



*ABDC Journal Quality List  
Initial Interim Review Outcomes*

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### ABOUT ABDC

The Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) is the authoritative and collective voice of pro vice-chancellors, executive deans and heads of all 40 university business faculties and schools in Australia. Our mission is to advance and promote excellence in business education and research through engagement across Australian universities, industry, the government and the community.

Our member business schools graduate one-third of Australia's university students (corresponding to over 100,000 graduates annually).<sup>1</sup> Australian business schools also contribute significantly to the largest service export industry in Australia<sup>2</sup>, graduating three-fifths of international university students in Australia.<sup>3</sup>

### ABDC JOURNAL QUALITY LIST

In 2007, ABDC established an ABDC Journal Quality List for use by its member business schools. The aim of this initial list was to overcome the regional and discipline bias of international lists. An independent chair and discipline-specific panels reviewed the ABDC Journal Quality List in 2013 and 2009.

The ABDC Journal Quality List 2013 comprises 2,767 different journal titles, divided into four categories of quality, **A\***: 6.9%; **A**: 20.8%; **B**: 28.4%; and **C**: 43.9% journals. In each Field of Research (FoR) group, journals deemed **NOT** to reach the **quality threshold** level are not listed.

- [Link to ABDC Journal Quality List 2013](#)

**PLEASE NOTE:** *In the ABDC Journal Quality List 2013 there is considerable variability in the average quality between marginal journals at either end of each rating category. Many journals legitimately crossover discipline areas but for pragmatic reasons are allocated to one FoR only.*

**Journal lists should be a starting point only for assessing publication quality and should not constrain researchers to a particular domain. There is no substitute for assessing individual articles on a case-by-case basis.**

### 2016 INTERIM REVIEW

It is anticipated the next major full review of the ABDC Journal Quality List will be in 2017-18 and is likely to follow a similar process to the 2013 review with newly selected panels. In 2016 however, the ABDC authorised an interim review that has a very narrow focus built around **four** tightly defined scenarios:

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<sup>1</sup> Calculated from Department of Education and Training, 'Management & Commerce Completion Count', [Higher Education Statistics \(uCube\)](#) plus Economics data provided on request, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), [Australia's top 25 exports, goods and services, 2013-14.](#) In 2013-14 education-related travel services were Australia's fourth largest export at \$15.7 billion and included secondary, VET, ELICOS and pathways.

<sup>3</sup> Department of Education and Training, 2014.

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1. **Inclusion of new business-relevant journals** – journals newly created since 1 January 2011;
2. **Removal of very low quality journals** – e.g. deemed to be “predatory open access” journals;
3. **Switching FoR assignment of a journal**; or
4. **Correction of factual errors** in the ABDC database – e.g. incorrect journal title, incorrect web address.

The process was fully conducted online. We called for submissions via custom-designed web portal forms up until COB 30 May 2016.

### INTERIM REVIEW PANEL

- Overall Chair: Robert Faff - University of Queensland
- 0806 Information Systems: Julie Fisher - Monash University
- 1401-1499 Economics: Ian King - University of Queensland
- 1501 Accounting: Ken Trotman - University of NSW
- 1502 Finance: Robert Faff - University of Queensland
- 1503 Management: Ingrid Nielsen - Deakin University
- 1599 Other Commerce, Management, Tourism and Services: Ingrid Nielsen - Deakin University
- 1504-07 Marketing Tourism Logistics: Geoff Soutar - University of Western Australia
- 180105/180125 Business and Taxation Law: Kerrie Sadiq - Queensland University of Technology

### PROPOSED TIMELINE

- Open for submissions: **21/4/16**
- Submissions close: **COB 30/5/16**
- Initial outcomes released: **3/8/16**
- Public consultation: **3/8/16-17/8/16**
- Final release: **5/9/16**

### UNDERLYING PHILOSOPHY AND INDICATIVE “DEFINITIONS” OF FOUR RESEARCH QUALITY RATING CATEGORIES

The ABDC Journal Quality List is based on four mutually exclusive (and collectively exhaustive) rating categories labelled: A\*; A; B and C. These quality rating categories are defined as follows (note that the stated % are indicative only):

- **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.
- **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.

### KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Similar to previous reviews, the underlying philosophy of this review design takes into account a range of key considerations around the scope, purpose and execution of the review as follows:

- 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 a transparent, efficient and effective review process for submitters and assessor panels to minimise irrelevant information and information overload
- Recognition of the relevance of both **quantitative** and **qualitative** information that requires professional judgment in a complex multi-dimensional decision making setting (e.g. the rating exercise is not simply based on a trivial impact factor ranking)
- Avoid overlap of lists – assign unique journal “ownership”
- For any given journal, the **QUALITY** of submission(s) is far more important than the quantity of submissions.
- The **act** of voluntarily making any submission to this review is **deemed** to be acceptance by the submitter of the mandatory condition that the **FULL** unedited contents of **each and every** submission will be made publically available at the completion of the review process.

