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Dear Merran

Apologies for the delay in submitting our brief comment.

Exposure Draft ED 06/13

Proposed Framework for Assurance Engagements

Thank you for the opportunity for the Institute of Internal Auditors—Australia (IIA—Australia) to comment on ED 06/13 'Proposed Framework for Assurance Engagements.

IIA—Australia has only one comment and this relates to the definition of 'assurance practitioner' and the question: "To whom is the proposed standard to apply?"

Our reading of the exposure draft suggests there may be unintended consequences in its current format. Clearly it is intended to cover firms that provide assurance services, but may also capture:

- External service providers who provide assurance services to organisations, such as internal audit engagements.
- Thousands of professionals who work for organisations and provide assurance services from an in-house perspective. This could extend to internal auditors, IT audit and control professionals, compliance professionals, and even ISO auditors.

We believe the definition and intended coverage of what is an 'assurance practitioner' needs to be more clearly defined in the exposure draft, with an unambiguous definition of assurance practitioner being included.

Regards

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