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Dear Colleagues

Hopefully you have all had the opportunity to read the paper on *Further Assessment Opportunities* produced jointly by NZQA and the Ministry. Currently there is considerable variation in practice around further assessment opportunities and resubmission of student work both within and between schools. The intention of these guidelines is to provide consistency of practice, make reassessment more manageable for teachers and ultimately improve credibility of the internal assessment process.

The paper is out for consultation and there is a relatively short turn-around with responses due by 8 May. I would expect a final document to be released within a month of that date and this would be required as courses for 2010 will be under development then. Quite clearly there will be considerable debate within departments on this paper as for some the proposed changes are very significant. There may be difficulty in arriving at a school-wide consensus to the questions in the consultation document and some departments may wish to make their own submission. I am sure that any feedback would be welcomed but obviously a school-wide response would carry more weight than an individual one.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at our symposium in Hamilton early next week.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Gall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter Gall
SPANZ President