.7%)
	107	21	15	15	1	1	128

Table ACC_A: Journal Additions

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM A Submission Reference#
1	Social and Environmental Accountability Journal	B	ACC_FA_F_001
2	Global Review of Accounting and Finance	C	ACC_FA_F_002
3	African Journal of Accounting, Auditing and Finance	C	ACC_FA_F_003
4	Asian Journal of Business and Accounting	C	ACC_FA_F_004
5	Accounting and Finance Research	C	ACC_FA_F_005
6	AIS Educator Journal	C	ACC_FA_F_009
7	Asian Journal of Accounting and Governance	C	ACC_FA_F_011
8	Asian Journal of Finance and Accounting	C	ACC_FA_F_013
9	Current Issues in Auditing	B	ACC_FA_F_014
10	IMA Educational Case Journal	C	ACC_FA_F_016
11	International Journal of Accounting and Financial Reporting	C	ACC_FA_F_017
12	International Journal of Accounting Information Systems	B	ACC_FA_F_018
13	International Journal of Economics and Accounting	C	ACC_FA_F_019
14	International Journal of Government Auditing	C	ACC_FA_F_020
15	Issues in Social and Environmental Accounting	C	ACC_FA_F_021
16	Journal of Forensic & Investigative Accounting	C	ACC_FA_F_022
17	Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit Accounting	B	ACC_FA_F_023

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM A Submission Reference#
18	Mustang Journal of Accounting and Finance	C	ACC_FA_F_025
19	Journal of Accounting and Management Information Systems	C	ACC_FA_F_028
20	Foundations and Trends in Accounting	A	ACC_FA_F_029
21	Management Accounting Quarterly	C	ACC_FA_F_030

The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

Table ACC_B: Journal Downgrades

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM B Submission Reference#
	N/A		

The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

Table ACC_C: Journal Upgrades

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM C Submission Reference#
1	Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory	A*	ACC_FC_F_042 ACC_FC_F_063 ACC_FC_F_064
2	Management Accounting Research	A*	ACC_FC_F_067
3	European Accounting Review	A*	ACC_FC_F_076
4	International Journal of Auditing	A	ACC_FC_F_046 ACC_FC_F_048
5	Journal of International Accounting Research	A	ACC_FC_F_050
6	Accounting History	B	ACC_FC_F_009 ACC_FC_F_023 ACC_FC_F_034
7	Accounting History Review (formerly Accounting, Business and Financial History)	B	ACC_FC_F_008
8	Accounting Research Journal	B	ACC_FC_F_010
9	Advances in Accounting Behavioral Research	B	ACC_FC_F_035
10	Advances in Accounting Incorporating in Advances in International Accounting	B	ACC_FC_F_019 ACC_FC_F_037
11	Advances in Management Accounting	B	ACC_FC_F_020 ACC_FC_F_032
12	Asian Review of Accounting	B	ACC_FC_F_014
13	International Journal of Accounting and Information Management	B	ACC_FC_F_027 ACC_FC_F_044

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM C Submission Reference#
14	Journal of Accounting and Organizational Change	B	ACC_FC_F_001 ACC_FC_F_002 ACC_FC_F_003 ACC_FC_F_004 ACC_FC_F_012 ACC_FC_F_022 ACC_FC_F_028 ACC_FC_F_052 ACC_FC_F_053 ACC_FC_F_054 ACC_FC_F_055
15	Sustainability Accounting, Management and Policy Journal	B	ACC_FC_F_016 ACC_FC_F_072

The highlighted reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

Table ACC_D: Journal Transfers

	Panel A: Incoming Journal Title	Rating	FORM D Submission Reference#
1	Journal of Intellectual Capital	B	ACC_FD_F_001
	Panel B: Outgoing Journal Title	Rating	FORM D Submission Reference#
1	International Review of Business Research Papers	C	Duplicate with another Panel

The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

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1502 Finance (FIN) FoR Panel Report

**Robert Faff (Chair) – University of Queensland
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Melbourne
Steve Easton – University of Newcastle**

A. Journal Additions

The **FIN Panel** considered 31 submissions recommending journal **additions** to the ABDC list. After due deliberation, 30 of these journal additions are endorsed by our panel. The majority of the recommended new journals are either “young” journals – with less than 5 years of publishing history, or of limited exposure/profile. As such, these journals have mostly entered at the lowest, “C” rating level. There are some exceptions, however, where a persuasive case is made for a rating above C. Common reasons for these higher rating decisions include:

- extremely high profile Editors and Editorial Boards; and
- authors are those who systematically publish in established A* finance journals.

The most highly rated new journals are: Review of Asset Pricing Studies and Review of Corporate Finance Studies (both notable because they are the new “sister” journals related to the Tier 1 Review of Financial Studies) – both rated A*; and Critical Finance Review – rated A.

The endorsed list of **newly-admitted** journals to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table FIN_A** at the end of this report.

B. Journal Downgrades

The **FIN Panel** received nil submissions recommending rating downgrade. After due deliberation, we concur that no downgrade decisions are warranted for journals captured by this panel.

C. Journal Upgrades

The **FIN Panel** considered 35 submissions recommending journal **upgrades**. After due deliberation, 16 of these rating upgrades are endorsed by our panel. A range of recommended journal upgrades are **not** acted upon by this panel, primarily for one or more of the following reasons:

- Weak/non-existent citation measures, relative to comparable journals in the proposed rating category;
- A perceived high variability in the quality of articles published in the journal relative to comparable journals in the proposed rating category;
- Inferior Editors/Editorial Boards, relative to comparable journals in the proposed rating category;
- Inferior international profile/reach, relative to comparable journals in the proposed rating category;
- Low profile authors publishing in the journal, relative to comparable journals in the proposed rating category;
- Narrow scope of articles published – e.g. in terms of geographical dispersion of authors and/or topic areas, relative to comparable journals in the proposed rating category;
- Low quality articles published – e.g. less analytical content, weaker experimental design, less important research questions; relative to comparable journals in the proposed rating category.

The endorsed list of **upgraded** journals relevant to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table FIN_C** at the end of this report.

