



Minutes of the 146th Meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AUASB) Subject:

Virtual via Zoom Teleconference Venue:

Date: Thursday, 20 June 2024, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Attendance

AUASB Members: Mr Doug Niven (Chair) Ms Joanne Lonergan

Ms Julie Crisp (Deputy Chair) Mr Andrew Porter Ms Marje Russ (NZAuASB Chair) Ms Michelle Shafizadeh

Mr Klynton Hankin Mr Jason Thorne Professor Noel Harding Mr Chi Mun Woo Mr Terence Jeyaretnam

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AUASB Staff: Ms Anne Waters Ms See Wen Ewe Dr Rebecca Mattocks

Ms Marina Michaelides

Mr Rajan Pillay

Apologies: Ms Tracey Barker

Minutes

(Agenda Item 2 - Minute 1696) Welcome and AUASB Chair Update

The AUASB Chair welcomed AUASB members to the 146th meeting, noting that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the appropriateness and content of an AUASB Bulletin on the audit implications of the Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement (CEDS).

(Agenda Item 7 - Minute 1698) Audit Implications of the Consolidated Entity Disclosure Statement

AUASB members discussed the draft Bulletin and the supplementary paper on the audit implications of the CEDS. The key areas of discussion included whether:

- the reporting requirements (for preparers) allowed the application of materiality through the term 'consolidated entity' and the director's' declaration of True and Correct by Directors. It was suggested that this was a matter for ASIC guidance.
- the auditor's responsibilities are affected by the Directors' declaration criterion of True and Correct. Materiality in accounting standards does not apply.
- in providing reasonable assurance can auditors apply materiality under the Auditing Standards, and whether this is appropriate.
- the s307 requirement to opine that the financial report is in accordance with the Corporations Act effectively means that the auditor is signing off that the CEDS is 'true and correct' versus 'true and fair'.

There were mixed views and the AUASB decided not to issue guidance on the audit implications of the CEDS until there is greater clarity on the reporting requirements. The AUASB will revisit this matter at a future AUASB meeting.

Next Meeting

The AUASB will hold its next virtual meetings on Friday, 21 June 2024 and Thursday, 27 June 2024.



Approval

Signed as a true and correct record.

Douglas Niven

Chair

Date: 4 December 2024