Dear Doug,

Some collective comments and suggestions from the panel members below.

Cheers,

Tim

**Applications from Varying Disciplines**
As expected, it was quite a difficult task for the panel to compare applications from across such a wide spectrum of disciplines.

The panel was disappointed by some applications that did not heed the instruction to use lay language in their proposals. Too often the lay summary was brief and did not convey the true worth of the proposal in lay terms.

Members of the group noted that, in some cases, more could be gleaned from the Head of School's contribution regarding the importance and benefit of the proposal, than from the application itself. Therefore, it may be worth considering requesting the HoS comment further on the quality and innovative nature of the specific proposal.

A further suggestion was made that might assist panel members to determine the quality of the proposal. If applicants were required to submit and ARC or NHMRC application in the February round, the panel might then have access to the expert reviews by June/July. This would obviously delay the selection of UPRF awards, which might not meet with universal appeal, but it would ensure that avenues for funding the research had been sought.

**Applications from Humanities and Social Sciences**
The group was generally disappointed with the quantity and quality of applications from these disciplines. Perhaps more can be done within Schools and Faculties to encourage more proposals.

One problem identified was that team research was not generally encouraged in these disciplines and this often counted against the applicants.

If you are successful in your bid to have UWA fund more fellowships in future, it might be worth giving some thought to promoting at least one of these fellowships for the humanities and social sciences disciplines in the first instance. If no application is considered worthy of funding, this fellowship could then revert to the general pool.

This strategy might go some way to assist the panel when comparing applications across so many disciplines, as noted above.