D. Journal Transfers

The **FIN Panel** considered 5 (1) submission(s) recommending journal **transfers** into (out of) this panel. After due deliberation, all of these “incoming (“outgoing”) transfers are endorsed by our panel. The endorsed list of journals **transfers** relevant to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table FIN_D** at the end of this report.

TABLES

Summary reconciliation table:

	ABDC 2010	+ New	+ Up Grade	– Lost to Up Grade	+ Transfer	– Transfer	ABDC 2013
A*	6 (4.0%)	+2	+2	0	+1	0	11 (6.0%)
A	26 (17.3%)	+1	+3	-2	+3	0	31 (16.8%)
B	39 (26.0%)	+4	+11	-3	+1	0	52 (28.3%)
C	79 (52.7%)	+23	0	-11	0	-1	90 (48.9%)
	150	+30	+16	-16	+5	-1	184

Table FIN_A: Journal Additions

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM A Submission Reference*
1	Review of Asset Pricing Studies	A*	FIN_FA_F_030
2	Review of Corporate Finance Studies	A*	FIN_FA_F_021
3	Critical Finance Review	A	FIN_FA_F_005
4	Review of Behavioral Finance	B	FIN_FA_F_020
5	Review of Futures Markets	B	FIN_FA_F_022
6	Journal of Financial Stability	B	FIN_FA_F_029
7	International Journal of Portfolio Analysis and Management	B	FIN_FA_F_033
8	Journal of Stock and Forex Trading	C	FIN_FA_F_001
9	Algorithmic Finance	C	FIN_FA_F_002
10	Applied Finance Letters	C	FIN_FA_F_003
11	Financial Decisions (formerly the Journal of Financial and Strategic Decisions)	C	FIN_FA_F_006
12	International Journal of Bonds and Currency Derivatives	C	FIN_FA_F_007
13	International Journal of Financial Markets and Derivatives	C	FIN_FA_F_008
14	International Journal of Risk Assessment and Management	C	FIN_FA_F_009
15	International Research Journal of Applied Finance	C	FIN_FA_F_010
16	Journal of Financial and Economic Practice	C	FIN_FA_F_011

Table FIN_A: Journal Additions (cont.)

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM A Submission Reference*
17	Journal of Financial Economic Policy	C	FIN_FA_F_012
18	Journal of Investment Consulting	C	FIN_FA_F_013
19	Journal of Operational Risk	C	FIN_FA_F_014
20	Journal of Performance Management	C	FIN_FA_F_015
21	Journal of Risk Management in Financial Institutions	C	FIN_FA_F_016
22	The Journal of Risk Model Validation	C	FIN_FA_F_017
23	Quarterly Journal of Finance	C	FIN_FA_F_018
24	Spanish Review of Financial Economics	C	FIN_FA_F_023
25	China Finance Review International	C	FIN_FA_F_024
26	Global Economy and Finance Journal	C	FIN_FA_F_025
27	International Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Finance and Management	C	FIN_FA_F_026
28	Qualitative Research in Financial Markets	C	FIN_FA_F_027
29	European Actuarial Journal	C	FIN_FA_F_028
30	Journal of Financial Management, Markets and Institutions	C	FIN_FA_F_032

* The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

Table FIN_C: Journal Upgrades

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM C Submission Reference*
1	Journal of Financial Intermediation	A*	FIN_FC_F_015
2	Review of Finance	A*	FIN_FC_F_027
3	Journal of Financial Services Research	A	FIN_FC_F_016
4	Journal of Fixed Income	A	FIN_FC_F_014
5	Quantitative Finance	A	FIN_FC_F_021
6	Financial Services Review	B	FIN_FC_F_028
7	Foundations & Trends in Finance	B	FIN_FC_F_029
8	JASSA	B	FIN_FC_F_030
9	Journal of Alternative Investments	B	FIN_FC_F_031
10	Journal of Emerging Market Finance	B	FIN_FC_F_032
11	Journal of Investing	B	FIN_FC_F_033
12	Journal of Risk	B	FIN_FC_F_034
13	Journal of Wealth Management	B	FIN_FC_F_035
14	Managerial Finance	B	FIN_FC_F_005
15	Research in International Business & Finance	B	FIN_FC_F_003
16	Review of Financial Economics	B	FIN_FC_F_036

* The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

Table FIN_D: Journal Transfers

	Panel A: Incoming Journal Title	Rating	FORM D Submission Reference*
1	Journal of Financial Markets	A*	FIN_FD_F_002
2	Australian Journal of Management	A	FIN_FD_F_001
3	Emerging Markets Review	A	FIN_FD_F_006
4	Mathematical Finance	A	FIN_FD_F_004
5	International Review of Economics and Finance	B	FIN_FA_F_005
	Panel B: Outgoing Journal Title	Rating	FORM D Submission Reference*
1	International Journal of Sport Finance	C	MTL_FD_F_001

* The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

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1503 Management (MAN) FoR Panel Report

Ingrid Nielsen – Monash University (Chair)

**Neal Ashkanasy – University of Queensland
Bob Cavana – Victoria University of Wellington
Gavin Jack – La Trobe University
Vikas Kumar – University of Sydney
Adrian Wilkinson – Griffith University**

The Management panel’s deliberations took place during the period 21 May – 23 August 2013 using a combination of online, teleconference and face-to-face meetings. Any panel member with a perceived conflict of interest in any decision was required to exclude him- or herself from deliberations over that decision. For all decisions we aimed to reach a consensus position and we achieved that objective in the overwhelming majority of cases. Where we could not reach consensus, we arrived at a majority plus one view. In two cases, we sought the view of business and management scholars outside the panel to ensure the robustness and integrity of our process.

A. Journal Additions

The **MAN Panel** received 62 submissions recommending journal **additions** to the ABDC list. This number included one submission originally considered by the **BTL** panel, seven submissions incorrectly made on Form C Upgrade forms and two panel initiated submissions. This number also accounts for one submission that should have been made on a Form C Upgrade form, which is counted within the Journal Upgrade count in Section C, overleaf.

After due deliberation, 45 new journals were endorsed by **MAN**. Three journals were brought in with an A* rating; 16 were brought in with an A rating; 17 were brought in with a B rating and nine were brought in with a C rating. All but two of the new journals that were brought in were brought in at the suggested rating. The two that were not brought in at the suggested rating were both submissions to add at A*, whereas the panel agreed to add both at A. These two journals were *Public Administration: An International Quarterly* and *Public Administration Review*.