### SUBMISSION PROCESS & ELIGIBILITY

**Eligibility:** To be **eligible**, the submission must be made through one of the official online forms and emanate from one of the following Australia or New Zealand (ANZ) stakeholder groups:

1. 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; or
2. A **relevant Peak Body** representing ANZ academics (where such a body is primarily located in ANZ); or
3. An **individual academic** with formal affiliation to a university based in ANZ (NB: 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. **All other submissions are ineligible.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) ABOUT OUR REVIEWS

### Changes to journal listings

#### 1. Is this minor interim review intended to update the existing list or to develop a new list?

The ABDC Journal Quality 2013 list is the base - we are NOT creating a new list, just revising and updating.

#### 2. If no-one makes a submission for a particular journal, will it be removed in 2016?

If no-one raises any issue with a journal it will remain on the list at its 2013 rating. Even if issues are raised, good cause is needed for a removal of a journal. A draft revised list will be published on 20 July with opportunity to 'challenge' any panel changes/decisions.

#### 3. How do I make a submission to add or change a rating of a listed journal?

This minor review will focus only on adding new journals established since 1 January 2011, removing journals of low quality and changing FORs or incorrect journal details. The next major review will reassess journal ratings and adding older journals, for which we may not have received submissions for in the 2013 review or which have changed significantly since then. It is anticipated this next major review will be in 2017-18.

### Multi-coding of journals

#### 4. Will journals be multi-coded on the 2016 list?

Although an over-lapping coding system would be ideal, we need to minimise duplication, information overload and manageable panel workloads, by assigning 'ownership' to the most relevant primary panel. The primary panel will be responsible for reviewing the journal, but can consult other panels as necessary. Once the overall revised ABDC list is compiled and 'certified,' the nominated assigned FoR is indicative only - there will be no intention to have researchers 'pigeon-holed.'

### Recommendations from eminent scholars and signatories

#### 5. What format is appropriate for the above?

For recommendations from eminent scholars, please include a signed letter. For signatories, please provide a summary list including signatories' title and university affiliation. Additionally, in the same attachment, please include email approval from each signatory (i.e. a copy of a short email from each signatory stating that they agree to "signatory" status of content included in form 'X' regarding journal 'Y' submitted by primary submitter 'Z.')

### Submissions from outside Australian and New Zealand (ANZ)

#### 6. Can supporting letters in submissions be from academics outside Australia and New Zealand (ANZ)?

Yes if from truly 'eminent scholars' in the relevant field.

### 7. Why are submissions only accepted from Australia and New Zealand (ANZ)?

The **main purpose** of the ABDC journal list is to **serve the interests and needs of ABDC members and the business-related academic community located in ANZ** (which won't necessarily coincide with the considerations relevant in other country settings). We do whoever encourage letters of support (included in submissions) from eminent scholars worldwide and will also conduct an external review of the revised draft list in July. However being mindful of minimising panel workloads and the **over-riding ANZ focus**, we require that submissions emanate from within the ANZ academic environment. We recommend that the primary submitter be independent of the journal to avoid any conflict of interest impacting on a journal submission. However if you are a publisher or editor from outside ANZ and you notice that the details of a listed journal need to be corrected please complete a change factual details form.

### 8. Are submissions accepted from a visiting scholar to an ANZ institution?

A submission is acceptable from an individual academic or groups of like-minded academics with formal affiliation(s) to a university(ies) based in ANZ. However please note each signatory must have a relevant minimum of 0.5 FTE position with their affiliated university.

### Submissions for non-listed Field of Research (FOR) codes

### 9. Where do I go to make a submission for FoRs not included on the ABDC journal list?

The ABDC has defined its domain explicitly linked to 'core' research activity deemed sufficiently relevant to business schools located in ANZ, in terms of the seven primary FoR panels. FoRs outside this relevant domain are for others outside the ABDC to decide whether they wish to invest the significant relevant resources to perform a similar exercise for whatever constituency they believe needs to be represented.

### What is considered a submission?

### 10. If I send an email or write a letter will it be considered as a submission?

No. To achieve an efficient and effective process for submitters and assessor panels, the appropriate form **must** be used for each and every valid submission. For any given journal the **QUALITY** of submissions is more important than the quantity – like-minded submitters are **STRONGLY** encouraged to submit a **single joint submission with letters of support from eminent scholars** in the relevant field.

**INTERIM REVIEW DECISION OUTCOMES**

Below is an overview of the decision outcomes of received submissions during this 2016 interim review of the ABDC Journal Quality List.

For recent journals to be added to the ABDC Journal Quality List, it is necessary that the submission not only comes from an eligible submitter but that the journal: 1) meets the “substantive business element” test, based on simple metrics e.g. over 50 percent of articles over three years written by business faculty or over 50 percent of articles over a recent three year period are of a business nature and 2) reaches the necessary quality threshold level and is not be deemed a predatory open-access journal.

Some journals have been removed due to claims of probable predatory scholarly open-access activity. Many of the journals or the journal publishers have been listed on [Beall’s Scholarly Open Access website](#) as ‘questionable, scholarly open-access’ journals or publishers. ABDC recommends that scholars read the available reviews, assessments and descriptions provided on Beall’s website, and then decide for themselves whether they want to submit articles, serve as editors or on editorial boards. ABDC emphasises that journal publishers and journals change in their business and editorial practices over time. The ABDC Journal Quality List is kept up-to-date to the best extent as is currently possible but may not reflect sudden, unreported, or unknown enhancements to these journals in question.

Please see the ABDC website for further details on the individual submissions received.

