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Dear Professor Western,

Clearance Number: 2020002508  
Project Title: State of the Social Sciences Report 2021

This project has been reviewed by the Office of Research Ethics and is deemed to be exempt from ethics review under the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research and University of Queensland policy.

1. Research that uses only existing collections of data that contain only non-identifiable data about human beings **AND** is of negligible risk, and is exempt from review ([National Statement §5.1.22](#)).
2. Audit or Quality Assurance activity

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Data Source	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Desktop data collection and analysis (example: statistics on university enrolments, teaching and research staff, R&amp;D investment, research impact, and similar, available from sources such as the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Australian Research Council and the Department of Education.) As per Desktop data.xlsx file</li> <li>2. Stakeholder consultation via surveys, one-on-one interviews, and round tables As per Stakeholders.xlsx file <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online surveys</li> <li>• One-on-one interviews</li> <li>• Round tables</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
Completion Date	30 September 2021

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Yours sincerely



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