



AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper

AGENDA ITEM NO. **6**

Meeting Date: 25 February 2013
Subject: Composite Reports
Date Prepared: 7 February 2013

Action Required

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Agenda Item Objectives

To consider and approve the proposed project plan for developing a Guidance Statement on composite reports.

Background

A significant number of audit and 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 traverses more than one reporting framework would be helpful to practitioners, assisting them to:

- Create their reports; and
- Discuss AUASB reporting requirements with clients and other users.

Matters to Consider

The Board is asked to consider:

- The proposed project plan at Agenda Item 6.1;

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- The proposed scope of the GS (see page 3 of the plan);

Note: The first PAG meeting will confirm the scope of the GS and the AUASB will subsequently be asked to approve the final scope of the project.

- How best to develop publicity/communication plans that optimise the chance of influencing the relevant industry groups to amend, where necessary, assurance mandates in order for auditors and assurance practitioners to report in a consistent manner that conforms to AUASB reporting standards as well as meeting user needs.

AUASB Technical Group Recommendations

The AUASB Technical Group recommends approval of the project plan, subject to any changes required by the Board at the 25 February 2013 meeting.

Material Presented

Agenda Item 6	AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper
Agenda Item 6.1	Proposed Project Plan
Agenda Item 6.2	Composite Reports Project Timeline

Action Required

No.	Action Item	Deliverable	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	Consider and approve the project plan for composite reports	Board approval	AUASB	25 February 2013	o/s