



Attachment to Board Meeting Summary Paper

Subject: ASA Redrafting Project – ASA 810 *Engagement to Report on Summary Financial Statements*
 (Revised and Redrafted)

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Issues

The AUASB is requested to consider and resolve the following issues:

Item #	Issues	Approve? Y/N
1	<p>Issue: Is the proposed treatment of each difference, listed in the <i>Tables of Differences</i>, appropriate?</p> <p>Recommendation: Yes, the treatment is appropriate.</p>	
2	<p>Issue: It is proposed that this Auditing Standard <u>not</u> be a legislative instrument or legally enforceable under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i>. Consequently, the Authority Statement has been amended to remove the reference to section 336 of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i>.</p> <p>The reasoning for this is that the Standard relates to engagements to report on summary financial statements, which are <u>not</u> required by the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i>. Does the Board agree with this approach?</p> <p>Recommendation: Yes, the approach is appropriate.</p>	
3	<p>Issue: Paragraph 14 (e) of [Proposed] ASA 810, under the heading “Elements of the Auditor’s Report”, requires the auditor to include a statement that “the auditor is responsible for expressing an opinion on the summary financial statements based on the procedures <i>required by this Auditing Standard</i>”. [italics added for emphasis]. This effectively restricts signoff to compliance with this Auditing Standard.</p> <p>The extant ASA equivalent statement [refer Appendix 1, Example 6, under the heading “Auditors Responsibility”] is “Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summarised financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards . These Auditing Standards required that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements.”</p> <p>Does the Board agree with the approach of requiring an opinion in compliance with [Proposed] Auditing Standard 810 only?</p> <p>Recommendation: Yes, the approach is appropriate.</p>	

Information

The following matters are brought to the Board's attention for information purposes only:

Item #	Information only Matters	Para. #
1	Requirements and/or Guidance paragraphs in Extant ASA which contained references to Australian ethical body, which have not been retained are listed	N/A
2	Paragraphs that contain "management" or "those charged with governance" references, which have been amended	N/A
3	This Standard expands the application of the auditor's written representations to "those charged with governance", in addition to "management".	26,A3, A8, A20

Conforming Amendments

Item #	ASA (Revised & Redrafted)	Proposed Amendment	Approve? Y/N
1	<i>ASA 100 Preamble</i>	None noted at this point. However, a number of generic changes will have to be made to the <i>Preamble</i> , in due course, that will cover all standards including ASA 810.	
2	<i>Assurance Framework</i>	None noted at this point	
3	<i>Glossary</i>	ASA 810 (Revised and Redrafted) includes definitions at [para 6] which will have to be included in the Glossary.	
4	<i>Foreword</i>	None noted at this point. However, a number of generic changes will have to be made to the <i>Foreword</i> , in due course, that will cover all standards including ASA 810.	
5	<i>Other</i>	There are no conforming amendments required, as yet, to other standards as a result of ASA 810.	