

# THESIS ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATION

## Confidential to Examination Panel

Name of Candidate:

Name of Examiner:

In the context of my accompanying report, I recommend the following (please tick one box).  
Please ensure this recommendation is not included in the body of your written thesis assessment report.

### Pass

That the thesis meets the required standard for the award of the Doctoral degree.

This means that it is of acceptable standard to pass with very minor emendations of a presentational nature i.e. typographical or formatting that can be completed within 1-2 weeks and approved by the supervisor.

### Minor Emendations Required

That the thesis will meet the required standard for the award of the Doctoral degree on satisfactory completion of the recommended emendations. These may include the rewriting of a section/sections, reorganising material, improving or clarifying an argument or adding or omitting material that has been overlooked or deemed unnecessary.

This should take up to 3 months for a full-time student and 4 months for a part-time student.

### Major Emendations Required

That the thesis will meet the required standard for the award of the Doctoral degree on satisfactory completion of major emendations. These may include re-analysis of data, rewriting of chapters or general correction of sections that are not logical or coherent.

This should take up to 6 months for a full-time student and 9 months for a part-time student.

### Re-examination

That the thesis does not meet the required standard for the award of the Doctoral degree, but has sufficient merit that the required standard may be met following further research, re-analysis of data, and/or synthesis of information. The thesis will be required to be resubmitted and examined again by the entire examination panel, and the panel may request another oral examination.

This means that the emendations are sufficiently extensive that they require up to 12 months full-time and 18 months part-time study. If more time than this is required then the thesis should fail.

### Fail

That the thesis does not meet the required standard for the award of the Doctoral degree.

Signature of examiner:

Date:

Confidential comments you would like to make (not compulsory and confidential to the examination panel) .

Both the Thesis Assessment Report and this recommendation form should be emailed to [Doctoral.Exams@massey.ac.nz](mailto:Doctoral.Exams@massey.ac.nz).