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| **JCU Confirmation of Candidature - External Reviewer Assessment**  | Description: JCU_Logo_RGB |
| JCU Graduate Research School (GRS) | Updated 19.5.2022 |
| Dear Reviewer, Many thanks for agreeing to review the attached Confirmation of Candidature Research Proposal for a Higher Degree by Research Candidate at James Cook University (JCU). Please take into account the below information in reviewing this proposal, and return it by return email.**Information for Reviewers**The Confirmation of Candidature at JCU requires Candidates to complete a Research Proposal which must be reviewed by a person who has been published on the field of research of this proposal. The expert reviewer must be external to JCU.Your report will be provided to the Candidate to enable them to make amendments or alterations where required before submitting the finalised proposal for evaluation by the Candidature Committee. This report will be used by the Candidature Committee in its evaluation of the Candidate’s performance in this Candidature milestone. Your identity will be released to the Candidate unless indicated otherwise on the form below.Please complete the Evaluation section that asks for your rating of ten (10) aspects of the proposal. There is also an area for free text if you are able additional to provide any feedback and comments. Please return your evaluation to JCU by return email. Additional pages can be attached if you wish.The normal period for completion and return of this report is 10 working days. If you are not able to return the report within this timeframe, please notify the Primary Advisor.Any queries regarding the process or the report should be directed to the Primary Advisor in the first instance, however if this is not possible or appropriate, please contact the Graduate Research School (grs@jcu.edu.au).Yours sincerely, |
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| **Research Proposal Evaluation**Please provide your evaluation and assessment of the following: |
| **Clarity of aims, research questions and/or hypotheses** |
| [ ]  Excellent | [ ]  Good | [ ]  Sufficient | [ ]  Needs Improvement | [ ]  Inadequate |
| **Discussion of the background of the study** |
| [ ]  Excellent | [ ]  Good | [ ]  Sufficient | [ ]  Needs Improvement | [ ]  Inadequate |
| **Justification of significance of the proposed research** |
| [ ]  Excellent | [ ]  Good | [ ]  Sufficient | [ ]  Needs Improvement | [ ]  Inadequate |
| **Explanation of proposed methodology** |
| [ ]  Excellent | [ ]  Good | [ ]  Sufficient | [ ]  Needs Improvement | [ ]  Inadequate |
| **Risk analysis** |
| [ ]  Excellent | [ ]  Good | [ ]  Sufficient | [ ]  Needs Improvement | [ ]  Inadequate |
| **Is the proposed budget adequate for the planned research?** |
| [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not able to comment |
| **Is the proposed timeline for implementation feasible?** |
| [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not able to comment |
| **Is the scope of the study suitable for the degree being undertaken?** |
| [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No | [ ]  Not able to comment |
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