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Dear Madam/Sir,

ANZSCO Review

Outdoors Queensland is the peak body for the outdoor recreation sector in Queensland. We represent outdoor recreation organisations and individuals in Queensland, consisting of a range of outdoor industry stakeholders, including local governments, schools with outdoor education programs, small businesses and commercial operators, activity-focused peak bodies, clubs and community organisations.

The mission of Outdoors Queensland is that all people have opportunities to make connections with Queensland's outdoors. Our vision is that everyone can enjoy the health and well-being benefits of Queensland's outdoors.

Outdoors Queensland appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to the review of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) that is being carried out by Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). We understand that the intent of this review is to reflect the contemporary labour market and better meet stakeholders' needs.

The Queensland (and Australian) outdoor industry is made up of workers who deliver products and services relating to outdoor activities. Our outdoor industry is comprised of four broad sub-sectors:

- outdoor recreation,
- adventure/nature-based tourism,
- outdoor/environmental education, and
- outdoor health.

We note that allied health and tourism services are being considered as part of round 2 of the ANZSCO review consultation process. We understand that sporting occupations (which we expect would include workers engaged in outdoor recreation) will be considered in consultation round 3, and request that this submission be accepted in relation to all outdoor occupations at this stage of the review process.

In recent decades, the outdoor industry has developed dramatically. Based on independent research, we know that there are thousands of people working (and volunteering) across the outdoor industry.



Outdoor health occupations are emerging, and we expect will continue to grow over the next decade. As people increasingly turn to the outdoors for physical, mental and social health benefits, this cohort of workers will continue to grow to meet demand.

Outdoor occupations are not accurately described currently. Outdoor occupations workers are currently classified against approximately 50 different occupation codes, making it extremely difficult (or impossible) to accurately utilise ABS data to better understand the modern outdoor workforce.

We refer to the submission made to the ANZSCO review process by Outdoors NSW&ACT. Outdoors Queensland supports the request made by Outdoors NSW&ACT that the outdoor industry be designated as its own distinct category, and the classification of key occupations within the outdoor industry as part of ANZSCO.

We note the potential structure for Outdoor Leaders proposed in the Outdoors NSW&ACT submission. Outdoors Queensland is pleased to provide our support for that proposed structure.

Outdoors Queensland understands that this submission may be published as part of the consultation process. Outdoors Queensland looks forward to ongoing involvement in this process, and trusts that the outcomes will be positive. We welcome discussion on any points raised in this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dom Courtney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dom Courtney
Executive Officer