**0806 Information Systems**

| Title   | Publisher        | ISSN               | Rating | Reviewer comments   | Decision Outcome |
|---|------------------|--------------------|--------|---|------------------|
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO ADD JOURNALS</b>                              |                  |                    |        |   |                  |
| Decision Science Letters  | Growing Science  | 1929-5804          |        | Do not know anyone on the editorial board and appears to be very technical in what it publishes.  | Do not add       |
| International Journal of Business Intelligence Research (IJBIR) | IGI Global       | 1947-3591          | C      |   | Add              |
| International Journal of Industrial Engineering Computations    | Growing Science  | 1923-2926          |        | No one on the editorial board is a senior or even mid-level IS person. Very technical in what it publishes, does not publish IS papers. | Do not add       |
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO REMOVE JOURNALS</b>                           |                  |                    |        |   |                  |
| Academy of Information and Management Sciences Journal          | Allied Academies | 1524-7252          | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| Journal of Computing and Information Technology                 | Academy Publish  | 2161-7112 (Online) | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |

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1401-1499 Economics

| Title   | Publisher  | ISSN      | Rating | Reviewer comments   | Decision Outcome |
|---|--|-----------|--------|---|------------------|
| SUBMISSIONS TO ADD JOURNALS                       |  |           |        |   |                  |
| Cogent Economics and Finance                      | Taylor & Francis                                   | 2332-2039 | B      | The journal has been reviewed and it should be added to the ABDC list. It publishes regularly and it has a respectable editorial board. Recommended rank: B.  | Add 1402         |
| Econometrics                                      | MDPI   | 2225-1146 | B      | This is clearly a respectable new journal in econometrics. It has a solid board, and reasonable content. As a new journal, it comes in with an initial ranking of B.  | Add 1403         |
| IMF Economic Review                               | Palgrave Macmillan                                 | 2041-4161 | A      | This journal was previously known as the IMF Staff Papers, which published articles from IMF staff. However, it was re-named as the IMF Economic Review, and it now functions as an academic journal open to submissions more generally. It is quite high profile and has drawn a good number of citations. However, its rank, according to citations, depends heavily on the particular citation method used (using JCR and REPEC). Its best citation scores put it near the bottom of the A* range, and its worst considerably lower. | Add 1402         |
| International Journal of Development and Conflict | Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE) | 2010-2704 | B      | There is not much information available online for this journal. It was originally published by World Scientific, but only for 2 volumes and then was moved to the Gokhale Institute. It does not appear yet in the citation databases looked at (JCR and REPEC). It does have a respectable editorial board, and I have viewed some recent articles, which appear solid.   | Add 1402         |
| IZA Journal of Labor Economics                    | SpringerOpen                                       | 2193-8997 | A      | This journal stands out from other IZA journals. Its editorial board is very strong and the articles are significant. Although the journal is still very new, REPEC ranks it well (#83 out of 1525 journals).   | Add 1402         |
| Journal of Demographic Economics                  | Cambridge University Press                         | 2054-0892 | B      | This is a good new journal, with a strong editorial board and publishing solid papers. It's still early days for citation support, with only 2 citations overall in the JCR.  | Add 1402         |
| Pacific Journalism Review                         | Pacific Media Centre                               | 1023-9499 | -      | In my view, this is not an economics journal, but one in journalism. No economist on the editorial board. It is also not a new journal: its website announces its 21st year of publication.   | Do not add       |
| Review of Economics & Finance                     | Better Advances                                    | 1923-7529 | B      | This is a respectable new journal, with a moderate but not stellar editorial board. The articles appear to be of moderate quality. I could not find citation data on it. It is not listed on JCR yet, and could not find it on REPEC.   | Add 1402         |

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|--|------------------|-----------|--------|--|-------------------|
|  | Press,<br>Canada |           |        |  |                   |
| The American Journal of Health Economics                               | MIT Press        | 2332-3493 | A      | This is a highly respectable new journal and the official journal of the American Society of Health Economists. It has a very strong editorial board, and it publishes high quality articles. It is only a year old, and so it is too early to have good citation data on it. It is highly regarded by scholars in the field, but not as highly as the top journal in the field (the Journal of Health Economics). | Add<br>1402       |
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO REMOVE JOURNALS</b>                                  |                  |           |        |  |                   |
| Theoretical Economics Letters  |                  | 2162-2078 | B      | While this is clearly not a prestige journal, it does publish papers regularly and it has an editorial board with some respected academics on it. Perhaps one could make an argument that this should be a C journal, rather than a B one -- but this is not the question being considered here, this would be for the next full review.   | Full<br>Review    |
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO CHANGE FOR</b>                                       |                  |           |        |  |                   |
| Annals of Actuarial Science  |                  | 1748-4995 | A      | This is not an economics journal, but an actuarial science journal.*   | Retain in<br>1502 |
| Astin Bulletin: the journal of the International Actuarial Association |                  | 0515-0361 | A      | This is not an economics journal, but an actuarial science journal.*   | Retain in<br>1502 |
| Insurance: Mathematics and Economics                                   |                  | 0167-6687 | A      | This is not an economics journal, but an actuarial science journal. Although it includes "Economics" in the title, all of the editors work in actuarial science departments, and the journal identifies itself closely with actuarial science and insurance finance.*  | Retain in<br>1502 |
| Journal of Time Series Analysis  |                  | 0143-9782 | A      | As stated by the person who made this submission, the submission is NOT to change the FOR but to upgrade the journal (to A* status). This type of upgrade is beyond the purview of this interim review.  | Retain in<br>1403 |
| Quantitative Finance   |                  | 1469-7688 |        | This is not an economics journal, but a finance journal.*  | Retain in<br>1502 |
| Mathematical Finance   |                  | 0960-1627 | A      | This is not an economics journal, but a finance journal.*  | Retain in<br>1502 |
| Scandinavian Actuarial Journal   |                  | 0346-1238 | A      | This is not an economics journal, but an actuarial science journal.*   | Retain in<br>1502 |

