



**Doctoral Examination Information**

**Report of the**  
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### **Chief supervisor's report: Kelly Roe's MPhil thesis**

Kelly attempted to submit her thesis on September 13. In my view, that version of her thesis was clearly not of the standard required for an M.Phil. There were major problems with structure, argument and tone. In brief, it was very unclear how the chapters of the thesis hung together or what conclusion they were intended to support, and large parts of the thesis consisted of unsubstantiated and unreferenced assertions - it read like a rant, rather than a piece of careful and well-reasoned academic work.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> I communicated this to Kelly and suggested that she should make substantial revisions. The October 5 version of the thesis, which is the one that went out for examination, is a considerable improvement on the earlier version. Signposting has been added to make it clearer how the chapters relate to each other, references have been added, and there is considerably more argument than there was in the earlier version. I continue to think, however, that parts of the thesis (in particular the final chapter) are lacking in that Kelly's own view is under-argued and opposing views are not given sufficient consideration.

I think Kelly is capable of much better work than she has presented in this thesis. While I am sure she has put in the requisite number of hours, the experience of supervising her has made it clear to me that there is a very good reason for the normal practice of spreading the work of an M.Phil. over a full calendar year. It is expected to be a major piece of academic research, and the way to make a good job of it is to allow time to let your ideas develop, share those ideas in draft form with supervisors and ideally with others working in the area, and take the time to thoughtfully revise in response to their feedback.

*Justine Kingsbury  
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**Examiner's Recommendation MPhil**

Attached is my report as examiner of the following doctoral thesis:

**Candidate's name:** Kelly Roe (9753890)

**Thesis title:** Disability and Equity in Medicine and Public Health

**Chief Supervisor:** Dr Justine Kingsbury

**My recommendation:**

- That the thesis be accepted in its present form as fulfilling the requirements for the degree of Master of Philosophy.
- That the thesis be accepted as fulfilling the requirements for the degree of Master of Philosophy, subject to minor amendments and/or correcting typographical errors to the satisfaction of the Chief Supervisor, which are completed within 4 weeks.
- That the thesis be accepted subject to the candidate completing substantial amendments to the satisfaction of the examiner or chief supervisor\*\*, provided that these amendments are not so substantial as to necessitate re-submission and are completed within 10 weeks.
- That an oral examination be conducted, and a further report, based on the oral examination, be provided by the examiner to the Postgraduate Studies Committee.
- That the thesis is not acceptable in its present form and will be returned to the candidate, who may revise it and re-submit it for examination after re-enrolment for a minimum period of six months.
- That the candidate has failed to meet the required standard and that no degree be awarded.

**The amendments should be checked by:**

- The Chief Supervisor
- The Examiner

**I understand that the full contents of my report will be made available to the candidate**



**Request for anonymity:** (option available only to examiners who will not be taking part in an oral examination)

- I have provided a separate, anonymous version of my report for the candidate (refer to 'confidentiality' on the Information sheet provided to external examiners)

Signed:

Date: 4 Dec 18

- External Examiner (NZ)