Faculty of Arts and Education  
Higher Degree by Research

Public Confirmation Process – Format of Proceedings

Public Confirmation operate on a split format. The student will present to an audience (15 minutes) and take questions from the audience (15 minutes), this will be followed by a private meeting with the confirmation panel for about 60 minutes. The process for the private meeting is listed below.

- Chair - Introduction of Panel and aims of Confirmation
- Panel - Questions, comments, suggestions regarding documentation provided and research plan and timetable
- Candidate - Invitation to emphasise any further factors in light of preceding ‘roundtable’ discussion
- Panel (in temporary absence of candidate) - Questions of supervisory panel and discussion about strengths and/or weaknesses of research project and its manageability as presented
- Chair (on return of candidate) - Summary of general or unanimous findings or conclusions and procedures to be taken.

Note 1 - The Panel Chair to submit a report within one week

Note 2 - The Candidate is not confirmed until the panel report is approved by the Faculty HDR Coordinator

Note 3 - Additional task(s) may be required within a maximum three month period which is called a Part 2 before confirmation can be considered

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