Approximately half of the recommended new journals are well-established outlets with twenty or more years of history. Many have been in print for over half a century. These “older” journals account for the vast majority of additions at A* and A. Of the journals with less than 20 years of publishing history, all but six entered the list at B or C. Of the “younger” journals that entered the list at A* or A, persuasive cases were made with reference to citation metrics, standing on other well-established ranking lists, standing relative to competitor outlets, editorial board membership and author profile. Examples of these latter, younger, journals to enter the list at A* or A are: *Psychological Science* (A*), *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied* (A) and *Social Forces* (A).

A range of recommended “new” journals were **not** acted upon by this panel, primarily for one or more of the following reasons:

- Deemed to be a “predatory” open access journal
- Failure to reach a minimum threshold of quality
- Failure to meet the “substantive business element test”
- Insufficient English language content
- Deemed to be more suitable for consideration by another panel

The endorsed list of **newly admitted** journals to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table MAN_A** at the end of this report.

B. Journal Downgrades

The **MAN Panel** received one submission recommending a journal **downgrade**. After due deliberation, this rating downgrade was not endorsed by our panel, primarily for the following reasons:

- The journal had a similar profile across a range of citation metrics to its closest competitor journals at the current rating
- The journal is similarly ranked across a range of well-established journal ranking lists

As the **MAN** panel did not endorse any journal **downgrade** submissions, this report does not contain the **XXX_B** table present in some other reports.

C. Journal Upgrades

The **MAN Panel** received 126 submissions recommending journal **upgrades**. This total accounts for one submission that was moved to the **ACC** panel, one submission that was moved into **MAN** from the **ACC** panel, one submission that was moved into **MAN** from the **INS** panel, and seven submissions that should have been made on Form A Add New Journal forms that were considered as Form A submissions. After due deliberation, 50 of these upgrades were endorsed by our panel. Our panel endorsed eight upgrades to A*, 25 upgrades to A and 17 upgrades to B. We endorsed upgrades to A* only where the submission made an exceptionally clear case that the particular journal is among the elite journals covered by the scope of the **MAN** panel. Examples of journals for which we endorsed an upgrade to A* include *Human Relations*, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin* and *Sociology*.

Unlike some other panels, the **MAN** panel chose not to name an elite “Tier 1” group of journals within the management field as we agreed that such further categorisation did not add value to the management rankings, given its scope and diversity; and given that no published Tier 1 will appear on the final list. Furthermore, the **MAN** panel was of the view that management scholars implicitly know what the small group of truly elite journals are in their discipline area.

Notably, three journals in the operations management area were elevated to A* (*European Journal of Operational Research*, *International Journal of Production Economics* and *OMEGA*). The panel discussed this particular outcome and were in agreement that the elevation of the top group of operations management journals to A* addressed a previous anomaly of the list with regard to this discipline area.

Of the total upgrades, one triple-rating upgrade and two double-rating upgrades were endorsed. The triple-rating upgrade was applied to *Academy of Management Annals*, which shifts from a C to A* rating. The panel was in agreement that the age of the outlet, relative to the remaining stable of AOM journals, most likely underlay its original rating; but that even in a short space of time, *Annals* had demonstrated that it was of comparable quality to the other more well-established outlets in its stable. Its editorial board is populated by leading scholars in the discipline. Added, it is extremely well cited, and consistently ranked among the top five most influential and most frequently cited management journals with an SSCI 2011 impact factor of 4.5 and an SSCI 2011 5-year impact factor of 7.0. Relatively, it is ranked #5 out of 168 journals in the ‘Management’ discipline within the SSCI.

The two journals that were endorsed with double rating upgrades were *International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management* and *Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal*. In both cases the submissions that we received were sufficiently persuasive for the panel to endorse upgrade from C to A. *International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management* is in its 33rd year of publication. It has a very high quality editorial board which includes top international scholars in supply chain management. It has a low acceptance rate of about 10% and a current impact factor of 1.038. *Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal* did not have an impact factor when the original ABDC list was published and this likely in-part underlay its original C rating. However, it has a very strong editorial board and now has an impact factor of 2.053. Added, it was reclassified from 0 to 3 on the ABS2010 list in the UK. Very strong scholars have published in this journal since its inauguration, including a large group of scholars whom themselves have over 10,000 citations (some well over 50,000) on Google Scholar.

Five further submissions that made multiple-upgrade cases were endorsed in-part with single rating upgrades, as the submissions did not make compelling cases for substantial rating shifts.

The rating upgrades endorsed by our panel were primarily for the following reasons:

- The journal had a substantively superior profile across a range of citation metrics to its closest competitor journals
- The journal is ranked more favourably across a range of well-established journal ranking lists
- The journal's editorial board and author profile are substantively more favourable to its closest competitor journals

A range of recommended journal upgrades were **not** acted upon by this panel, primarily for one or more of the following reasons:

- The submission did not evidence that the journal had a similar profile across a range of citation metrics to its closest competitor journals at the recommended rating
- The submission did not evidence that the journal had a more favourable profile across a range of citation metrics to its closest competitor journals at lower rating levels
- The submission did not evidence that the journal is ranked lower than its closest competitor journals across a range of well-established journal ranking lists
- The submission was not sufficiently persuasive in arguing the case that the journal's editorial board and author profile was comparable to its closest competitor journals at the recommended rating.

In the case of two journals with multiple submissions, our panel sought the views of discipline experts external to the panel. These journals were *Asia-Pacific Journal of Human Resources* and *Journal of Management and Organization*. One reason why we sought these external views was that two and three of our panel members respectively declared conflicts of interest in deliberating over these two journals. Our intent, therefore, in recruiting proxy members was to ensure the robustness and integrity of the deliberation and voting process. A further compelling reason to recruit proxy members was that both of these journals have a high degree of local relevance, which is one issue that panels were required to consider in

their deliberations. So, while it was the case that individual members also removed themselves from discussions around other journals for which they had a conflict of interest; the high number of non-voting members for these two outlets, coupled with the compelling nature of the local relevance factor, precipitated recruitment of external panel members in these two cases. Following receiving input and votes from external members, the panel did not endorse upgrade of either of these journals.

