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PREFACE

Reasons for Issuing ED 01/11

The Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) is proposing to issue Auditing Standard ASA 2011-1 *Amendments to Australian Auditing Standards* pursuant to the requirements of the legislative provisions and the Strategic Direction explained below.

The AUASB is an independent statutory board of the Australian Government established under section 227A of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*, as amended (ASIC Act). Under section 336 of the *Corporations Act 2001*, the AUASB may make Auditing Standards for the purposes of the corporations legislation. These Auditing Standards are legislative instruments under the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

Under the Strategic Direction given to the AUASB by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), the AUASB is required, inter alia, to develop auditing standards that have a clear public interest focus and are of the highest quality.

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Main Proposals

This proposed Auditing Standard makes amendments to other Auditing Standards. Principally, the amendments comprise:

- (a) Consequential changes necessary to acknowledge issuance, by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*, in December 2010; and
- (b) Editorial corrections made by the AUASB.

The amendments do not have an impact on the requirements of the amended Auditing Standards.

Important Notes:

1. Amendments to example letters and example auditor's reports contained within the appendices of the relevant Auditing Standards, are identified in this Exposure Draft by a right-side border.
2. Text of the proposed changes in this Exposure Draft has been deliberately limited to the proposed changes themselves. In some cases where considered appropriate, a limited amount of text that immediately surrounds the change(s) has been included from the existing standard.

To assist respondents in understanding the context of the proposed changes, the **Explanatory Guide to ED 01/11** provides:

- more extensive surrounding text copied from the existing standard; and
- proposed amendments illustrated as marked-up changes.

The Explanatory Guide does not form part of the proposed amending standard ASA 2011-1.

Proposed Operative Date

It is intended that the Auditing Standard will be operative for financial reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2011. Early adoption is permitted.

New Auditing Standard

The Auditing Standard will be a new pronouncement of the AUASB and accordingly does not supersede a pre-existing Auditing Standard.

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on this Exposure Draft of the proposed issuance of ASA 2011-1 *Amendments to Australian Auditing Standards* by no later than 20 May 2011.

The AUASB prefers that respondents express a clear opinion on whether the proposed Auditing Standard, as a whole, is supported and that this opinion be supplemented by detailed comments, whether supportive or critical. The AUASB regards both supportive and critical comments as essential to a balanced review of the Auditing Standard and will consider all submissions.

Specific Matters for Comment

In particular, the AUASB is seeking comments from respondents on the following questions relating to proposed amendments to the Auditing Standards ("clarity" versions issued by the AUASB in October 2009):

1. Are there any additional editorial amendments to any of the Auditing Standards ("clarity" versions) that should be included in this amending standard?
2. Have applicable laws and regulations been appropriately addressed in the proposed standard?
3. Are there any references to relevant laws or regulations that have been omitted?
4. Are there any laws or regulations that may, or do, prevent or impede the application of the proposed standard, or may conflict with the proposed standard?
5. What, if any, are the additional significant costs to/benefits for auditors and the business community arising from compliance with

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the requirements of this proposed Auditing Standard? If there are significant costs, do these outweigh the benefits to the users of audit services?

6. Are there any other significant public interest matters that constituents wish to raise?

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AUTHORITY STATEMENT

The Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) makes this Auditing Standard ASA 2011-1 *Amendments to Australian Auditing Standards* pursuant to section 227B of the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001* and section 336 of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Dated: <TypeHere>

M H Kelsall
Chairman - AUASB

AUDITING STANDARD ASA 2011-1

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Application

1. This Auditing Standard applies to:
 - (a) an audit of a financial report for a financial year, or an audit or review of a financial report for a half-year, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*;
 - (b) an audit of a financial report, or a complete set of financial statements, for any other purpose; and
 - (c) a review, by the independent auditor of the entity, of a financial report, or a complete set of financial statements, comprising historical financial information, for any other purpose.
 - (d) A firm that performs:
 - (i) an audit of a financial report for a financial year, or an audit or review of a financial report for a half-year, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*;
 - (ii) an audit or review of a financial report, or a complete set of financial statements, for any other purpose;
 - (iii) an audit or review of other historical financial information;
 - (iv) an audit or review other than of historical financial information; and
 - (v) other assurance engagements.
2. This Auditing Standard also applies, as appropriate, to an audit of other historical financial information.

