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Dear Mr Watling

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Bill 2011.

Curtin University supports the establishment of TEQSA as a national regulatory body that will assure the quality of the Australian higher education system. Curtin University supports the principles for regulation and an approach based on proportionality and risk.

This support is subject to the maintenance of status for self-accrediting universities. Curtin must be assured of retaining its self-accrediting status in a seamless transition to the new regulatory environment so that it can continue to fulfill its role as an independent centre of knowledge and learning.

Curtin would welcome greater clarity in the Bill in relation to the transitional arrangements for self-accrediting universities.

Curtin University is committed to quality education and further enhancing the reputation of the Australian higher education system for the benefit of students, staff and wider society.

Yours sincerely

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