The endorsed list of **upgraded** journals relevant to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table MAN_C** at the end of this report.

D. Journal Transfers

The **MAN** panel received one submission recommending the **transfer** of a journal **into** the panel but, after due deliberation, this transfer was not endorsed. One further submission that was originally made to **BTL** was endorsed by our panel for transfer to **MAN** and was subsequently reviewed as a Form A Add New Journal submission.

The **MAN Panel** also received four submission recommending journal **transfers out of** this panel. After due deliberation, all of these transfers were endorsed by our panel as the journals were each deemed to be a better disciplinary fit elsewhere.

The **MAN** panel further endorsed removal of 17 journals, primarily for the following reasons:

- The journal content was out of scope
- The journal had insufficient English language content
- The journal was a duplicate in error on the original list

Such journals included: *Acta Mathematicae Applicandae Sinica*, *Agrekon*, *RAE*, and the duplicate entry for *SMART Journal of Business Management Studies*.

The endorsed list of journal **transfers** and **delistings** relevant to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table MAN_D** at the end of this report.

TABLES

Reconciliation table:

	ABDC 2010	+New	Gain by upgrade	Lost to upgrade	-transfers	Delistings	ABDC 2013
A*	44	+3	+8			-1	54
A	139	+16	+25	-7	-2	-3	168
B	179	+17	+17	-23	-2	-5	183
C	379	+9		-20		-8	360
	741	+45	+50	-50	-4	-17	765

Table MAN_A: Journal Additions

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM A Submission Reference*
1	Advances in Experimental Social Psychology	A*	MAN_FA_F_017
2	African Journal of Economic and Management Studies	C	MAN_FA_F_012
3	American Journal of Health Sciences	B	MAN_FA_F_003
4	Asia Pacific Journal of Health Management	C	MAN_FA_F_051
5	Built Environment Project and Asset Management	B	MAN_FA_F_031
6	Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology	B	MAN_FA_F_019
7	Decision Sciences Journal of Innovative Education	B	MAN_FA_F_043
8	Discourse & Communication	A	MAN_FA_F_018
9	Entrepreneurship Research Journal	B	MAN_FA_F_032
10	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (formerly Equal Opportunities International)	B	MAN_FA_F_020
11	Gender and Society	A*	MAN_FA_F_021
12	Global Strategy Journal	A	MAN_FA_F_014
13	Higher Education, Skills and Work-based Learning	C	MAN_FA_F_047
14	IIE Transactions	A	MAN_FA_F_045
15	IIMB Management Review	B	MAN_FA_F_056
16	Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Perspectives on Science & Practice	B	MAN_FA_F_062
17	International Journal of Law and Management	C	BTL_FA_F_008^^^

18	International Journal of Strategic Decision Sciences	B	MAN_FA_F_058
19	Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied	A	MAN_FA_F_023
20	Journal of Indian Business Research	C	MAN_FA_F_039
21	Journal of Industrial and Management Optimization	B	MAN_FA_F_054
22	Journal of International Business Education	B	MAN_FA_F_044
23	Journal of Organizational Behavior Education	C	MAN_FA_F_055
24	Journal of Personality	A	MAN_FA_F_038
25	Journal of Political Power	B	MAN_FA_F_008
26	Journal of Research in Personality	A	MAN_FA_F_007
27	Journal of Social Issues	A	MAN_FA_F_024
28	M@n@gement	B	MAN_FA_F_050
29	Management Decision - incorporates Journal of Management History (Archive)	A	MAN_FA_F_011
30	Mathematics of Operations Research	A	MAN_FA_F_016
31	Operations Management Education Review	B	MAN_FA_F_046
32	Organizational Psychology Review	B	MAN_FA_F_063
33	Psychological Science	A*	MAN_FA_F_026
34	Psychology of Women Quarterly	A	MAN_FA_F_027
35	Public Administration Review	A	MAN_FC_F_062^^
36	Public Administration: An International Quarterly	A	MAN_FC_F_063^^
37	Sex Roles	A	MAN_FA_F_030
38	Social Forces	A	MAN_FA_F_035
39	Social Indicators Research	A	MAN_FA_F_034
40	Social Justice Research	B	MAN_FA_F_028
41	Social Problems	A	MAN_FA_F_033
42	Social Psychological and Personality Science	B	MAN_FA_F_029
43	South Asian Journal of Global Business Research	C	MAN_FA_F_057
44	Sport Business & Management: An International Journal	C	MAN_FA_F_010
45	World Journal of Management	C	MAN_FA_F_052

* The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

^^ Submissions made on incorrect form type (Form C) so can be found with Form C submission files.

^^^ Original submission made to **BTL**. File now re-housed among **MAN** files.

Table MAN_C: Journal Upgrades

	Journal Title	Rating	FORM C Submission Reference*
1	Academy of Management Annals	A*	MAN_FC_F_085
2	Asia-Pacific Journal of Management	A	MAN_FC_F_071
3	Benchmarking: An International Journal	B	MAN_FC_F_073
4	Business and Society	A	MAN_FC_F_023
5	Career Development International	B	MAN_FC_F_075
6	Critical Perspectives on International Business	B	MAN_FC_F_090
7	Cross Cultural Management: An International Journal	B	MAN_FC_F_091
8	Culture and Organization	B	MAN_FC_F_092
9	Entrepreneurship and Regional Development	A	MAN_FC_F_077
10	European Journal of Operational Research	A*	MAN_FC_F_093
11	Human Relations	A*	MAN_FC_F_094
12	Human Resource Management Review	A	MAN_FC_F_090
13	International Journal of Arts Management	B	MAN_FC_F_096
14	International Journal of Conflict Management	A	MAN_FC_F_029
15	International Journal of Educational Management	B	MAN_FC_F_041
16	International Journal of Manpower	A	MAN_FC_F_034
17	International Journal of Organizational Analysis	B	MAN_FC_F_081
18	International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management	A	MAN_FC_F_101
19	International Journal of Production Economics	A*	ACC_FC_F_005^^^
20	International Journal of Productivity and Performance Management	B	MAN_FC_F_044
21	International Journal of Project Management	A	MAN_FC_F_102
22	International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy	B	MAN_FC_F_103
23	International Journal of Work Organisation and Emotion	B	MAN_FC_F_041
24	Journal of Business and Psychology	A	MAN_FC_F_055
25	Journal of Business Logistics	A	MAN_FC_F_107
26	Journal of Health, Organization and Management	B	MAN_FC_F_109
27	Journal of International Management	A	MAN_FC_F_020
28	Journal of Management History	A	MAN_FC_F_054