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Operative Date

3. This Auditing Standard is operative for financial reporting periods commencing on or after 1 July 2011. Early adoption is permitted.

Introduction

Scope of this Auditing Standard

4. This Auditing Standard makes amendments to the Australian Auditing Standards. The amendments arise principally from editorial corrections and have no impact on the requirements of the amended Auditing Standards.
5. In addition, amendments are made to ASA 102¹ in recognition of revised *APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*, issued in December 2010 by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.
6. The AUASB publishes compiled Auditing Standards, in clarity format, on the AUASB website. These compiled standards incorporate the amendments in this Auditing Standard.

Objective

7. The objective of this Auditing Standard is to make amendments to the following Auditing Standards:
- (a) *ASQC 1 Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Reports, Other Financial Information, and Other Assurance Engagements*
 - (b) *ASA 101 Preamble to Australian Auditing Standards*
 - (c) *ASA 102 Compliance with Ethical Requirements when Performing Audits, Reviews and Other Assurance Engagements*
 - (d) *ASA 210 Agreeing the Terms of Audit Engagements*
 - (e) *ASA 220 Quality Control for an Audit of a Financial Report and Other Historical Financial Information*

¹ See ASA 102 *Compliance with Ethical Requirements when Performing Audits, Reviews and Other Assurance Engagements*

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- (f) *ASA 240 The Auditor's Responsibilities Relating to Fraud in an Audit of a Financial Report*
- (g) *ASA 260 Communication with Those Charged with Governance*
- (h) *ASA 300 Planning an Audit of a Financial Report*
- (i) *ASA 315 Identifying and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement through Understanding the Entity and Its Environment*
- (j) *ASA 320 Materiality in Planning and Performing an Audit*
- (k) *ASA 501 Audit Evidence – Specific Considerations for Inventory and Segment Information*
- (l) *ASA 502 Audit Evidence – Specific Considerations for Litigation and Claims*
- (m) *ASA 540 Auditing Accounting Estimates, Including Fair Value Accounting estimates, and Related Disclosures*
- (n) *ASA 550 Related Parties*
- (o) *ASA 560 Subsequent Events*
- (p) *ASA 570 Going Concern*
- (q) *ASA 580 Written Representations*
- (r) *ASA 700 Forming an Opinion and Reporting on a Financial Report*
- (s) *ASA 705 Modifications to the Opinion in the Independent Auditor's Report*
- (t) *ASA 706 Emphasis of Matter Paragraphs and Other Matter Paragraphs in the Independent Auditor's Report*
- (u) *ASA 710 Comparative Information – Corresponding Figures and Comparative Financial Reports*
- (v) *ASA 800 Special Considerations – Audits of Financial Reports Prepared in Accordance with Special Purpose Frameworks*

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- (w) ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*

Definitions

8. For the purposes of this Auditing Standard, the meanings of terms are set out in each Auditing Standard and in the *AUASB Glossary*. This Auditing Standard does not introduce new definitions.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Amendments to ASA 102

9. The second sentence of paragraph 4(e) is amended to read as follows:
...issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board (February 2008 and December 2010 as applicable), the applicable provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001* and...
10. The first sentence of paragraph A1 is amended to read as follows:
...issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board (February 2008 and December 2010 as applicable), which are to be taken...

EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS

Amendment to ASQC 1

11. The second sentence of paragraph Aus A63.1 is amended to read as follows:
...provided such disclosure does not undermine the validity of the work performed or the independence of the firm or its personnel.

Amendment to ASA 101

12. The page header on pages 8 to 12 is amended to read as follows:
Auditing Standard ASA 101
Preamble to Australian Auditing Standards
13. Paragraph 3 is amended to read as follows:

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This Auditing Standard is operative for engagements with financial reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2010, and for firms required to establish systems of quality control in compliance with ASQC 1 by 1 January 2010.

Amendment to ASA 210

Amendments to Example Audit Engagement Letter - Appendix 1

14. The last sentence in the first paragraph is amended to read as follows:

Our audit will be conducted with the objective of expressing an opinion on the financial report.

15. The last sentence of the paragraph headed Annual General Meetings is amended to read as follows:

...regardless of whether you believe them to be irrelevant.
[Applicable only to listed entities]

16. The last line of paragraph 4 in Appendix 2 is amended to read as follows:

...financial report that is misleading.

