



AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper

AGENDA ITEM NO. **9(b)**

Meeting Date: 14 June 2016

Subject: Revised Audit Committees Guide

Date: 7 June 2016

Action Required

For Information Purposes Only

Agenda Item Objectives

To recommend to the AUASB that it approve in-principle for joint project to be scoped with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and the Institute of Internal Auditors – Australia (IIAA) for the update/revision of the joint publication *Audit Committees – A Guide to Good Practice* 2nd ed.

Matters to Consider

The AUASB Technical Group was approached on 25 May 2016 by both the AICD and the IIAA to consider undertaking a revision of the *Audit Committees – A Guide to Good Practice*, which was last revised in 2012. This was followed by a brief meeting held on 1 June 2016, at which it was agreed to seek approval in-principle from each organisation's respective board, to commence a project scoping exercise as to the extent of changes to the current edition.

From the AUASB's perspective, a revised or updated edition of the Guide should reflect the recent changes to the auditor reporting standards (ASA 700 series, including the new ASA 701 *Communicating Key Audit Matters in the Independent Auditor's Report*) as well as the related consequential changes to other relevant auditing standards, such as ASA 260 *Communicating with Those Charged with Governance* and ASA 570 *Going Concern*. Other changes may include consideration of the implications of recent legal decisions and legislative changes, as well as the ASX *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, which were revised in 2014.

It is proposed to have a further meeting with the AICD and IIAA on 11 July 2016, to determine the proposed extent of update/revision to the publication. Once this has been agreed and scoped-out, a project plan will be brought to the next AUASB meeting on 26 July 2016 for consideration and approval. The AICD and the IIAA will proceed similarly with their respective Boards.

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AUASB Technical Group Recommendations

To approve further discussions with AICD and IIAA with a view to scoping out extent of update/revision to the *Audit Committees – A Guide to Good Practice*.

Material Presented

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Agenda Item 9(b).1 *Audit Committees – A Guide to Good Practice* 2nd ed. (Title Page and table of Contents)

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No.	Action Item	Deliverable	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	To approve scoping of update/revision.		AUASB	14 June 2016	Yet to commence

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