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\*In the 2013 review, the panel took great care to include only journals that are clearly economics journals in the list, after lengthy consultation and deliberation, and removed many journals from the previous economics list as a result. Including this journal now would be against the spirit of that review.

### 1501 Accounting

| Title                                       | Publisher       | ISSN      | Rating | Reviewer comments  | Decision Outcome |
|---|-----------------|-----------|--------|--|------------------|
| SUBMISSIONS TO ADD JOURNALS                 |                 |           |        |  |                  |
| Journal of Accounting in Emerging Economies | Emerald         | 2042-1168 | -      | It is not within the scope of this interim review to change the ranking of a journal. This should be considered at the next full review.         | Full review      |
| Journal of Management Control               | Springer        | 2191-4761 | -      | The decision on the ranking needs to be made by the full committee and therefore should be deferred until the next full review of ABDC journals. | Full review      |
| SUBMISSIONS TO REMOVE JOURNALS              |                 |           |        |  |                  |
| Accounting and Taxation                     |                 | 1944-529X | C      | Insufficient case has been made for removal. Further information needed for a decision.  | Retain           |
| Australian Journal of Accounting Education  |                 | 1449-3772 | C      |  | Remove           |
| Corporate Ownership and Control             |                 | 1727-9232 | B      |  | Remove           |
| Global Review of Accounting and Finance     | Zia World Press | 1838-1413 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.  | Remove           |
| Journal of Modern Accounting and Auditing   |                 | 1548-6583 | C      |  | Remove           |
| SUBMISSIONS TO CHANGE FOR                   |                 |           |        |  |                  |
| Journal of Information Systems              |                 | 0888-7985 | A      | This will remain as an 'A' journal. ACPHIS elected to retain this journal as 0806 as part of the most recent review of journal rankings.         | Retain 0806      |

### 1502 Finance

| Title  | Publisher           | ISSN      | Rating | Reviewer comments | Decision Outcome |
|--|---------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------|------------------|
| SUBMISSIONS TO ADD JOURNALS                    |                     |           |        |                   |                  |
| Financial Planning Research Journal            | Griffith University | 2206-1355 | C      |                   | Add              |
| International Journal of Financial Engineering | World Scientific    | 2424-7863 | C      |                   | Add              |

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|--|--|-----------|--------|---|------------------|
| Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Finance         | Elsevier                               | 2214-6350 | B      |   | Add              |
| Journal of Asian Finance, Economics and Business       | Korea Distribution Science Association | 2288-4637 | -      | This submission is ineligible   | Do not add       |
| Journal of Commodity Markets                           | Elsevier                               | 2405-8513 | B      |   | Add              |
| Journal of Index Investing                             | Institutional Investor Journals        | 2154-7238 | C      |   | Add              |
| Journal of Retirement                                  | Institutional Investor Journals        | 2326-6899 | C      | Entry into ABDC approved, but the journal needs to prove its credentials - so only enters as C for now. Warrants review again in the next full review of the ABDC list. | Add & review     |
| Market Microstructure and Liquidity                    | World Scientific                       | 2382-6266 | B      |   | Add              |
| Risks  | MDPI AG                                | 2227-9091 | B      |   | Add              |
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO REMOVE JOURNALS</b>                  |  |           |        |   |                  |
| Academy of Taiwan Business Management Review           |  | 1813-0534 | B      |   | Remove           |
| Global Economy and Finance Journal                     | Zia World Press                        | 1834-5883 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| International Journal of Economics and Finance         |  | 1916-971X | C      |   | Remove           |
| The International Journal of Business Finance Research |  | 1931-0269 | C      |   | Remove           |

**1503 Management**

| Title  | Publisher             | ISSN      | Rating | Reviewer comments   | Decision Outcome |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|--------|---|------------------|
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO ADD JOURNALS</b>                                     |                       |           |        |   |                  |
| Academy of Management Discoveries                                      | Academy of Management | 2168-1007 | A      | IN - New journal from the AOM stable that promises to mirror the rigour of the extant Academy journals. May be a candidate for ranking increase in a future review.                   | Add              |
| Annual Review of Organizational Psychology and Organizational Behavior | Annual Reviews        | 2327-0616 | A*     | The editorial board, invitation and review processes are clearly leading to published review papers of outstanding quality at least equivalent to those in the extant Annual Reviews. | Add              |

