



**Subject:** Minutes of the 145<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB)

**Venue:** Virtual via Zoom Teleconference

**Date:** Thursday, 13 June 2024, 9:00 am – 11:30 am

## Attendance

AUASB Members:

Mr Doug Niven (Chair)	Mr Terence Jeyaretnam
Ms Julie Crisp (Deputy Chair)	Ms Joanne Lonergan
Ms Marje Russ (NZAuASB Chair)	Mr Andrew Porter [Agenda Item 7]
Ms Tracey Barker	Ms Michelle Shafizadeh
Mr Klynton Hankin	Mr Chi Mun Woo
Professor Noel Harding	

Office of the  
AUASB Staff:

Ms Anne Waters	Mr Rajen Pillay
Ms Rene Herman	Ms See Wen Ewe
Ms Marina Michaelides	Dr Rebecca Mattocks
Ms Johanna Foyster	

Apologies: Mr Jason Thorne

## Minutes

### (Agenda Item 1 – Minute 1689) Private Discussion on Agenda and Other Matters

The AUASB discussed, in a private session, confidential information relating to the current meeting Agenda.

### (Agenda Item 2 – Minute 1690) Welcome and AUASB Chair Update

The AUASB Chair welcomed members of the public to the 145<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### (Agenda Item 3 – Minute 1691) Action Items from Previous Meetings

AUASB members received an update on the status of actions arising from previous meetings, noting, in particular, nominations received of individuals who could be consulted during the development of local material on assurance over sustainability information.

### (Agenda Item 4 – Minute 1692) IAASB Matters

#### *ISSA 5000 Sustainability Assurance*

The AUASB provided input into decisions being proposed on substantive matters by the ISSA 5000 Task Force for consideration at the June 2024 IAASB Meeting. The AUASB discussion focused on communication between the sustainability practitioner and the financial statement auditor, and competencies of auditor's experts. Consistent with AUASB's submission to the IAASB, AUASB members agreed that communication between the practitioner and the financial report auditor should be required at various stages throughout the assurance process and not only when a material misstatement exists. An AUASB member agreed to provide suggested wording for the IAASB's consideration on the competencies of auditor's experts.

#### *ISA 570 Going Concern*

AUASB members largely supported the first set of proposed amendments to the IAASB's Exposure Draft of the Revised ISA 570, *Going Concern* (ED-570). While members largely supported the proposed changes, one board member raised a concern on the proposal to remove the phrase "auditor's professional judgement" from the proposed definition of 'Material Uncertainty (Related to Going Concern)'. Members discussed that removing the phrase from the definition would not undermine the auditor's professional judgment as this



remains explicit in paragraph 30 of ED-570. In addition, the AUASB discussed the importance of ensuring that the preparer community is aware of their responsibilities regarding going concern.

#### *Technology Position*

AUASB members considered the proposed Technology Position Statement to be discussed at the upcoming IAASB meeting and agreed that the principles-based ISAs are still appropriate to address the use of technology in engagements. The AUASB suggested that it would be more efficient if the IAASB issued guidance on specific areas to address technology related auditing issues rather than creating additional requirements within the existing standards that may inhibit innovation in assurance products.

#### *Updating LCEs Standard for Changes to Full ISAs*

The Office of the AUASB provided a verbal update on the possible timeframes for the IAASB updating the Less Complex Entities (LCE) Standard for revisions to the International Standards of Auditing (ISAs). AUASB members considered that immediate narrow scope amendments or conforming amendments to the LCE standard on a timely basis was essential to maintain the integrity and credibility of the LCE standard.

#### **(Agenda Item 5 – Minute 1693) ISSA 5000 Re-exposure**

AUASB members agreed to defer the decision on whether to re-expose ISSA 5000 in Australia until the final standard is issued by the IAASB.

#### **(Agenda Item 6 – Minute 1694) Treasury Consultation Paper – Ethics and Consulting**

The AUASB deliberated and decided that the AUASB would not make a submission on the Treasury Consultation Paper on *Regulation of accounting, auditing and consulting firms in Australia*.

Consistent with the statement in the Agenda Paper that the AUASB should not comment on matters concerning Government policy, some members noted that there should be no informal comments to Treasury on matters of Government policy in response to the Treasury Consultation paper but that unintended consequences may be discussed.

#### **(Agenda Item 7 – Minute 1695) Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement**

AUASB members considered a draft AUASB Bulletin on *Audit Implications of the Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement* (CEDS). Two members felt that the Bulletin covered too much on the reporting framework and this should just be referenced to the ASIC guidance. Two members expressed views that they did not agree with application of "no materiality" to the work of the auditor under the current assurance framework, as this is not explicitly expressed in the legislation. The application of "true and correct" for the Directors is explicitly stated in the legislation.

Given the late distribution of this paper, the Board will reconvene next week to further discuss the content of the draft AUASB Bulletin.

#### **Next Meeting**

The AUASB will hold its next virtual meeting on 20 June 2024.

#### **Approval**

Signed as a true and correct record.

Douglas Niven  
Chair

Date: 4 December 2024