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1. Do you think the conceptual design of the Draft Framework works? What would you change?

I think that the components of the prototype framework reflect necessary skills required by librarians but I do believe not including foundational knowledge learned from accredited tertiary courses as the core is a huge omission.

I realise that it is a contentious comment but my first thought when reading this draft framework was that the draft framework actually deprofessionalises the LIS sector by omitting this element

2. Are there any elements that you would add, amend, or remove?

I would add the necessity for core foundational knowledge gained by accredited tertiary LIS qualifications

3. Would a Framework along the lines of the draft Framework be useful to you in your career or workplace? How could you see it being used?

I don't believe that this draft framework would be useful to either my career or workplace. I believe that the draft framework has not at all taken into account the needs of special libraries or libraries servicing a more academic clientele. Working in a health library our library patrons are highly educated, and the types and level of specialised services that we provide to them require those core foundational skills learned at a tertiary level education. Our professionalism as qualified librarians instills confidence in our ability and knowledge to service their needs at the level they require. Microcredentials by themselves would not provide this level of knowledge and skill required in this environment.

Also tertiary qualifications are required by the Allied Health Professionals Award that Medical Librarians are included in. Removing the tertiary qualification could result in us being removed from the award and therefore a likely reduction in salary and professional acknowledgement

4. Is LIS professional recognition valuable to you? What changes would you like to see to professional recognition?

LIS professional recognition is extremely valuable. We fight so hard to show that we are highly educated professionals providing a professional service to our clientele.

5. Any other comments?

By ALIA taking away this professional recognition with this proposed framework LIS workers and the services that they provide will potentially become devalued by both employers and clientele