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|--|--|-----------|--------|---|------------------|
| Business, Peace and Sustainable Development                  | Greenleaf Publications                       | 2051-8757 | C      | Sufficient case made for inclusion at C.  | Add              |
| Decision   | American Psychological Association           | 2325-9965 | A      | While the case for the substantive business element test is plausible, it is not compelling, and the published papers themselves do not add to the strength of the case. However, as an APA journal, it is hard to reject the case for inclusion. Hence, borderline on the business element test, but a clear case on the quality indicators.                   | Add              |
| Evidence-based HRM: a Global Forum for Empirical Scholarship | Emerald                                      | 2049-3983 | B      | A clear case has been made in support of the business element test, but the case to support inclusion as an A ranked journal is weak. Consultation and peer review of a selection of recent papers is suggestive of support for inclusion at B, with submission contributors encouraged to mount a more robust case for upgrade in the forthcoming full review. | Add              |
| International Journal of Emergency Services                  | Emerald Group Publishing Ltd                 | 2047-0894 | C      | Meets the requirements of the business element test and the quality benchmark for inclusion on the ABDC JQL as a C.   | Add              |
| Journal of Cleaner Production                                | Elsevier                                     | 0959-6526 | -      | This is not a new journal (from 2011). The first edition was 1993. It is hence outside of this review.  | Do not add       |
| Journal of Contemporary Management                           | Better Advances Press, Canada                | 1929-0128 | -      | Online evidence of a pay-for-publication model; and publisher listed on Beall's list of potential, possible, or probable predatory scholarly open-access publishers.  | Do not add       |
| Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy                | Emerald                                      | 2045-2101 | -      | While the business element test is clear, insufficient evidence has been provided in support of the case for inclusion at B. It is not sufficient to simply name a comparator journal without providing some evidence against which the comparison has been made.   | Do not add       |
| Journal of Family Business Management                        | Emerald                                      | 2043-6238 | -      | While the business element test is clear, insufficient evidence has been provided in support of the case for inclusion at B. It is not sufficient to simply name a comparator journal without providing some evidence against which the comparison has been made.   | Do not add       |
| Journal of Global Good Governance, Ethics and Leadership     | RossiSmith Academic Publications, Oxford, UK | 2230-2360 | -      | With only one published edition, it is simply too early to tell. However, the review and timelines stated online are not suggestive of an outlet that is likely to be successful with a future attempt to enter the ABDC JQL from a quality point of view.  | Do not add       |

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|--|--|--------------------|--------|--|------------------|
| Journal of Global Mobility: The Home of Expatriate Management Research   | Emerald                                    | 2049-8799          | B      | There are several submissions to include this journal at a rank of B. While collectively, the submissions do not provide a compelling case for the quality rank (they do provide a compelling case in support of the business element test), I am satisfied with entry at B following my own review of the papers in the available editions. | Add              |
| Journal of Management Sciences   | Geist Science                              | 2313-0113          | -      | Insufficient evidence in support of case. Only 11 citations to the journal on Google Scholar, suggesting insufficient quality for inclusion in ABDC JQL. Breadth of journal scope poor fit for 1503.   | Do not add       |
| Journal of Organizational Effectiveness: People and Performance          | Emerald Group Publishing                   | 2051-6614          | B      | Case clear in terms of scope and quality indicators.   | Add              |
| Journal of Professions and Organization                                  | Oxford University Press                    | 2051-8803          | A      | Strong portfolio of in support of case.  | Add              |
| Organizational Psychology Review   | Sage                                       | 2041-3866          | A      | Not yet sufficient evidence in support of the A* - and acceptance rate is below what would be required in the absence of further evidence; but this may be one that is in line for an upgrade in a future review, particularly once we have impact factor information.   | Add              |
| Regional Studies, Regional Science                                       | Routledge, Taylor & Francis                | 2168-1376 (Online) | A      | By far and away the most detailed and evidenced submission in my codes. While the business element test is marginal, the scope of papers is comparable to other similar journals in the list (e.g. Regional Studies; Urban Studies).   | Add              |
| Research in Ethical Issues in Organizations                              | Emerald                                    | 1529-2096          | B      | Clear case for inclusion (note case is identical across three submissions).  | Add              |
| South Asian Journal of Human Resources Management                        | Sage                                       | 2322-0937          | C      | Passes business element test and threshold for inclusion, but is clearly inferior to the comparator journal. Approved at a lower ranking.  | Add              |
| Technology Innovation Management Review                                  | Talent First Network (Carleton University) | 1927-0321          | -      | Does not meet quality threshold for inclusion in ABDC JQL.   | Do not add       |
| The International Journal of Studies in Thai Business, Society & Culture | RMIT University                            | 2200-7431          | -      | Does meet quality threshold for inclusion on ABDC QL.  | Do not add       |

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| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO REMOVE JOURNALS</b>                           |   |           |        |   |                  |
| Academy of Entrepreneurship Journal                             | Allied Academies                                | 1087-9595 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| Asia-Pacific Journal of Business Administration                 |   | 1757-4323 | C      | The removal of journals that do not pass a quality threshold for ABDC JQL inclusion is outside of this review. There is sufficient evidence that the journal passes the business element test; and no evidence that it has a pay-for-publication model. A later full review may determine that it no longer meets the quality standard it was deemed to have met, but that is not the purpose of the current exercise. In the current exercise, the assessment of whether a journal meets the quality threshold pertains only to submissions to include new journals. | Retain & Review  |
| Business Education and Accreditation                            |   | 1944-5903 | C      | Online evidence of pay-for-publication model.   | Remove           |
| Contemporary Management Research                                | Academy of Taiwan Information Systems Research  | 1813-5498 | B      | Online evidence of pay-for-publication model. Unable to access details regarding editorial board.   | Remove           |
| European Journal of Management                                  | International Academy of Business and Economics | 1555-4015 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| Global Journal of Business Research                             |   | 1931-0277 | C      | Online evidence of pay-for-publication model.   | Remove           |
| International Journal of Applied Business and Economic Research | Institute for Business and Finance Research     | 0972-7302 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| International Journal of Business Research                      | International Academy of Business and Economics | 1554-5466 | C      | Online evidence of pay-for-publication model.   | Remove           |
| International Journal of Business Strategy                      | International Academy of                        | 1553-9563 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |

