



AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper

AGENDA ITEM NO. **6**

Meeting Date: 24 February 2015

Subject: GS 022 *Grant Acquittals and Multi-Scope Engagements*

Date Prepared: 14 February 2015

Action Required

For Information Purposes Only

Agenda Item Objectives

To consider and provide approval to issue GS 022 [Agenda Item 6.1]

Background

1. The project was originally proposed as a guidance statement (GS) relating only to the development of single-form auditor/assurance practitioner reports when multiple reporting frameworks existed.
2. The AUASB requested the scope of the GS to be expanded to cover performance of such engagements as well as reporting them.
3. The AUASB adjusted the scope further to focus on practical implementation issues in a Q&A type format as opposed to a summarised audit approach manual.
4. The AUASB has also considered the use to which this GS may be put in lobbying for consistency in the industry.
5. A PAG was formed which comprises mainly auditors/assurance practitioners but also includes 2 large Federal Government agencies that provide significant grants to a wide range of applicants.
6. The drafting team met on 6 November 2014 and agreed that the practical application issues listed in the draft GS could apply equally to a single-subject grant acquittal as well as a multi-scope engagement, which in turn could be a grant acquittal. Accordingly, the name of the proposed GS has been changed as well as relevant content within the document.
7. The PAG has met 3 times – all input from PAG members has been included in the final draft. [Agenda Items 6.1 and 6.2]
8. Two partners from a practitioner firm, each from a different State, volunteered to provide a confidential review of the draft GS. Their input has been processed and can be seen in the marked up version of the GS. [Agenda Item 6.2]

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- The AUASB has agreed to a proposal to develop a fit-for-purpose strategy to lobby for consistency of requirements and practice in grants and multi-scope engagements once GS 022 is issued.

Matters to Consider

Part A – General

- The proposed GS 022.

Part B – NZAuASB

- Once approved, GS 022 would be available to the NZAuASB and staff for their adoption and/or amendment to enable appropriate use in NZ.

Part C – “Compelling Reasons” Assessment

- N/A

The proposed changes conform to IAASB modification guidelines for NSS? Y n/a N n/a

AUASB Technical Group Recommendations

- The AUASB is requested to provide approval for issuance of proposed GS 022.
- AUASB approval would be subject to any further changes to the draft GS and thorough QA procedures.

Material Presented

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Agenda Item 6.1	Draft GS 022 (Clean Version) [confidential]
Agenda Item 6.2	Draft GS 022 (Marked Up Version) [confidential]

Action Required

No.	Action Item	Deliverable	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
1.	Consideration of draft GS 02X	Provide comments	AUASB	21 October 2014	√
2.	Consider WIP draft GS 02X	Commentary to the GS drafting team	AUASB	25 November 2014	√
3.	Consider GS 022	Approval	AUASB	24 February 2015	o/s