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### **Indicators Consultation paper for ERA**

Australian Research Council (ARC) Chief Executive Officer Professor Margaret Sheil today released a consultation paper on the proposed indicator matrices and esteem indicators for the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative.

“I have encouraged institutions to submit their views in response to the *ERA Indicators Consultation Paper*,” Professor Sheil said.

“ERA will use a robust and transparent indicators-based approach to support the evaluation of research excellence in Australia’s higher education institutions.

“In response to sector concerns regarding the scope of esteem data to be collected, the ARC has undertaken a thorough investigation of esteem indicators for the full ERA evaluation process.

“Esteem indicators constitute measures of prestige and recognition by experts within the discipline.

“Throughout 2009, the ARC has consulted with experts from the sector to investigate the application of a list of discipline-specific indicators, including esteem indicators, to the full ERA evaluations.

“This consultation has resulted in a proposed framework for evaluating the quality of research, which particularly takes into account the research of the humanities and creative arts.”

The closing date for responses to the *ERA Indicators Consultation Paper* is COB Friday 25 September 2009.

To view the Consultation Paper, please visit [http://www.arc.gov.au/pdf/ERA\\_indicators\\_consult](http://www.arc.gov.au/pdf/ERA_indicators_consult).

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