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COMMENTS ON DRAFT ERA 2012 DISCIPLINE MATRIX

from the

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The ERA-related issues were extensively discussed at the Australian Council of Deans of ICT (ACDICT) Annual Council Meeting held on 25 and 26 July 2011 in Hobart. There were 32 attendees from universities across Australia, including representatives from the Computer Science body CORE and Information Systems ACPHIS.

The motion placed at the ACDICT Annual Council Meeting to endorse the ARC decision to include conferences in the outputs of ICT academics throughout the 08 FOR code in the upcoming ERA round passed by an overwhelming majority.

ACDICT would therefore like to support the inclusion of conferences for the 08 Field of Research code for consideration in the upcoming ERA round. In addition, the Council agreed that the current preference was for the 08 Field of Research to be citation-based assessed in subsequent ERA rounds in keeping with other science disciplines. ACDICT is willing to work with the ARC to determine appropriate bibliometrics for conference publications.

ACDICT also noted that colleagues in the Library and Information Studies field (0807) may prefer to have conferences included even if this necessitates a peer-review assessment. However these disciplines were not represented well enough at the Council meeting and ACDICT cannot speak for them.

ACDICT looks forward to on-going consultation and collaboration with the ARC to achieve an improved evaluation of ICT research in future ERA rounds.