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|  | Business and Economics                          |           |        |   |                  |
| International Journal of Business Studies (USA)            | International Academy of Business and Economics | 1555-7715 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| International Journal of Entrepreneurship                  | Allied Academies                                | 1099-9264 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| International Journal of Management and Marketing Research | Institute for Business and Finance              | 1933-3153 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| International Journal of Strategic Management              | International Academy of Business and Economics | 1555-2411 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| International Review of Business Research Papers           | Zia World Press                                 | 1837-5685 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| Journal of American Academy of Business, Cambridge         |   | 1540-7780 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory journal.   | Remove           |
| Journal of Business and Policy Research                    | World Business Institute                        | 1449-387X | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |
| Journal of Global Business Management                      |   | 1817-3179 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory journal.   | Remove           |
| Journal of Global Responsibility                           |   | 2041-2568 | C      | The removal of journals that do not pass a quality threshold for ABDC JQL inclusion is outside of this review. There is sufficient evidence that the journal passes the business element test; and no evidence that it has a pay-for-publication model. A later full review may determine that it no longer meets the quality standard it was deemed to have met, but that is not the purpose of the current exercise. In the current exercise, the assessment of whether a journal meets the quality threshold pertains only to submissions to include new journals. | Retain & Review  |

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| Journal of International Business and Economics | International Academy of Business and Economics | 1544-8037 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.  | Remove           |
| Journal of International Management Studies     |   | 1993-1034 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory journal.  | Remove           |
| Review of Business Research                     | International Academy of Business and Economics | 1546-2609 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.  | Remove           |
| SMART Journal of Business Management Studies    |   | 0973-1598 | C      | Online evidence of pay-for-publication model.  | Remove           |
| The Business Review, Cambridge                  |   | 1553-5827 | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory journal.  | Remove           |
| World Journal of Management                     | Zia World Press                                 | 1836-070X | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.  | Remove           |
| World Journal of Management                     | World Business Institute                        | 1836-070X | C      | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.  | Remove           |
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO CHANGE FOR</b>                |   |           |        |  |                  |
| Australian Journal of Labour Law                |   | 1030-7222 | A      | Should stay in 1801, as agreed with 1801 Reviewer.   | Retain in 180105 |
| Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal        |   | 1095-6654 | A      | Should stay in 1801, as agreed with 1801 Reviewer.   | Retain in 180105 |
| Journal of Happiness Studies                    |   | 1389-4978 | B      | While my view is that the journal should be moved to 1503, I could not get agreement with 1402 Reviewer. | Retain in 1402   |
| Knowledge Management Research and Practice      |   | 1477-8238 | A      | While my view is that the journal should be moved to 1503, I could not get agreement from 0806 Reviewer. | Retain in 0806   |
| Operations and Supply Chain Management          |   | 1979-3561 | C      | Change agreed with 1507 Reviewer.  | Change from 1507 |

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1599 Other Commerce, Management, Tourism and Services

| Title   | Publisher                   | ISSN      | Rating | Reviewer comments  | Decision Outcome |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|--|------------------|
| SUBMISSIONS TO ADD JOURNALS                   |                             |           |        |  |                  |
| Business and Human Rights Journal             | Cambridge University Press  | 2057-0198 | -      | Insufficient evidence has been provided in support of the case for inclusion. It is not sufficient to simply name a comparator journal without providing some evidence against which the comparison has been made. Indeed the submission comprises one sentence: a newly established excellent journal. I suggest the submitter try again in the full review by making a full and compelling case.                                 | Do not add       |
| Operations Research for Health Care           | Elsevier                    | 2211-6923 | -      | Insufficient evidence has been provided in support of the case for inclusion. It is not sufficient to simply name a comparator journal without providing some evidence against which the comparison has been made. Indeed, the submission consists of a single sentence: It is a leading journal in healthcare management sciences. I suggest the submitter try again in the full review by making a thorough and compelling case. | Do not add       |
| Policy and Society                            | Elsevier                    | 1449-4035 | B      | Sufficient case for inclusion at B.  | Add              |
| Social Business: An Interdisciplinary Journal | Westburn Publishers Ltd     | 2044-4087 | B      | The case is rather thin, but having reviewed a few recent papers, I agree that this is a unique outlet and an important one to add. Received submissions for this journal under 1504-07 but both reviewers agree this is the best FOR  | Add              |
| Territory, Politics, Governance               | Routledge, Taylor & Francis | 2162-2671 | -      | Does not pass the substantive business element test.   | Do not add       |

