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<b>To</b>	Te Poari Mātauranga   Academic Board	<b>From</b>	Simon Tries, Manager, Te Korowai Kahurangi
<b>Title</b>	Response to NZQF Consultation	<b>Date</b>	30 September 2019

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**Recommendation/s**

That te Poari Mātauranga receive the response to the New Zealand Qualifications Authority's consultation on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

**Purpose**

To provide to te Poari Mātauranga the Unitec response to NZQF consultation which concerns Standing Action Item 003 *NZQF Proposal/Review*.

**Background**

In late 2018 NZQA undertook an initial consultation on the NZQF. Details regarding the consultation are available on the NZQA website:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/consultations-and-reviews/nzqf-review/>

The responses to the initial consultation were used by NZQA to undertake a more detailed consultation on:

1. Including a wider range of quality assured education products onto a broader qualifications and credentials framework
2. Embedding transferable competencies into the NZQF
3. Ensuring that vocational qualifications can be listed at higher levels of the NZQF
4. Addressing the level 7 Diploma issues
5. Addressing the level 8 Bachelor Honours Degree issues
6. Supporting the development of degree apprenticeships
7. Addressing other technical issues raised in the review
8. Making the NZQF easier to use and more relevant to all stakeholders.

Details regarding the second consultation are also available on the NZQA website:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/consultations-and-reviews/review-nzqf/>

In order to respond to the latest consultation an invitation to attend a workshop to prepare a response to the consultation was sent to all Heads of School, Academic Programme Managers, and Priority Group Directors. Approximately 15 individuals met to consider NZQA's consultation document on 4 September. Following the workshop, a final response was drafted and provided to the interim Chief Executive for approval before being submitted to NZQA as Unitec's response to the consultation. A copy of the response is appended.

**Next Steps**

NZQA have indicated that the results of the consultation will be communicated later this year.

**Attachments**

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*Response to NZQF consultation 20190909*