29	Journal of Purchasing and Supply Management	B	MAN_FC_F_119
30	Journal of Service Management	A	MAN_FC_F_019
31	Journal of Supply Chain Management: a global review of purchasing and supply	A	MAN_FC_F_122
32	Labour History: a journal of labour and social history	A	MAN_FC_F_133
33	Leadership	B	MAN_FC_F_056
34	Management Learning	A	MAN_FC_F_060
35	Management Organization Review	A	MAN_FC_F_059
36	Manufacturing and Service Operations Management	A	MAN_FC_F_003
37	Measuring Business Excellence	B	MAN_FC_F_017
38	Omega	A*	MAN_FC_F_125
39	Organizational Research Methods	A*	MAN_FC_F_126
40	Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin	A*	MAN_FC_F_061
41	Personnel Review	A	MAN_FC_F_082
42	Production and Operations Management	A	MAN_FC_F_128
43	Public Management Review	A	MAN_FC_F_065
44	Qualitative Research in Organizations and Management	B	MAN_FC_F_016
45	Small Group Research: an international journal of theory, investigation and application	A	MAN_FC_F_066
46	Sociology	A*	MAN_FC_F_015
47	Strategic Entrepreneurship Journal	A	MAN_FC_F_067
48	The International Journal of Logistics Management	A	MAN_FC_F_009
49	The TQM Journal	B	MAN_FC_F_013
50	Work & Stress	A	MAN_FC_F_131

* The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

^^^ Original submission made to ACC. File now re-housed among MAN files.

Table MAN_D: Journal Transfers and Delistings

	Panel A: Incoming Journal Title	Rating	FORM D Submission Reference*
	Panel B: Reclassified Journal Title	Rating / New panel	FORM D Submission Reference*
1	Australian Journal of Management	A / FIN	FIN_FD_F_001
2	Emerging Markets Review	B / FIN	FIN_FD_F_006
3	Journal of Financial Markets	A / FIN	FIN_FD_F_002
4	Journal of Intellectual Capital	B / ACC	ACC_FD_F_001
	Panel C: Delisted Journal Title	Rating / Reason	FORM D Submission Reference*
1	Acta Mathematicae Applicandae Sinica	C / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_006
2	Agrekon	C / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_007
3	Industrielle Beziehungen: Zeitschrift fuer Arbeit, Organisation und Management	C / Insufficient English	MAN_FD_F_008
4	Journal of Geographical Systems: geographical information, analysis, theory and decision	C / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_009
5	Journalism and Mass Communication Educator	B / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_010
6	Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly	A / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_011
7	Llafur	C / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_012
8	Mathematical Programming	A / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_013
9	Methodology and Computing in Applied Probability	B / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_014
10	Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A. Mathematical, Physical and Engineering Sciences	A* / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_015
11	Queueing Systems: theory and applications	B / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_016
12	R D Management	A / DUPLICATE	N/A - DUPLICATE
13	RAE	C / Insufficient English	MAN_FD_F_017
14	Revue Internationale du Droit d'Auteur	A / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_018
15	Sankhya: the Indian journal of statistics	B / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_019

16	SMART Journal of Business Management Studies	C/ DUPLICATE	N/A - DUPLICATE
17	South African Actuarial Journal	C / Out of scope	MAN_FD_F_020

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Appendix D6

**AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS DEANS
COUNCIL JOURNAL QUALITY LIST
2013 REVIEW**

**1504-1507
Marketing/Tourism/Logistics (MTL)
FOR Panel Report**

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A. Journals Additions

The **Marketing, Tourism and Logistics Panel** received 39 submissions recommending journal **additions** to the ABDC list. Thirty one of these journal additions were endorsed by our panel. Some journals seem to have been inadvertently left off the earlier list and some of the recommended new journals are “young” journals, with less than 5 years of publishing history. As such, most of these journals have entered at the lowest, “C” rating level. There are some exceptions, however, where a persuasive case was made for a rating above C. Common reasons for these higher rating decisions include their impact in the short period they have been in publication, the quality of the editors and editorial boards and the quality of the papers being published (sample articles had been read by some panel members). The endorsed list of new journals for this panel and their provisional ratings is shown in Table A.

B. Journal Downgrades

The **Marketing, Tourism and Logistics Panel** did not receive any external submissions recommending journal **downgrades**. However, after considerable deliberation, some downgrades were recommended by our panel, as it was felt the journals did not meet the criteria evident in the other journals rated at that level. The endorsed list of the downgraded journals relevant to this panel is shown in Table B.

C. Journal Upgrades

The **Marketing, Tourism and Logistics Panel** received 87 submissions recommending journal **upgrades**. After due deliberation, 75 journals were upgraded by the panel. A range of recommended journal upgrades were not acted upon by this panel, as the submissions were limited, often not anything other than the journal name. Even when more information was provided, it was often not sufficient to support an upgrade. However, some submissions were very convincing and played major roles in the decision to endorse the upgrade the various journals that are shown below. In three cases, it was clear to the panel that there had been a considerable misclassification of the journal and they were upgraded from C to A. These journals are: Journal of Applied Sport Psychology (1504); International Journal of Consumer Studies (1505); and Journal of Safety Research (1507). In all other cases, the journals were upgraded by only one level. The endorsed list of the downgraded journals relevant to this panel is shown in Table C.

D. Journal Transfers

The **Marketing, Tourism and Logistics Panel** received 2 submissions recommending the **transfer** of one journal “International Journal of Sport Finance” from 1502 into this panel. After due deliberation, this transfer was endorsed by our panel (from FOR 1502 into 1504).

