AUASB Board Meeting Summary Paper

AGENDA ITEM NO.	7.5.1
Meeting Date:	12 September 2018
Subject:	Climate-Related Disclosures Update
Date Prepared:	28 August 2018
Action Required	X For Information Purposes Only

Agenda Item Objectives

1. To update the AUASB on the joint Climate related disclosures project being undertaken with the AASB.

Background

AUASB are currently working collaboratively with the AASB on a communication piece to be released in October/November 2018.

The main objectives of this project are to identify:

- (a) what Australian publicly listed entities should consider including in their financial statements and annual report in relation to climate-related disclosures, e.g. impairment of assets and asset retirement obligations; and
- (b) assurance considerations that the auditor needs to be aware of in respect of climate-related disclosures.

The AUASB has agreed with AASB that a short media release and news alert will be produced based on research done to date focusing on the financial statements and existing requirements to disclose climate change as a material environmental risk. This publication will target directors and auditors specifically on what they need to consider when disclosing and auditing climate related disclosures.

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Matters to Consider

Part A – General

1. Refer to the AASB Climate-related disclosures project update at Agenda Item 7.5.2.

Part B - NZAuASB

1. N/A

Part C - "Compelling Reasons" Assessment

1. N/A

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

Material Presented

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Agenda Item 7.5.2 AASB Climate-Related Disclosures Project Update