1504-07 Marketing Tourism Logistics

| Title                                | Author   | FoR  | ISSN      | Rating | Reviewer comments   | Decision outcome |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------|-----------|--------|---|------------------|
| SUBMISSIONS TO ADD JOURNALS          |          |      |           |        |   |                  |
| APPETITE                             | Elsevier | 1505 | 0195-6663 | A      | Very good board and excellent impact  | Add              |
| Applied Mathematics and Computations | Elsevier |      | 0096-3003 |        | Outside the scope of the FoRs involved in the ABDC List including 1504-07 and 0806. | Do not add       |

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|---|------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|---|------------------|
| Case studies on transport policy                                    | Elsevier                     | 1507    | 2213-624X | C      | Little Impact   | Add              |
| Customer Needs and Solutions  | Springer                     | 1505    | 2196-291X | B      | Very new, but outstanding editorial board and authors publishing already                    | Add              |
| Economics of Transportation   | Elsevier                     | 1507    | 2212-0122 | B      | Great board and good impact   | Add              |
| EURO Journal on Transportation and Logistics                        | Springer                     | 1507    | 2192-4376 | B      | Great board and good impact   | Add              |
| Food Quality and Preference   | Elsevier                     | 1505    | 0950-3293 | A      | Very strong journal - good citations.   | Add              |
| Health Promotion International                                      | Oxford                       | 1505    | 1460-2245 | A      | Strong journal - good citations.  | Add              |
| International Journal of Tourism Cities                             | Emerald Group Publishing     | 1506    | 2056-5607 | C      | Very new - no real record.  | Add              |
| Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development | Emerald Group Publishing Ltd | 1506    | 2044-1266 | C      | Moved from 1503 to 1506. No real impact and not a well-known board                          | Add              |
| Journal of Marketing Behavior                                       | Now Publishers Inc.          | 1505    | 2326-5698 | B      | EMAC journal - very new.  | Add              |
| Journal of Tourism Futures  | Emerald                      | 1506    | 2055-5911 | C      | Very new - no real record as of yet.  | Add              |
| Journal of Transport and Health                                     | Elsevier                     | 1507    | 2214-1405 | C      | Very new - no real record as of yet.  | Add              |
| Smart and Sustainable Built Environment                             | Emerald Group Publishing Ltd | 1504    | 2046-6099 | C      | Out of scope for 1599. Listed as a C under 1504 - relatively new - little impact.           | Add              |
| The International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology      | Springer                     | 1504-07 | 0268-3768 |        | Reviewed under 1504-07 and 1503 – not enough of substantive business element for inclusion. | Do not add       |
| Tourism Management Perspectives                                     | Elsevier                     | 1506    | 2211-9736 | B      | Good record and editorial board.  | Add              |
| TOP   | Springer                     |         | 1134-5764 |        | Outside the scope of the FoRs involved in the ABDC List including 1504-07, 1503 and 0806.   | Do not add       |
| Transportmetrica B  | Taylor & Francis             | 1507    | 2168-0566 | B      | New but good record and editorial board.  | Add              |
| Travel Behaviour and Society  | Elsevier                     | 1506    | 2214-367X | B      | New but good record and very strong editorial board.  | Add              |
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO REMOVE JOURNALS</b>                               |                              |         |           |        |   |                  |
| International Journal of Business and Management                    |                              |         | 1833-3850 |        |   | Remove           |
| Academy of Marketing Studies Journal                                | Allied Academics             |         | 1095-6298 |        | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher.   | Remove           |

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|---|------------------------|------|-----------|--------|---|------------------|
| Asian Journal of Marketing (USA)  | Academic Journals Inc. |      | 1819-1924 |        | Listed on Beall's website as predatory publisher. | Remove           |
| Title   | Author                 | FoR  | ISSN      | Rating | Reviewer comments                                 | Decision outcome |
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO CHANGE FOR</b>  |                        |      |           |        |   |                  |
| Construction, Economics and Building (formerly Australasian Journal of Construction Economics and Building) |                        | 1504 | 1835-6354 | C      |   | Change from 1503 |
| International Journal of Wine Business Research   |                        | 1505 | 1751-1062 | B      | Agree 1505 is best.                               | Change from 1504 |
| Public Opinion Quarterly  |                        | 1505 | 0033-362X | A      |   | Change from 1503 |

**180105/180125 Business and Taxation Law**

| Title                                     | Publisher  | ISSN      | Rating | Reviewer comments   | Decision Outcome |
|---|------------|-----------|--------|---|------------------|
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO ADD JOURNALS</b>        |            |           |        |   |                  |
| Australian Tax Law Bulletin               | LexisNexis | 2203-9481 | C      |   | Add 180125       |
| Curtin Law and Taxation Review            | LexisNexis | 2203-5028 | B      | This journal has an impressive Editorial Board consisting of world renowned scholars in the field. The articles provided in the submission indicate the journal only accepts high quality research. This journal is comparable to several ranked journals in the same field of research.  | Add 180105       |
| European Business Organization Law Review | Springer   | 1566-7529 | -      | This journal has existed since 2000. As such, the submission does not meet the tightly defined criteria for consideration under the 2016 interim review guidelines. Further, very little information about the journal has been provided in the individual submission. I have investigated further, and while there may be a case for including this journal on the ABDC list, and it would most likely be coded 180105, this | Do not add       |

