

# UniSQ HDR Thesis Information Form

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Fred Williams

## Field of Research Codes

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1. Please enter the Field of Research (2020) code(s) appropriate to your thesis below. You can specify more than one. \*

Please separate each code with a comma. Codes must be to **6 digits**, and there must be at least one code.

310602,401106

## Supervisor Details

Please verify your supervisory team by answering the items below.

2. Who is your Principal Supervisor? \*

**Bernadette McCabe**

3. Please list your Associate Supervisors below \*

Please separate each name in the list with a comma

**Peter Harris, Stephan Tait**

4. Please list any external (to UniSQ) research supervisors below (leave blank if none)

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## Program Details

Please note that completing this section is not an opportunity to apply for a program change.

5. Which of the following awards was your thesis submitted for? \*

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- ☐ Doctor of Education (DEDU)
- ☐ Doctor of Philosophy (DPHD)
- ☐ Doctor of Philosophy (DPHD)
- ☐ Doctor of Professional Engineering (DPEN)
- ☐ Doctor of Professional Studies (DPRS)
- ☐ Master of Business Research (MBSR)
- ☒ Master of Engineering Research (MENR)
- ☐ Master of Laws (Research) (LLMR)
- ☐ Master of Professional Studies (MPSR)
- ☐ Master of Science (Research) (MSCR)
- ☐ Master of Research (MRES)

## Thesis Details

Please provide the following information about your thesis

6. What type of thesis have you produced? \*

- ☒ Standard Thesis
- ☐ Thesis by Publication
- ☐ Thesis with Creative Works component

7. Please enter your final thesis title in sentence case below. \*

i.e. "This is my thesis title."

Technoeconomic feasibility of integrated organics processing facilities with anaerobic digestion and composting for regional Australia

8. You are required to provide an Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (AHEGS).  
Your AHEGS must take the form of a 100-word abstract that summarises your thesis. It cannot be longer than 100 words. \*

Internationally, municipal food and garden organics have long been diverted from landfill to harness their nutrient and energy value. Diversion of food waste from landfill in Australia has only recently begun to be discussed seriously. This research aimed to assess feasibility and benefits of integrated composting and anaerobic digestion processing facilities. The study reviewed key chemical and physical characteristics of the combined municipal waste organic feedstock, and then analysed several different processing options with varying products to determine which provides the optimum economic returns.

9. Please provide up to six keywords related to your study. \*

Separate keywords with a comma

Organics processing, foodwaste, biogas, biomethane, OFMSW

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## Declaration

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