TABLES

Reconciliations

	ABDC 2010	+ New	- Down grade	Gain by upgrade	+ Up Grade	- Lost to Up Grade	+ Transfer	- delisting	ABDC 2013
A*	13	0			+9				22
A	45	+1	-4		+28	-9		-1	60
B	99	+8	-4	+4	+38	-25			120
C	163	+22		+4		-41	+1		149
	320	+31	-8	+8	+75	-75	+1	-1	351

ABDC 2013	1504	1505	1506	1507	Aggregated
A*	4	10	4	4	22
A	13	26	11	10	60
B	36	42	21	21	120
C	38	67	23	21	149
	91	145	59	56	351

Table A MTL_A: Journal Additions

	FOR	Journal Title	Rating	FORM A Submission Reference
1	1504	International Journal of Cultural Policy	B	MTL_FA_F_036
2	1504	Journal of Quality in Maintenance Engineering	B	MTL_FA_F_004
3	1504	International Journal of Sport Communication	B	MTL_FA_F_014 MTL_FA_F_023 MTL_FA_F_035
4	1504	Soccer & Society	C	MTL_FA_F_016
5	1504	International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics	C	MTL_FA_F_015 MTL_FA_F_024 MTL_FA_F_034
6	1504	Hospitality & Society	C	MTL_FA_F_007
7	1504	Sport, Business and Management	C	MTL_FA_F_013 MTL_FA_F_032
8	1504	Australasian Parks and Leisure	C	MTL_FA_F_Panel
9	1504	Sport Management Education Journal	C	MTL_FA_F_012 MTL_FA_F_033
10	1504	Asia Pacific Journal of Arts and Cultural Management	C	MTL_FA_F_037
11	1505	Journal of Social Marketing	B	MTL_FA_F_030 MTL_FA_F_039
12	1505	International Journal of Quality and Services Science	C	MTL_FA_F_005
13	1505	Journal of Research in Interactive Marketing	C	MTL_FA_F_018 MTL_FA_F_022
14	1505	Journal of Islamic Marketing	C	MTL_FA_F_026
15	1505	Journal of Global Fashion Marketing	C	MTL_FA_F_019
16	1505	Journal for Advancement of Marketing Education	C	MTL_FA_F_031
17	1505	Journal of Advertising Education	C	MTL_FA_F_009
18	1505	Public Relations Inquiry	C	MTL_FA_F_017
19	1505	Arts Marketing	C	MTL_FA_F_027
20	1505	Journal of Global Scholars of Marketing Science	C	MTL_FA_F_020

21	1505	Asian Journal of Business Research	C	MTL_FA_F_001
22	1505	Journal of Digital and Social Media Marketing	C	MTL_FA_F_021
23	1506	International Journal of Event and Festival Management	B	MTL_FA_F_038 MTL_FA_F_025
24	1506	Journal of Policy Research in Tourism, Leisure and Events	C	MTL_FA_F_029
25	1507	Transportation Research Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behaviour	A	MTL_FA_F_Panel
26	1507	Transportation Journal	B	MTL_FA_F_010
27	1507	Supply Chain Management Review	B	MTL_FA_F_Panel
28	1507	Transportation Letters	B	MTL_FA_F_002
29	1507	Journal of Humanitarian Logistics and Supply Chain Management	C	MTL_FA_F_011
30	1507	Operations and Supply Chain Management	C	MTL_FA_F_006
31	1507	Journal of Research in Transportation Business and Management	C	MTL_FA_F_003

Table B MTL_B: Journal Downgrades

	FOR	Journal Title	2010	2013	FORM B Submission Reference
1	1504	Journal of Real Estate Practice and Education	B	C	MTL_FB_F_Panel
2	1504	The Journal of Hospitality Financial Management	B	C	MTL_FB_F_Panel
3	1504	Journal of Construction Research	B	C	MTL_FB_F_Panel
4	1504	Sport Management Review	A	B	MTL_FB_F_Panel
5	1506	Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Education	A	B	MTL_FB_F_Panel
6	1507	Journal of Construction Procurement	B	C	MTL_FB_F_Panel
7	1507	International Journal of Automotive Technology	A	B	MTL_FB_F_Panel
8	1507	Journal of Transport Economics and Policy	A	B	MTL_FB_F_Panel

Table C MTL_C: Journal Upgrades

	FOR	Journal Title	2010	2013	FORM C Submission Reference
1	1504	International Journal of Hospitality Management	A	A*	MTL_FC_F_Panel
2	1504	Automation in Construction	A	A*	MTL_FC_F_Panel
3	1504	Journal of Sport Management	A	A*	MTL_FC_F_Panel
4	1504	Journal of Construction Engineering and Management	A	A*	MTL_FC_F_Panel
5	1504	Journal of Gambling Studies	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
6	1504	Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
7	1504	Housing Studies	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
8	1504	Int. Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management	B	A	MTL_FC_F_038 MTL_FC_F_057 MTL_FC_F_058
9	1504	Cornell Hospitality Quarterly	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
10	1504	Leisure Studies	B	A	MTL_FC_F_046
11	1504	Sport in Society	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
12	1504	Sport Psychologist	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
13	1504	UNLV Gaming Research and Review Journal	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
14	1504	Journal of Sport Behavior	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
15	1504	Sport, Education and Society	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
16	1504	International Gambling Studies	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
17	1504	Journal of Gambling Issues	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
18	1504	International Journal of Sport Psychology	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
19	1504	International Journal of Wine Business Research	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
20	1504	Journal of Park and Recreation Administration	C	B	MTL_FC_F_082
21	1505	Industrial Marketing Management	A	A*	MTL_FC_F_016 MTL_FC_F_053
22	1505	European Journal of Marketing	A	A*	MTL_FC_F_017 MTL_FC_F_033