Amendments to ASA 220

17. Paragraph 7(j)(i) is amended to read as follows:

That is aimed at cooperation; and...

18. The second sentence in paragraph A23 is amended to read as follows:

In the case of an audit of a financial report of a listed entity...

Amendment to ASA 240

19. The second sentence in paragraph A30 is amended to read as follows:

... to revenue recognition in the case where there is...

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Amendments to ASA 260

20. Paragraph Aus 0.1 (a) is amended to read as follows:
... in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*;
21. Footnote * attached to paragraph Aus 17.1 is amended to read as follow:
See, for example, section 292 of the *Corporations Act 2001*...

Amendment to ASA 300

22. The last sub-heading in Appendix 1 is amended to read as follows:
Nature, Timing and Extent of Resources

Amendments to ASA 315

23. The first sentence in paragraph A26 is amended to read as follows:
...or securitisation of financial assets,...
24. The first sentence of paragraph 3 in Appendix 1 is amended to read as follows:
...relevant to the preparation of the financial report...
25. The sub-heading immediately above paragraph 5 in Appendix 1 is amended to read as follows:
Information System, Including the Related Business Processes, Relevant to Financial Reporting, and Communication

Amendment to ASA 320

26. The title page of the standard is amended to read as follows:
Auditing Standard ASA 320
Materiality in Planning and Performing an Audit

Amendment to ASA 501

27. Paragraph Aus 0.1 (a) is amended to read as follows:
... in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*;

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Amendments to ASA 502

28. The second sentence of the fourth paragraph in the Preface is amended to read as follows:

Preface ASA 508 contains requirements...

29. The reference in the sub-heading immediately above paragraph A4 is amended to read as follows:

Reviewing Legal Expense Accounts (Ref: Para. 4(c))

Amendment to ASA 540

30. The second paragraph under the heading “Conformity with International Standards on Auditing” is amended to read as follows:

... are identified with the prefix “Aus”.

Amendments to ASA 550

31. Footnote 7 attached to paragraph 11 is amended to read as follow:

See ASA 315, paragraph 5; and ASA 240, paragraph 16.

32. The sub-heading immediately above paragraph A23 is aligned to the left margin and amended to read as follows:

Arrangements that may indicate the existence of previously unidentified or undisclosed related party relationships or transactions. (Ref: Para. 16)

Amendment to ASA 560

33. Paragraph 10(b) is amended to read as follows:

Determine whether the financial report needs amendment; and if so...

Amendments to ASA 570

34. The last sentence in paragraph A8 is amended to read as follows:

... if the auditor’s other audit procedures...

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35. The third sentence in paragraph A12 is amended to read as follows:

... or the owner-manager supporting a loan for the entity by providing a guarantee with the owner-manager's personal assets as collateral.

Amendments to Example Auditor's Reports – [Aus] Appendices 2 and 3

36. The first bullet point text in the box describing [Aus] Illustration 2 in [Aus] Appendix 2 is amended to read as follows:

Audit of a single company's financial report.

37. [Aus] Appendix 2, [Aus] Illustration 1 and [Aus] Illustration 2; and [Aus] Appendix 3, [Aus] Illustration 1 - the third sentences of the second paragraphs describing the *Auditor's Responsibility* are amended to read as follows:

...relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design...

38. [Aus] Appendix 2, [Aus] Illustration 3; and [Aus] Appendix 3 [Aus] Illustration 1 – the paragraphs describing the *Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report* are amended to read as follows:

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control...

39. [Aus] Appendix 3, [Aus] Illustration 1- the first sentence of the *Emphasis of Matter* paragraph is amended to read as follows:

Without modifying our opinion,...

40. [Aus] Appendix 2, [Aus] Illustrations 1, 2 & 3; and [Aus] Appendix 3, [Aus] Illustrations 1- the headings and subheadings of the reports are amended to read as follows:

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

[Appropriate Addressee]

Report on the Financial Report

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Amendments to ASA 580

Amendments to Example Representation Letter – Appendix 2

41. The second sentence in the first paragraph in Appendix 2 is amended to read as follows:
- ...the requirements of ASA 570¹⁰ and ASA 710[#] to obtain written representations are not relevant; and...
42. A new footnote is introduced following footnote 10:
- # See ASA 710 *Comparative Information – Corresponding Figures and Comparative Financial Reports*
43. The second paragraph in Appendix 2 is amended to read as follows:
- ...of the financial report of ABC Company Ltd ...whether the financial report gives a true and fair view in all material respects...
44. The fourth paragraph in Appendix 2 is amended to read as follows:
- ...in particular the financial report gives a true and fair view in accordance therewith.
45. Under the subheading “**Information Provided**” in Appendix 2, new information is introduced as the third bullet point:
- We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud;
46. Under the subheading “**Information Provided**” in Appendix 2, new information is introduced as the eighth bullet point:
- We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial report; and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with [the applicable financial reporting framework].

