



# Board Meeting Summary Paper

<b>AUASB AGENDA ITEM NO. 8(e)</b>
<b>Meeting Date: 7-8 September</b>
<b>2009</b>

**Subject:** ASA 700 (Revised and Redrafted)  
*Forming an Opinion and Reporting on a  
Financial Report*

**Date:** 12 August 2009

Action Required

For Information Purposes Only

## Agenda Item Objectives

To:

- Review Auditing Standard ASA 700 (Revised and Redrafted) for changes made subsequent to the standard being 'cleared, pending final approval'.
- Clear the Standard for approval/voting at the October 2009 Board meeting.

## Background

ASA 700 (Revised and Redrafted) is presented to the Board for the first time subsequent to it being 'cleared pending final approval' at the 1-2 June 2009 Board meeting.

Standardised changes to ASA 700 (Revised and Redrafted) result from:

- (1) ISA Conforming and other Amendments
- (2) AUASB Drafting Policies and Rules; *and*
- (3) AUASB technical group quality assurance review procedures.

No other changes are proposed. All changes are shown as mark-ups, with the source of each change (other than minor formatting) identified by way of text box. Refer (Agenda Item 8(e).2).

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## **Matters to Consider**

The Board is requested to consider the changes made on the marked up version of the Auditing Standard (Agenda Item 8(e).2).

NOTE: This standard is the base standard for the suite of reporting standards—ASAs 700, 705, 706 and 800, 805 and 810. The form and content of the illustrative auditor’s reports in ASA 700 are used in all other standards that include illustrative reports.

Unlike the extant, ASA 700 defines two reporting frameworks:

- Fair presentation; and
- Compliance.

Due to the importance of the reporting standards, the Board is requested to consider all six standards as a whole and individually in their entirety.

There are no significant contentious matters in regard to the drafting of this Auditing Standard.

The clean version of ASA 700 (Revised and Redrafted), and the final version of ISA 700 are included for the Board’s information, in electronic form only.

## **AUASB Technical Group Recommendations**

AUASB Technical Group recommends Auditing Standard ASA 700 (Revised and Redrafted) be cleared for approval/voting at the October 2009 board meeting.

## **Material Presented**

- Agenda Item 8(e) Board Meeting Summary Paper
- Agenda Item 8(e).1 Auditing Standard ASA 700 (Clean Version) [electronic copy only]
- Agenda Item 8(e).2 Auditing Standard ASA 700 (Marked Up Version)
- Agenda Item 8(e).3 Explanatory Statement ASA 700 (Clean Version)
- Agenda Item 8(e).4 Final ISA 700 [electronic copy only]

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## **Action Required**

No.	Action Item	Deliverable	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1	Cleared for approval/voting at the October 2009	Board clearance	AUASB	7-8 September 2009	O/S

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