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Strengthening the AQF – proposal consultation

The Australian Qualifications Framework Council has today released for consultation a proposal for strengthening the AQF. As well as maintaining the AQF, supporting its users and promoting the AQF to stakeholders, the AQF Council's remit is to consider how the AQF can be strengthened to ensure it is nationally and internationally robust and supports flexible cross-sectoral linkages and pathways.

[Strengthening the AQF: a proposal](#) outlines measures to enhance the objectives of the AQF and create a more contemporary AQF architecture including:

- A common taxonomy of learning outcomes
- A hierarchy of qualifications based on explicit reference levels
- A measurement of the volume of learning for each qualification type at each level.

Based on the feedback received, the proposal will be refined and the components of the AQF will be re-designed and developed. A further round of consultations will occur then.

Written responses to this proposal are invited from stakeholders.

The [consultation document](#) can be found at <http://www.aqf.edu.au/aboutaqf.htm>

The consultation period will conclude on 12 June 2009.

Feedback can be sent by:

- email to aqfc@saugov.sa.gov.au or
- post to AQF Council Secretariat
GPO Box 320, Adelaide, South Australia,
5001.

Telephone enquiries can be made to 08 8226 2775.

AQF Council News

The AQF Council held its 4th meeting in Canberra on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. The focus of the meeting was to strategically strengthen the AQF.

The Council also held a special meeting in Adelaide on March 26, 2009 to discuss the direction of the 'Strengthening the AQF' project and how the Deputy Prime Minister's recent [announcements](#) would add a further focus to the project.

Mr. Craig Robertson has replaced Ms. Wendy Jarvie as the Commonwealth Government's appointment to the Council. Craig is the Group Manager, Tertiary Skills and Productivity in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Ms Karen Chalmers has been appointed as the New Zealand observer on the AQF Council, replacing Mr Keith Marshall. Karen is Manager, Policy and International at the NZ Qualifications Authority.

Chair meets with European Union
Director General for Education and
Culture, Mme Odile Quintin



During the Big Skills Conference, John Dawkins, AO, met with the Delegation from the European Union to discuss development of the EQF and relationships with Australia.

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