23	1505	Journal of Service Research	A	A*	MTL_FC_F_013 MTL_FC_F_027 MTL_FC_F_087
24	1505	Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
25	1505	Journal of Services Marketing	B	A	MTL_FC_F_086
26	1505	Public Relations Review	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
27	1505	Journal of Interactive Marketing	B	A	MTL_FC_F_014
28	1505	Service Industries Journal	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
29	1505	Journal of Brand Management	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
30	1505	Managing Service Quality	B	A	MTL_FC_F_036
31	1505	Quantitative Marketing and Economics	B	A	MTL_FC_F_056
32	1505	Journal of Business and Industrial Marketing	B	A	MTL_FC_F_063 MTL_FC_F_064
33	1505	Marketing Intelligence and Planning	B	A	MTL_FC_F_031
34	1505	Marketing Theory: an international review	B	A	MTL_FC_F_009
35	1505	Journal of Macromarketing	B	A	MTL_FC_F_010 MTL_FC_F_011 MTL_FC_F_015
36	1505	International Journal of Retail and Distribution Management	C	B	MTL_FC_F_061
37	1505	International Journal of Bank Marketing	C	B	MTL_FC_F_054
38	1505	Journal of Public Relations Research	C	B	MTL_FC_F_022 MTL_FC_F_085
39	1505	Int. Journal of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Marketing	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
40	1505	Journal of Communication Management	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
41	1505	Journal of Interactive Advertising	C	B	MTL_FC_F_024 MTL_FC_F_078 MTL_FC_F_079 MTL_FC_F_080 MTL_FC_F_081
42	1505	Journal of Financial Services Marketing	C	B	MTL_FC_F_072
43	1505	Advances in Consumer Research	C	B	MTL_FC_F_047

44	1505	Young Consumers	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
45	1506	Journal of Sustainable Tourism	A	A*	MTL_FC_F_041
46	1506	Journal of Vacation Marketing	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
47	1506	Current Issues in Tourism	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
48	1506	Tourism Geographies	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
49	1506	Event Management: an international journal	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
50	1506	Tourism Recreation Research	B	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
51	1506	Visitor Studies: theory, research, and practice	B	A	MTL_FC_F_034
52	1506	Scandinavian Journal of Hospitality and Tourism	C	B	MTL_FC_F_043
53	1506	Int. Journal of Culture, Tourism and Hospitality Research	C	B	MTL_FC_F_020
54	1506	Journal of Convention Event Tourism	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
55	1506	Anatolia	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
56	1506	Journal of Heritage Tourism	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
57	1506	Journal of Quality Assurance in Hospitality Tourism	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
58	1506	Tourism Review	C	B	MTL_FC_F_029
59	1506	Journal of China Tourism Research	C	B	MTL_FC_F_042
60	1506	International Journal of Hospitality and Tourism Administration	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
61	1506	Journal of Sport Tourism	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
62	1507	Transportation Research Part E: Logistics and Transportation Review	A	A*	MTL_FC_F_Panel
63	1507	Journal of Transport Geography	B	A	MTL_FC_F_006
64	1507	International Journal of Sustainable Transportation	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
65	1507	Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems: technology, planning, and operations	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
66	1507	Transportmetrica	C	B	MTL_FC_F_002
67	1507	Journal of Public Transportation	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
68	1507	Journal of Transport and Land Use	C	B	MTL_FC_F_008
69	1507	Journal of Transportation System Engineering and Information Technology	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
70	1507	Research in Transportation Economics	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel

71	1507	Transportation Planning and Technology	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
72	1507	European Journal of Transport and Infrastructure Research	C	B	MTL_FC_F_Panel
73	1504	Journal of Applied Sport Psychology	C	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
74	1505	International Journal of Consumer Studies	C	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel
75	1507	Journal of Safety Research	C	A	MTL_FC_F_Panel

Table D MTL_D: Journal Transfers (change +)

	Journal Title	New Rating	FORM D Submission Reference
1	International Journal of Sport Finance	C (incoming from 1502)	MTL_FD_F_001 MTL_FD_F_002

Table D MTL_D: Journal Deletion (change -)

	Journal Title	New Rating	FORM D Submission Reference
1	Journal of Tourism Studies	No longer exists	MTL_FD_F_001

Appendix D7

**AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS DEANS
COUNCIL JOURNAL QUALITY LIST
2013 REVIEW**

**180105/1801025
Business and Taxation Law (BTL)
FoR Panel Report**

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NSW**

**Kerrie Sadiq – Queensland University of
Technology**

Vince Morabito – Monash University

Background on the Panel

The Panel comprised Professors Margaret McKerchar (chair) (UNSW), Kerrie Sadiq (Queensland University of Technology) and Vincent Morabito (Monash). All members have been academics for many years and are well acquainted with the journals assigned to the panel. For the more contentious decisions, Panel members engaged in further research and reading to support their existing knowledge and sought further advice from other experts as necessary. Further, they were informed by the submissions received and the ratings assigned by both ERA in 2010 and the Council of Australian Law Deans (CALD) in 2009. The research specialisations of the Panel members encompassed both business law and tax law and across a broad range of methodologies including doctrinal and non-doctrinal research.

A. Journal Additions

The **BTL Panel** received 8 submissions recommending 6 journal **additions** (3 LAW and 3 TAX) to the ABDC list. After due deliberation, below are the 5 journal additions endorsed by the panel. The majority of the recommended new journals are “young” journals – with less than 5 years of publishing history, or alternatively, are journals directed mainly at a practitioner audience. As such, these journals have been entered at the lowest, “C” rating level. These journals are:

Australian GST Journal (TAX)
 Insolvency Law Bulletin (LAW)
 International Journal of Business Law (LAW)
 Journal of Chinese Tax and Policy (TAX)
 World Journal of VAT/GST Law (TAX)

One recommended “new” journal (International Journal of Law and Management) was **not** acted upon by this panel but instead, after a review of its content, referred to the **MAN Panel** for consideration. The endorsed list of **newly-admitted** journals to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table BTL_A** at the end of this report.

B. Journal Downgrades

The **BTL Panel** received 5 submissions recommending 4 journal **downgrades** (1 LAW and 3 TAX). After due deliberation, 2 (TAX) of these rating downgrades are endorsed by our panel. These journals are:

International VAT Monitor (TAX) (from A to B)
 Taxation in Australia (TAX) (from A to C)

In the case of Taxation in Australia, a ‘double downgrade’ was required to correct what the **BTL Panel** believed was a rating error made in 2010. This journal is a practitioner-based journal published monthly by the Tax Institute. Two submissions were received in support of this ‘double downgrade’ action and this was endorsed by our Panel.