Amendments to ASA 700

Amendments to Example Auditor’s Reports – Appendix 1

47. Illustration 2 - the sub-headings relating to management and auditor responsibilities are amended to read as follows:

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Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Auditor's Responsibility

48. [Aus] Illustration 1A – the third sentence of the second paragraph describing the *Auditor's Responsibility* is amended to read as follows:
- ...relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design...an opinion on the company's internal control
49. [Aus] Illustration 3A - the third sentence of the second paragraph under the subheading *Auditor's Responsibility* is amended to read as follows:
- ...considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design...an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.

Amendment to ASA 705

50. Paragraph A24 is amended to read as follows:
- Illustrations 3 and 3A in Appendix 1 contain...

Amendments to ASA 706

51. Paragraph Aus A1.1 is amended to read as follows:
- Ordinarily, an uncertainty, the resolution of which...
52. The first bullet point text in the box describing [Aus] Illustration 1A in Appendix 3 is amended to read as follows:
- Audit of a single company's financial report.

Amendments to Example Auditor's Reports – Appendix 3

53. [Aus] Illustration 1A - the third sentence of the second paragraph describing the *Auditor's Responsibility* is amended to read as follows:
- ...relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design...

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54. Illustration 1 and [Aus] Illustration 1A - the second sentences of the *Emphasis of Matter* paragraphs are amended to read as follows:

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Amendments to ASA 710

Amendments to Example Auditor's Reports – Appendix 1

55. [Aus] Illustration 1A - the third sentence of the second paragraph describing the *Auditor's Responsibility* is amended to read as follows:

...relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design...

56. [Aus] Illustration 2A - the paragraph describing the *Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report* is amended to read as follows:

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance...

57. [Aus] Illustration 2A - the third sentence of the second paragraph describing the *Auditor's Responsibility* is amended to read as follows:

...relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to...

58. Illustrations 1,2, 3, 4 and [Aus] illustrations 1A and 2A – the third sentence of the second paragraph describing the *Auditor's Responsibility* is amended to read as follows:

...that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and...

Amendments to ASA 800

Amendments to Example Auditor's Reports – Appendix 1

59. Illustration 3 - the paragraph describing *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report* is amended to read as follows:

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Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report...

60. [Aus] Illustration 4 - the paragraph describing *The Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report* is amended to read as follows:

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined...

61. [Aus] Illustration 5 - the first paragraph of the example auditor's report is amended to read as follows:

...the statement of comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year then ended...

62. [Aus] Illustration 5 - the sub-heading to the last paragraph is amended to read as follows:

Basis of Accounting

63. [Aus] Illustration 5 - the third sentence of the second paragraph under the sub-heading "Auditor's Responsibility" is amended to read as follows:

...relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report in order to design...

64. Illustrations 1,2, and 3 – the third sentence of the second paragraph describing the *Auditor's Responsibility* is amended to read as follows:

...that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and...

65. The sub-headings in the example auditor's reports are amended to read as follows:

[Illustrations 1, 2 and 3]

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Auditor's Responsibility
Opinion

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[Illustrations 1]

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

[Illustrations 2]

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

[Illustrations 3]

*Basis of Accounting
Other Matter*

[[Aus] Illustrations 4]

*Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report
Auditor's Responsibility
Independence
Opinion
Basis of Accounting*

[[Aus] Illustrations 5]

*Officers' Responsibility for the Financial Report
Auditor's Responsibility
Opinion
Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution*

Amendments to ASRE 2410

66. Paragraph 39 is amended to read as follows:

The auditor shall express a qualified conclusion when, in rare...

Amendments to Example Engagement Letter – Appendix 1

67. The first sentence of the second last paragraph under the sub-heading “**Scope**”, is amended to read as follows:

...are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that... and for such control as the directors [those charged with governance] determine is necessary to...

