



# Journalism Education and Research Association of Australia

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To whom it may concern,

The Executive members of the Journalism Education and Research Association of Australia (JERAA) have accepted the report and recommendations for the use of journalism capstone units in Australian universities prepared by Associate Professor Trevor Cullen, Head of journalism at Edith Cowan University, Perth, Western Australia.

As the current President of JERAA, I am happy to endorse this important study and report by Associate Prof Cullen, which was sponsored and supported by the Australian Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT).

The report, which draws on interviews conducted with journalism academics at 16 universities across Australia in 2015 and 2016, includes agreed aims, principles, models and skills for the use of journalism capstone units. The report is available on the Association's website at: <http://jeaa.org.au>.

Yours sincerely,

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and  
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