



AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper

AGENDA ITEM NO. **6**

Meeting Date: 2 December 2013

Subject: Conforming Amendments to ASAEs 3402, 3410 and 3420 as a Result of Proposed Re-issuance of ASAE 3000

Date Prepared: 21 November 2013

Action Required

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Agenda Item Objectives

1. To consider draft ED 07/13 *Conforming Amendments to ASAE 3402, ASAE 3410 and ASAE 3420 as a Result of Proposed Re-issuance of ASAE 3000*. The full title of the standards are: ASAE 3402 *Assurance Reports on Controls at a Service Organisation*, ASAE 3410 *Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements* and ASAE 3420 *Assurance Engagements to Report on the Compilation of Pro Forma Historical Financial Information Included in a Prospectus or Other Document*.

Background

ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* is proposed to be reissued as a result of the reissuance by the IAASB of ISAE 3000 of the same name.

The proposed amendments to ASAE 3402, ASAE 3410, and ASAE 3420 arise as a result of:

1. Conforming amendments proposed by the IAASB to comparable standards: ISAE 3402 (same title), ISAE 3410 (same title) and ISAE 3420 *Assurance Engagements to Report on the Compilation of Pro Forma Financial Information Included in a Prospectus*. These conforming amendments are as a result of the reissuance of ISAE 3000, proposed to be reissued.
2. Corrections for typographical and other minor errors identified in the existing standards, ASAE 3402, ASAE 3410 and ASAE 3420.

The amendments seek to maintain the existing differences between the Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the AUASB and those issued by the IAASB. These differences are:

1. The use of “assurance practitioner” in place of “practitioner” throughout every ASAE to ensure that those standards apply to all practitioner’s conducting assurance engagements in Australia and not be limited to members of the accounting profession or other professional body;

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2. Existing differences between the ISAEs and ASAEs identified by the paragraph prefix “Aus”, arising from:
 - (a) Ethical requirements being defined in the AUASB Standards, ASA 102 Compliance with Ethical Requirements when Performing Audits, Reviews and Other Assurance Engagements, rather than referenced directly to The Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants as in the IAASB Standards;
 - (b) Compliance with quality control for firms set out in ASQC 1 being mandatory for assurance engagements conducted under the AUASB Standards.
3. Additional appendices to provide for assurance engagements conducted in Australia; and
4. Spelling and language conventions in Australia.

Matters to Consider

Part A – General

1. A single exposure draft, ED 07/13 *Conforming Amendments to ASAE 3402, ASAE 3410 and ASAE 3420 as a Result of Proposed Re-issuance of to ASAE 3000*, is presented for approval to reflect the proposed amendments to all three existing standards: ASAE 3402, ASAE 3410 and ASAE 3420.
2. The proposed amendments include:
 - (a) Conforming amendments consistent with the IAASB’s conforming amendments to ASAE 3402, ASAE 3410 and ASAE 3420, which reflect the wording of reissued ISAE 3000;
 - (b) Consistent with those proposed to ASAE 3000 at Agenda Item 5.1 and include references to “assurance practitioner”, “relevant ethical requirements” and editorial/spelling changes. See *Part C Compelling Reasons* below.

Part B – NZAuASB

1. Refer Agenda Item 5.1 [ASAE 3000].

Part C – “Compelling Reasons” Assessment

1. Refer Agenda Item 5.1 [ASAE 3000].

The Proposed changes conform with IAASB modification guidelines for NSS? Y N

AUASB Technical Group Recommendations

The AUASB Technical Group recommends that the proposed conforming amendments proposed in ED 07/11 *Conforming Amendments to ASAE 3402, ASAE 3410 and ASAE 3420 as a Result of Revisions to ASAE 3000* be approved.

Material Presented

- Agenda Item 6 AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper
- Agenda Item 6.1 Exposure Draft ED 07/11 *Conforming Amendments to ASAE 3402, ASAE 3410 and ASAE 3420 as a Result of Proposed Re-issuance of ASAE 3000*
- Agenda Item 6.2 *Conforming Amendments to Other ISAEs*

Action Required

No.	Action Item	Deliverable	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	AUASB to consider for approval ED 07/11	AUASB Approve ED 07/11	AUASB	2 December 2013	Pending
