



Graduate Research School

Examiners' Recommendation Form

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

"The (PhD) thesis shall be a substantial and original contribution to scholarship, for example through the discovery of new knowledge, the formulation of theories or the innovative re-interpretation of known data and established ideas"

CANDIDATE:		REF:	
EXAMINER:			

RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFICATION

Please mark one box only on this page and attach your detailed report (minimum length -1 page) justifying your classification.

PASSED

<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be PASSED with no requirement for correction or amendments and the candidate be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be PASSED, SUBJECT TO MINOR REVISION as indicated in my report to the satisfaction of the Board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be PASSED, SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS along the lines indicated in my report. The candidate be instructed to submit a detailed report to the Board of the Graduate Research School outlining the amendments to the thesis for final classification, without further reference to the examiners.

OR

RE-SUBMIT

<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be RE-SUBMITTED for examination after completing the required extra work and revision indicated in my report. (A thesis which must be re-submitted requires alterations of such scale, complexity and/or conceptual significance that their adequacy should be appraised again by an external expert/s).		
<i>Please indicate if you would be prepared to re-examine this thesis:</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am prepared to re-examine this thesis.	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am NOT prepared to re-examine this thesis.

OR

AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF MASTER

<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis NOT be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy but be PASSED for the appropriate degree of MASTER. (The (Masters) degree must be a substantial work generally based on independent research which shows a sound knowledge of the subject of the research, evidence of the exercise of some independence of thought and ability of expression in clear and concise language).
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OR

FAILED

<input type="checkbox"/>	The thesis be FAILED and the candidate NOT be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy OR the degree of master and NOT be permitted to resubmit the thesis in a revised form.
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Using the Merit Criteria described below, please indicate your scores for this thesis with respect to the six criteria for award of a Doctor of Philosophy from The University of Western Australia.

Score	Merit Criteria	Description
1	Exceptional	Of the highest merit, at the forefront of international PhDs in the field. Fewer than 5% of candidates worldwide would fall in this band.
2	Excellent	Strongly competitive at international levels. Fewer than 20% of candidates would fall in this band.
3	Very good	An interesting, sound and compelling thesis. Approximately 30% of candidates would fall in this band.
4	Good	A sound thesis, but lacks a compelling element in some respect. Approximately 30% of candidates would fall in this band.
5	Fair	The thesis has potential, but requires major revisions. Approximately 20% of candidates would score in this band.
6	Flawed	The thesis does not meet the required standard for this criterion

[Please enter scores of 1-6 in each of the shaded boxes below, using the above scale, i.e. 1=Exceptional and 6=Flawed]

	The thesis as a whole is a substantial and original contribution to knowledge of the subject with which it deals.
	The candidate shows familiarity with, and understanding of, the relevant literature.
	The thesis provides a sufficiently comprehensive study of the topic.
	The techniques adopted are appropriate to the subject matter and are properly applied.
	The results are suitably set out, and accompanied by adequate exposition.
	The quality of English and general presentation are of a standard for publication.

Please attach your report (one or more pages).

I confirm that there is no actual or perceived conflict of interest arising from my examination of this thesis.

Signature: _____

Date: _____