



AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper

AGENDA ITEM NO. **7**

Meeting Date: 7 April 2014

Subject: Assurance Engagements to Report on Combined Reporting Frameworks

Date Prepared: 25 March 2014

Action Required

For Information Purposes Only

Agenda Item Objectives

1. To consider the first draft of proposed Guidance Statement GS XXX, *Assurance Engagements to Report on Combined Reporting Frameworks (Including Grant Acquittals)*.
2. To provide further instructions for the development of the pronouncement.
3. To approve the revised project plan.

Background

A significant number of audit and other assurance mandates have origins dating back many years, commonly prior to the current AUASB regime. Such engagements often carry with them very specific reporting requirements, including prescribed reporting formats. These engagements often involve a combination of both reasonable and limited assurance as well as requirements to opine on both the fair presentation of historical financial information *and* compliance with non-financial criteria (such as commonly found in grant contracts).

The nature of these engagements, user expectations and the associated requirements are often not easily aligned with current AUASB Standards. For this main reason, a Guidance Statement designed to illustrate how AUASB Standards should be applied when the engagement comprises more than one reporting framework would be helpful to practitioners, assisting them to:

1. Plan, perform and report such assurance engagements; and
2. Discuss the requirements of AUASB Standards with clients and other users.

Due to an unavoidable time constraint at the 24 February 2014 meeting, this topic was unable to be presented for the AUASB's consideration. Accordingly, the AUASB was asked to provide comment subsequent to the meeting. The first draft GS [Agenda Item 7.2] is based on the input received from individual AUASB members. All respondents favoured a guidance statement format due to the importance of the topic.

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Matters to Consider

Part A – General

1. The agenda objectives above.
2. The questions listed in the attachment to the BMSP (see Agenda Item 7.1).

Part B – NZAuASB

1. To date, only very brief preliminary discussions have occurred. There is potential for this GS to have application in NZ and accordingly, the intention is for NZ input to be included in due course.

Part C – “Compelling Reasons” Assessment

1. N/A

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

AUASB Technical Group Recommendations

1. None at this stage.

Material Presented

Agenda Item 7 AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper
Agenda Item 7.1 Attachment to BMSP - Issues Paper
Agenda Item 7.2 First Draft for proposed new GS XXX (Confidential Draft)
Agenda Item 7.3 Revised project plan (Confidential Draft)

Action Required

No.	Action Item	Deliverable	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	Consider first draft GS and provide further instructions for developing the pronouncement	AUASB instructions	AUASB	7 April 2014	o/s
2.	Approve project plan	AUASB approval	AUASB	7 April 2014	o/s
