



AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper

AGENDA ITEM NO. **12(d)**
Meeting Date: 9 September 2014
Subject: Trans-Tasman Harmonisation
Date Prepared: 26 August 2014

Action Required

For Information Purposes Only

Agenda Item Objectives

To provide the AUASB with the final versions of the revised principles of convergence and the communication protocols.

Background

1. In November 2012, the AUASB and the NZAuASB reached agreement on how to co-operate in the development and issuance of standards. A document setting out the agreed policies and basic procedures was jointly published at that time – the document is titled:

Principles of Convergence to International Standards of the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB)
and
Harmonisation with the Standards of the Australian/New Zealand Standards Board
2. Agenda Item 12(d).1 is a revised version of this document. The revision centres on clarifying the meaning and processes in relation to the “compelling reasons tests”. Both Boards have agreed to this updated version.
3. In revising the policy document, it became apparent that more detailed and formalised communications arrangements would benefit both boards and staff, especially in the timely communication of issues and matters that fall within the “compelling reasons tests”. Accordingly, a new communications protocol was drawn up and has been agreed to by both boards. The document [Agenda Item 12(d).2] is titled:

AUASB and NZAuASB Communication Protocols

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Matters to Consider

Part A – General

Both papers are for information only as both boards have approved the documents at earlier meetings.

Part B – NZAuASB

1. The NZAuASB initiated the attached documentation that clarifies the “compelling reasons tests” and develops new communications protocols.

Part C – “Compelling Reasons” Assessment

1. N/A

The proposed changes conform with IAASB modification guidelines for NSS?

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Material Presented

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Agenda Item 12(d).1	Principles of Convergence (August 2014)
Agenda Item 12(d).2	Communication Protocols (August 2014)