

Cover memo

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Project: Climate-related Financial Disclosures Meeting: 6-7 March 2025 (M211)

Topic: [draft] Project plans for AASB S2 items Agenda Item: 9.0

on the AASB Work Program

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Objective

1 The objectives of this agenda item are for the Board to:

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- (a) consider [draft] project plans for three items on the AASB work program; and
- (b) provide feedback on any changes required to finalise the [draft] project plans.
- 2 This paper does not ask the Board to make any decisions.

Background

- 3 At its September 2024 (M209) meeting, the Board voted to issue AASB S2 Climate-related Disclosures. Australian entities commence a phased approach to mandatory reporting using AASB S2 from 1 January 2025.
- 4 At its November 2024 (M210) meeting, the Board considered an updated AASB Work Program. In the Sustainability Reporting pillar of the Work Program, the following three projects were determined to be of the highest priority:
 - (a) AASB S2: Implementation support;
 - AASB S2: Proportionality; and (b)
 - AASB S2: Industry-based information.

Structure

- 5 Staff have structured the meeting as follows:
 - (a) Agenda Paper 9.1 AASB S2: Implementation support [draft] project plan. This project aims to support the implementation of AASB S2 as Australian entities commence a phased approach to mandatory reporting from 1 January 2025;
 - (b) Agenda Paper 9.2 AASB S2: Proportionality [draft] project plan. This project aims to understand the implementation process of AASB S2 by Group 3 entities captured by the mandatory climate reporting regime introduced by the recent amendments to the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* and explore potential responses to any implementation challenges; and
 - (c) Agenda Paper 9.3 AASB S2: Industry-based information [draft] project plan. This project aims to determine the appropriate basis and content of climate-related industry-based disclosures in AASB S2, including assessing the industry-based classification system, and the industry-based disclosure topics and metrics set out in the IFRS S2 Industry-based Guidance on Implementing IFRS S2.

Next steps

Staff intend for [draft] project plans to be finalised out-of-session by the Chair. Project plans would then be included in public papers for noting at the next AASB Board meeting.