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Dear Sirs,

**Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety – feedback on Counsel Assisting’s final submission (Document reference RCD.9999.0541.0001\_1)**

The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) is an Australian Government agency under the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*. The AASB develops, issues and maintains principles-based, Australian accounting and reporting standards and guidance that meet the needs of external report users (including financial reports) and are capable of being assured and enforced.

The AASB welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Proposed Recommendations as outlined in the Counsel Assisting’s final submission to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. Our submission is limited to the Recommendations outlined in Part 3.16 relating to Prudential Regulation and Financial Oversight in the aged care sector.

The AASB notes the Proposed Recommendations in the draft report relating to Prudential Regulation and Financial Oversight and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the role that the already existing AASB financial reporting frameworks may have in implementing the relevant recommendations relating to prudential regulation and financial oversight. Of particular interest to the AASB are the development of the effective financial reporting framework for the aged care sector (Recommendation 100.2) and the proposed requirement to submit regular financial reports (Recommendation 104.1).

We would like to highlight the importance of drafting any requirements carefully to achieve the desired outcome in terms of compliance with Australian Accounting Standards, and note the relevant key projects that have the potential to impact on the proposed recommendations:

- Development of financial reporting framework for all not-for-profit (NFP) private sector entities in Australia (ongoing) [https://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/PS\\_AFR-NFP\\_1575859210767.pdf](https://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/PS_AFR-NFP_1575859210767.pdf)
- AASB 1060 *General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Entities* (finalised) [https://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/AASB1060\\_KeyFacts\\_03-20\\_1585193851825.pdf](https://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/AASB1060_KeyFacts_03-20_1585193851825.pdf)
- AASB Research Report 10 (2019) *Legislative and Regulatory Financial Reporting Requirements* [https://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/AASB\\_RR10\\_09-19\\_Legislative\\_Requirements\\_2ndEdn.pdf](https://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/AASB_RR10_09-19_Legislative_Requirements_2ndEdn.pdf)



We look forward to engaging with the proposed Commission on these issues. If you require further information please contact either the AASB Technical Director, Nikole Gyles ([ngyles@aab.gov.au](mailto:ngyles@aab.gov.au)) or myself ([kkendall@aab.gov.au](mailto:kkendall@aab.gov.au)).

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