



AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper

AGENDA ITEM NO. **4**

Meeting Date: 18 April 2016

Subject: IAASB ITC *Enhancing Audit Quality – A Focus on Professional Skepticism, Quality Control and Group Audits*

Date Prepared: 8 April 2016

Action Required

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Agenda Item Objectives

As discussed at the 22 February 2016 AUASB meeting, the IAASB last December, released its Invitation to Comment Paper (ITC) *Enhancing Audit Quality – A Focus on Professional Skepticism, Quality Control and Group Audits*, and related Overview Paper. The ITC Paper highlights the IAASB's discussions in the three significant topic areas and indicates potential standard-setting activities that could enhance audit quality. **The comment period for the ITC closes on 16 May 2016.**

The AUASB together with CPA Australia and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ), held joint roundtables with various stakeholders on 29 February (Melbourne) and 1 March 2016 (Sydney) to discuss issues raised in ITC. A summary of the main issues raised by stakeholders during those roundtables is provided in attachment 4.3.

At the previous AUASB meeting, it was agreed that feedback from the roundtables would be used to provide input for the AUASB's formal submission to the IAASB and that AUASB Members would consider the various aspects of the ITC further, including at the 18 April meeting, together with a draft submission (attachments 4.1 and 4.2).

The views of the AUASB Members will be important to finalising the AUASB submission and we have allowed sufficient time for this discussion at the meeting. The NZAuASB has also recently met and discussed its proposed draft submission, which has been provided to the AUASB Chairman and Technical Group.

Matters to Consider

AUASB Members are requested to consider the draft AUASB submission and the matters raised in the ITC, with a view to providing further input to enable the submission to be progressed and finalised by 16 May 2016.

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Material Presented

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Agenda Item 4.1	ITC Revised draft covering AUASB letter [confidential]
Agenda Item 4.2	IAASB-ITC-revised draft AUASB detailed responses [confidential]
Agenda Item 4.3	ITC Roundtable notes-Melb & Syd [confidential]

Action Required

No.	Action Item	Deliverable	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	Consider draft and provide further input		AUASB	18 April 2016	