In the case of International VAT Monitor, the **BTL Panel** felt that the quality and type of content published was not of the standard expected of an “A” rated journal. One submission

was received in support of a rating downgrade of this journal and this was endorsed by our Panel.

In a small subset of cases, the downgrade recommendations to this panel sought delisting of the journal in question. After due deliberation, no delistings are endorsed by our panel. A range of recommended journal downgrades or delistings are **not** acted upon by this panel, primarily because there was insufficient evidence provided to support the recommendation. Note that there were two cases of duplication of entries in the ABDC 2010 listing of the journals (Intertax: International Tax Review, and Common Law World Review) which were removed by our Panel.

Further, the **BTL Panel** initiated cases for the downgrade of 4 (LAW) journals from “A” to “B” based on an assessment of their quality, including the standing of the editorial board and the published content. Each of these downgraded journals was rated “C” by both ERA 2010 and CALD 2009. Whilst downgrades in this review were considered to be ‘sticky’ the Panel was mindful of the underlying philosophy of the rating review in terms of the expected distribution of ratings. The Panel felt that to maintain the overall integrity of journal ratings, cases for downgrade had to be initiated. As a result, while the overall ratings for this Panel are on the high side of expectations in terms of “A” rated journals (particularly for LAW), the 2013 distribution is marginally closer to the expected distribution. These downgraded journals are:

International Journal of Shipping Law (now published as Shipping and Trade Law)
Journal of Law, Information and Science
Pacific Rim Law and Policy
Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal

The endorsed list of **downgraded** journals relevant to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) are shown in **Table BTL_B** at the end of this report.

C. Journal Upgrades

The **BTL Panel** received 25 submissions recommending journal **upgrades** (22 journals: 11 LAW, 10 TAX and 1 (Fiscal Studies) belonging to the **ECO Panel** which was duly redirected). After due deliberation, 7 (3 LAW and 4 TAX) of these rating upgrades are endorsed by our panel. These journals are:

Australian Tax Review (TAX)
 Civil Justice Quarterly (LAW)
 eJournal of Tax Research (TAX)
 Journal of Corporate Law Studies (LAW)
 Journal of the Australasian Law Teachers Association (LAW)
 New Zealand Journal of Tax Law and Policy (TAX)
 Tax Specialist (TAX)

In terms of the TAX upgrades, the Tax Specialist was considered to have been incorrectly rated in 2010 – almost a contra entry to the ‘double downgrade’ of Taxation in Australia. Both these journals are published by the Tax Institute though their content and its quality are markedly different. Two submissions argued the case for upgrade (or correction) of Tax Specialist which our Panel endorsed.

The Panel endorsed upgrades for the balance of the journals identified above primarily because of the quality of their published content over time and the standing of their editorial board as presented in the submissions received.

A range of recommended journal upgrades are **not** acted upon by this panel, primarily for one or more of the following reasons:

- there was insufficient evidence to support the recommendation;
- membership of the editorial board was not of the standard expected of higher rated journals;
- the content of the journal was primarily directed at practitioners; and/or
- the content of the journal was not of sufficient quality.

The endorsed list of **upgraded** journals relevant to this panel (and their associated provisional ratings) is shown in **Table BTL_C** at the end of this report.

D. Journal Transfers

The **BTL Panel** did not receive any submission(s) recommending journal **transfers** into (out of) this panel.

TABLES

A breakdown of the 2013 draft list by field of research is provided below.

180105	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	15	6.2%	15	6.2%
A	78	32.1%	76	31.2%
B	63	25.9%	65	26.6%
C	87	35.8%	88	36.0%
	243	100.0%	244	100.0%

180125	ABDC 2010		ABDC 2013	
	#	%	#	%
A*	2	4.3%	2	4.1%
A	8	17.4%	9	18.8%
B	15	32.6%	14	29.2%
C	21	45.7%	23	47.9%
	46	100.0%	48	100.0%

Reconciliation table:

	ABDC 2010	+New	Gain by upgrade	Lost to upgrade	Lost by downgrade	Gain by downgrade	Lost by duplication	ABDC 2013
A*	17							17
A	86		+5		-6			85
B	78		+2	-5		+5	-1	79
C	108	+5		-2		+1	-1	111
	289							292

Table BTL_A: Journal Additions

	Journal Title	2013 Rating	FORM A Submission Reference*
1	Australian GST Journal (180125)	C	BTL_FA_F_009
2	Insolvency Law Bulletin (180105)	C	BTL_FA_F_010
3	International Journal of Business Law (180105)	C	BTL_FA_F_011
4	Journal of Chinese Tax and Policy (180125)	C	BTL_FA_F_012
5	World Journal of VAT/GST Law (180125)	C	BTL_FA_F_013

* The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

Table BTL_B: Journal Downgrades

	Journal Title	2010 Rating	2013 Rating	FORM B Submission Reference*
1	International VAT Monitor (180125)	A	B	BTL_FB_F_006
2	Journal of Law, Information and Science (previously listed as Journal of Law and Information Science) (180105)	A	B	BTL_FB_F_007
3	Pacific Rim Law and Policy (180105)	A	B	BTL_FB_F_008
4	Rutgers Computer and Technology Law Journal (180105)	A	B	BTL_FB_F_009
5	Shipping and Trade Law (previously published as International Journal of Shipping Law) (180105)	A	B	BTL_FB_F_010
6	Taxation in Australia (180125)	A	C	BTL_FB_F_011

* The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.

Table BTL_C: Journal Upgrades

	Journal Title	2010 Rating	2013 Rating	FORM C Submission Reference*
1	Australian Tax Review (180125)	B	A	BTL_FC_F_026
2	Civil Justice Quarterly (180105)	B	A	BTL_FC_F_027
3	eJournal of Tax Research (180125)	B	A	BTL_FC_F_028
4	Journal of Corporate Law Studies (180105)	B	A	BTL_FC_F_029
5	Journal of the Australasian Law Teachers Association (180105)	C	B	BTL_FC_F_030
6	New Zealand Journal of Tax Law and Policy (180125)	B	A	BTL_FC_F_031
7	Tax Specialist (180125)	C	B	BTL_FC_F_032

* The reference given in this column is to the file name for the relevant completed form, available in public record from the ABDC website, which provides the case made for changed status for the journal in question.