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|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------|---|------------------|
|   |                                   |           |        | needs to be assessed under a full review. As such, a comprehensive submission should be made for the 2017/18 full review.   |                  |
| Journal of Financial Crime                    | Emerald                           | 1359-0790 |        | This journal has existed since 1993. As such, the submission does not meet the tightly defined criteria for consideration under the 2016 interim review guidelines. Further, very little information about the journal has been provided in the individual submission. I have investigated further, and while there may be a case for including this journal on the ABDC list, it is not clear that it should be coded 180105. A comprehensive submission should be made for the 2017/18 full review.   | Do not add       |
| Journal of Financial Regulation               | Oxford University Press           | 2053-4833 | B      | This journal has an impressive Editorial Board consisting of world renowned scholars in the field. The articles published indicate the journal only accepts high quality research. This journal is comparable to several ranked journals in the same field of research.   | Add 180105       |
| Journal of Tax Administration                 | Journal of Tax Administration Ltd | 2059-190X | B      | This journal is very new, with its inception in 2015. It has an impressive international editorial board and the articles published are of a high standard. However, the journal has not yet had the time to demonstrate that it is comparable to equivalent journals listed in the submission. The submission is based on potential rather than current evidence. Information currently in existence suggests the journal should be ranked a B with several comparable journals available. In time, I expect this journal to increase its ranking.       | Add 180125       |
| World Journal of VAT/GST Law                  | Taylor and Francis                | 2048-8432 | A      | I note that the request is for a ranking of A*. However, this journal is more appropriately benchmarked against other A journals.   | Add 180125       |
| <b>SUBMISSIONS TO REMOVE JOURNALS</b>         |                                   |           |        |   |                  |
| Corporate Board: role, duties and composition |                                   | 1810-8601 | C      | This journal is published by Virtus InterPress which appears on the Beall's list of predatory publishers. It requires a submission fee. While there is only one submission requesting the removal of this journal, I note that it is C ranked so it may not have come to the attention of many academics. I have taken the liberty of reading the submissions for removal of the journal "Corporate Ownership and Control" which is a "B" ranked 1501 by the same publisher. It is my view that the same arguments for removal go across both journals. " | Remove           |

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- The University of Notre Dame, School of Business, Sydney
- The University of Sydney, Business School
- University of New England, School of Business
- University of Technology Sydney, UTS Business School
- University of Western Sydney, School of Business
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- Griffith University, Griffith Business School
- James Cook University, College of Business, Law and Governance
- Queensland University of Technology, QUT Business School
- Southern Cross University, Business School
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## AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS SCHOOLS - THE FACTS

***Australian business schools graduate one-third of Australia's university students.<sup>4</sup>***

***Australian business schools graduate three-fifths of the international university students in Australia.<sup>5</sup>***

***Australian business school students contribute an estimated \$5.3 billion in export earnings to the Australian economy per annum<sup>6</sup> – a significant part of Australia's largest service export.<sup>7</sup>***

***One-fifth of Australian business schools are ranked in the top two percent of universities worldwide for economics and business.<sup>8</sup>***

***Two-thirds of Australia's top 50 CEOs have a business qualification.<sup>9</sup>***

***Australian business school MBA graduates earn the second highest average salary world-wide at US\$115,600.<sup>10</sup>***

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<sup>4</sup> Department of Education and Training, 2014 - 32 per cent of all university completions in 2014 were from a management, commerce or economics discipline.

<sup>5</sup> Department of Education and Training, 2014 - 57 per cent of all university completions by overseas students in 2014 were from a management, commerce or economics discipline. This figure equals enrolment figures for management and commerce in offshore Australian campuses - Australian Education International – *'Research Snapshot: Transnational education in the higher education sector'*, Oct 2014.

<sup>6</sup> Calculated from Department of Education and Training, 'Management and Commerce International Student Load Count (EFTSL)', *Higher Education Statistics Data Cube (uCube)* plus Economics EFTSL data provided on request 2013 and 'Australia's International Education Industry - Analysis of Strategic Trends,' February 2013, by Boston Consulting Group (BCG), p. 14, Each international higher education student contributes an average USD44,000 to the Australian economy (fees plus living costs). Exchange rate accessed from [xe.com](http://xe.com) on 29 August 2013.

<sup>7</sup> Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), *'Australia's Trade in Goods & Services, Australia's top 25 exports, goods and services, 2013-14'*. In 2013-14 education-related travel services were Australia's fourth largest export at \$15.7 billion and included secondary, VET, ELICOS and pathways.

<sup>8</sup> *Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), 2014*. One-in-five Australian business schools are listed in the top 200 (or two percent) of universities worldwide in economics and business. In the *US News Best Global Universities Ranking 2014*, Australian business schools represent seven out of the top 100 universities for economics and business. Quaquarelli Symonds in their 2015 top 50 'QS World University Rankings', Australian business schools account for six in Accounting and Finance, five in Economics and Econometrics and six in business & management studies.

<sup>9</sup> Suncorp Bank, *'Power Index'*, August 2012. Survey of the CEOs of the 50 largest ASX-listed companies. 64 per cent have a business qualification; 40 per cent have an undergraduate business degree and 25 per cent hold an MBA

<sup>10</sup> QS Intelligence Unit, *QS TopMBA.com Jobs & Salary Trends Report 2014/15*, p.44.