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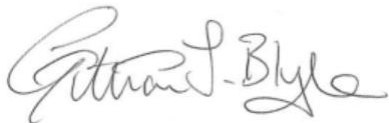
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Submission: Simplifying NZ qualifications and other credentials

1. Water New Zealand (Water NZ) is a national not-for-profit organisation which promotes the sustainable management and development of New Zealand's three waters (drinking water, wastewater and stormwater). Water NZ is the country's largest water industry body, providing leadership and support in the water sector through advocacy, collaboration and professional development. Its 2,450 members are drawn from all areas of the water management industry including regional councils and territorial authorities, consultants, suppliers, government agencies, academia and scientists.
2. Water NZ appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on "simplifying NZ qualifications and other credentials".
3. Water NZ supports "Option B".
4. The reasons for this support are:
 - a. The addition of a national curriculum.
 - b. More consistent graduate outcomes.
 - c. Workforce Development Council's working with the Regional Skills Leadership Groups to ensure that the regional needs are determined and met and providing learners with the core skills and knowledge required by employers.
5. Option B will also ensure that learners can transfer seamlessly between work-based learning and provider-based study, with the inclusion of transfer between providers.
6. Further, Option B also allows for optional standards to be included in order for providers to tailor to the local needs.
7. Finally, Water NZ considers that Option B will allow for more industry influence in the delivery of education, creating more consistency which would meet the needs of the employers and consistent skills across the industry.

Nga mihi nui



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