

## **Cover Memo**

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**Decision-Making:** Low

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## Objective of this paper

The objective of this paper is to inform the Board about matters under Other Business – Public. No action is required from the Board on any of the items in this memo, they are included for noting only. Please refer to the tables below for details.

#### **AASB SUBMISSIONS**

Paper No.	Title	Staff comment	Board action
N/A	AASB submission to IASB on Provisions— Targeted Improvements	The AASB submission to the IASB Provisions— Targeted Improvements Exposure Draft was lodged on 12 March 2025.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

#### **IASB AND IFRS IC UPDATES**

Paper No.	Title	Staff comment	Board action
N/A	IASB Update March 2025	The IASB expects to commence the second phase of IFRS 16 <i>Leases</i> post-implementation review and issue the Request For Information (RFI) in June 2025.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

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		The IASB plans to consult stakeholders about the content of its public Fourth Agenda Consultation and expects to publish an RFI in the fourth quarter of 2025.  Staff do not consider there are any other matters to raise in relation to the March 2025 IASB update.	
N/A	IFRIC Update March 2025	Staff do not consider there are any matters to raise in relation to IFRIC's agenda decisions.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	IASB Update February 2025	Staff do not consider there are any matters to raise in relation to the February 2025 IASB update.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

# **ISSB AND TIG UPDATES**

Paper No.	Title	Staff comment	Board action
N/A	ISSB Update April 2025	The ISSB discussed the first phase of its research projects on biodiversity, ecosystems, and ecosystem services (BEES) and human capital. The ISSB was not asked to make any decisions.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	ISSB Update March 2025	The ISSB discussed the current state of disclosure related to BEES and human capital.  The ISSB also received an update on its SASB Standards project. It is expected that the following Exposure Drafts will be ratified in 2025:  • nine SASB Standards in Q2 2025 (i.e. eight for Extractive Industries and one for Processed Foods); and  • three SASB Standards in Q4 2025 (i.e. Electric Utilities & Power Generators; Agricultural Products, and Meat, Poultry & Dairy).	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
		The ISSB was not asked to make any decisions.	

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N/A	ISSB Update 20– 21 February 2025	The ISSB discussed the landscape of existing standards and frameworks on BEES, as well as evidence of investor interest and risks and opportunities related to human capital-related information. The ISSB was not asked	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	ISSB Update 19 February 2025	to make any decisions.  The ISSB and IASB held a joint meeting to discuss feedback received by respondents on the Exposure Draft on Climate-related and Other Uncertainties in the Financial Statements. The ISSB and IASB were not asked to make any decisions.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

### PUBLIC-SECTOR-SPECIFIC PROJECT UPDATES

Paper No.	Title	Staff comment	Board action
N/A	Highlights of the IPSASB's March 2025 meeting	The main matters from the IPSASB 18–21 March 2025 meeting are summarised below. At its meeting, the IPSASB:  • approved a project brief for its	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

performance and the statement of
changes in net assets;
reviewed responses to ED 90
Amendments to IPSAS as a Result of
IPSAS 46 Measurement, regarding the
applicability of current operational value
(COV) in measuring inventories, right-of-
use assets and impairment of assets; and
decided to undertake a post-
implementation review (PIR) of IPSAS 20
Related Party Disclosures as its first PIR
project. The IPSASB plans to survey
national standards setters on which
IPSASB pronouncements should be a PIR
priority.

### **NEWS AND OTHER**

Paper No.	Title	Content of item	Board action
N/A	ASIC issues sustainability reporting regulatory guide	ASIC has published a regulatory guide on sustainability reporting following an extensive public consultation with stakeholders. Regulatory Guide 280 Sustainability reporting (RG 280) provides guidance for entities that are required to prepare a sustainability report containing climate-related financial information under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act 2001. ASIC has also provided relief to allow stapled entities to prepare a consolidated sustainability report for the stapled group. ASIC will consider any applications seeking other relief from the sustainability reporting and audit requirements.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	ASIC — Advancing Australia's regulatory roadmap for public and private capital markets	ASIC has announced its preliminary views on the opportunities and risks emerging from shifts in public and private capital markets and called for feedback and debate on key questions. The paper explores the changing dynamics in capital markets, in Australia and abroad, including declining listings on public markets, the rapid growth in investment capital allocated to private markets and the influence of superannuation funds on markets.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

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N/A	ACNC — Public consultation on template constitutions for charitable CLGs	The ACNC is inviting public feedback on its revised draft template constitutions for charitable companies limited by guarantee (CLGs).	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	XRB — Navigate the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) assurance report	The XRB has published a GHG Assurance Report Explainer to help users navigate GHG assurance reports, which will soon accompany the climate statements of climate reporting entities.  This guidance aims to help users of GHG assurance reports find answers to the following questions:  • What information has been assured?	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
		<ul> <li>What are the different levels of assurance and what confidence do they provide?</li> <li>What are the different types of conclusions?</li> <li>What else might the GHG assurance report tell the users?</li> </ul>	
N/A	XRB — IPSASB climate exposure draft	The XRB is seeking input to a submission to the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) in response to its exposure draft of a global public sector climate-related disclosure standard. The XRB's Sustainability Reporting Board intends to submit a response to the IPSASB consultation, which is open until 28 February 2025.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	XRB — New international standard for Audits of Financial Statements of Less Complex Entities (ISA for LCE) - consultation panel event	The XRB are currently consulting on whether New Zealand should adopt a new auditing standard, the International Standard on Auditing for Audits of Financial Statements of Less Complex Entities (ISA for LCE).	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

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N/A	XRB — Assurance over sustainability information	The XRB is monitoring uptake and implementation of the standard as they consider whether ISSA 5000 should be issued by the XRB.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.