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Dear Colleague,

A key part of the metrics for the forthcoming Research Quality Framework (RQF) process is the ranking of research outlets, mainly in the form of journals.

The Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) has requested that discipline-specific expert bodies undertake the task of assessing the quality of each research outlet in which Australian researchers publish. For the majority of science disciplines, the Australian Academy of Science has undertaken the initial draft ranking of journals through its discipline-specific National Committees.

The journal lists are based on the RFCD (Research Fields, Courses and Disciplines) divisions as provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Every journal has been allocated to one of four prestige bands – A* (A1), A, B or C, with the aim of allocating the top 5% of journals as A1, the next 15% as A, the following 30% as B, and the remaining 50% as C. The assignment of tiers is based on a particular journal's *quality*, not its publication *quantity*.

We invite your feedback to the draft journal ranks. Each list the Academy is responsible for is available for download on the Academy's website (<http://www.science.org.au/rqf.htm>). A feedback form is also available on the website, through which to provide feedback on the ranking of individual journals.

Please provide any feedback by Friday 23 November through the use of the provided form. Feedback will be reviewed by an overarching committee of senior Academy Fellows, before the journal lists are submitted to DEST for a final round of public consultation.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Serjeantson".

Sue W. Serjeantson