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Dear Ms Lipscombe

Thank you for your letter of 15 May 2023 regarding proposed amendments to the *Land Valuers Licensing Regulations 1979* to update and recognise additional qualifications for the grant of a land valuer licence under section 19(c) of the *Land Valuers Licensing Act 1978 (WA)*.

As the leading membership association for property professionals, the API sets the professional standards for and regulates admission to the valuation profession. The API has accredited certain courses as a pathway to admission as a Residential Practising Valuer (RPV) and Certified Practising Valuer (CPV) and, in the future, CPV(Resi).

As requested, your proposed amendments have been checked against API's list of accredited courses: [Accredited Courses - Australian Property Institute \(api.org.au\)](https://api.org.au).

The proposed amendments to the regulations appear generally correct; however, I do note the following:

- item m) the API accredited course is "Bachelor of Applied Science (Property & Valuation – Honours)" – RMIT, rather than "Bachelor of Property Development, Investment and Valuation (Honours)";
- item o) – the University of Melbourne "Master of Property" is also accredited if it is combined with Master of Urban Planning, Master of Construction Management or Master of Architecture.

We look forward to hearing more about the amendments which we understand will provide for different categories of licences that will facilitate the licencing of residential certification categories such as RPV and CPVs. Those amendments are intended to remove unnecessary barriers to employment in WA and address increasing delays in, and lower the cost of, residential mortgage evaluations.

Further, those amendments, we understand, will also enable Consumer Protection, as the regulator, to be much more agile in updating qualifications that change from time to time.

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Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Regulations. If you have any question regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me on the below contacts.

Yours sincerely

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