68. Appendix 1 is amended to include a new paragraph directly before the last paragraph under the sub-heading “**Scope**”, the amendment reads as follows:

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The directors [those charged with governance] of the [company/registered scheme/disclosing entity] acknowledge and understand they have responsibility to provide us with:

- (i) access to information relevant to the preparation of the financial report;
- (ii) additional information that we may request for the purposes of the review engagement; and
- (iii) unrestricted access to persons from whom we determine it is necessary to obtain evidence.

Amendments to Example Representation Letter – Appendix 1

69. Sub-heading (a) Exceptions – the second bullet point is amended to read as follows:

...assets and liabilities, Item 5 (above) could be...as disclosed in note Y in the financial report, which...

Amendments to Example Auditor's Report – Appendix 3

70. The sub-headings in the example auditor's report are amended to read as follows:

Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report
Auditor's Responsibility
Independence
Conclusion

71. The second sentence of the paragraph describing the *Auditor's Responsibility* is amended to read as follows:

...we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report...

Amendments to Example Auditor's Reports – Appendix 4

72. The sub-headings in the example auditor's reports are amended to read as follows:

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[Example of an Unmodified Auditor's Review Report on a Financial Report]

*[Title of Those Charged with Governance] Responsibility for the
[period] Financial Report
Auditor's Responsibility
[Independence
Conclusion*

[Example of an Auditor's Review Report with a Qualified Conclusion (Except for) for a Departure from the Applicable Financial Reporting Framework]

*[Title of Those Charged with Governance] Responsibility for the
[period] Financial Report
Auditor's Responsibility
[Independence
Basis for Qualified Conclusion
Qualified Conclusion*

[Example of an Auditor's Review Report with a Qualified Conclusion for a Limitation on Scope Not Imposed by Management]

*[Title of Those Charged with Governance] Responsibility for the
[period] Financial Report
Auditor's Responsibility
[Independence
Basis for Qualified Conclusion
Qualified Conclusion*

[Example of an Auditor's Review Report with an Adverse Conclusion for a Departure from the Applicable Financial Reporting Framework]

*[Title of Those Charged with Governance] Responsibility for the
[period] Financial Report
Auditor's Responsibility
[Independence
Basis for Adverse Conclusion
Adverse Conclusion*

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[Example of an Auditor's Review Report with a Qualified Conclusion (Except for) on the Basis that Comparatives have not been Reviewed or Audited]

[Title of Those Charged with Governance] Responsibility for the [period] Financial Report
Auditor's Responsibility
[Independence
Basis for Qualified Conclusion
Qualified Conclusion

73. Example of an Unmodified Auditor's Review Report on a Financial Report, sub-heading: *[Title of Those Charged with Governance] Responsibility for the [period] Financial Report* – the paragraph is amended to read as follows:
- ...are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the...
74. Example of an Auditor's Review Report with a Qualified Conclusion (Except For) for a Departure from the Applicable Financial Reporting Framework, sub-heading: *[Title of Those Charged with Governance] Responsibility for the [period] Financial Report* – the paragraph is amended to read as follows:
- ...are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the [period] financial report in accordance with...
75. Example of an Auditor's Review Report with a Qualified Conclusion for a Limitation on Scope Not Imposed by Management, sub-heading: *[Title of Those Charged with Governance] Responsibility for the [period] Financial Report* – the paragraph is amended to read as follows:
- ...are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the [period] financial report...
76. Example of an Auditor's Review Report with an Adverse Conclusion for a Departure from the Applicable Financial Reporting Framework, sub-heading: *[Title of Those Charged with Governance] Responsibility for the [period] Financial Report* – the paragraph is amended to read as follows:
- ...are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the [period] financial report...

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77. Example of an Auditor's Review Report with a Qualified Conclusion (Except for) on the Basis that Comparatives have not been Reviewed or Audited, sub-heading: *[Title of Those Charged with Governance] Responsibility for the [period] Financial Report* – the paragraph is amended to read as follows:

...are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the [period] financial report...

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Conformity with International Standards on Auditing

This Auditing Standard has been made for Australian legislative purposes and accordingly there is no equivalent International Standard on Auditing (ISA) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB), an independent standard-setting board of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

Compliance with this Auditing Standard does not affect compliance with the ISAs.

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