

29 May 2008

The Chairman  
Auditing and Assurance Standards Board  
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Dear Ms Kelsall

**Exposure Draft ED 4/08 Proposed Amendments to ASRE 2410 *Review of an Interim Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity***

Ernst & Young Australia is pleased to comment on the above-referenced proposed standard. We welcome the opportunity to contribute to the continued improvement of the Australian assurance standards that will drive the quality and consistency on audits in Australia. We are supportive of the Proposed Amendment to ASRE 2410 *Review of an Interim Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*.

The only comment that we would like to make is with regards to the application date as contained in paragraph 3. Currently the AUASB is proposing that this amended standard be operative for audit reports signed and dated on or after 1 July 2008. This means that engagements which may currently be being performed in accordance with AUS 902 *Review of Financial Reports* may in fact need to comply with this new standard just because they end up signing their review statement after 30 June 2008. We instead recommend that paragraph 3 be changed to read "*This Auditing Standard, which amends the Auditing Standard specified in paragraph 1 of this Standard, is operative for reporting periods or engagements commencing on or after 1 July 2008*". This will also make the operative date paragraph consistent with all other auditing standards in that they refer to a reporting period, not a signing date.


In response to the specific questions that the AUASB has requested a response on, we do not believe there are any additional significant costs to the assurance service providers or the business community for compliance with the proposed changes. Also, we do not believe there are any significant public interest matters that we wish to raise at this time.

We would be pleased to discuss our comments with members of the AUASB or its staff. If you wish to do so, please contact Chris Westworth (02 9248 4816) or Fiona Campbell (03 9288 8516).

Yours sincerely



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