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Objective of this paper

- 1 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	<u>AASB submission to ISSB on SASB/ED/2025/1 Proposed Amendments to the SASB Standards and</u> <u>ISSB/ED/2025/2 Proposed Amendments to the Industry-based Guidance on Implementing IFRS S2</u>	Lodged on 20 November 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	<u>IASB Update December 2025</u>	The IASB decided to proposed amendments to the scope of the fair value option in IAS 28 <i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i> and set a 60-day comment period for the exposure draft (subject to approval by the	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

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		<p>IASB's Due Process Oversight Committee). The IASB expects to publish the exposure draft in February 2026.</p> <p>The IASB decided to begin the first stage of the post-implementation review (PIR) of the hedge accounting requirements in IFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> in 2026 Q1.</p> <p>Staff do not consider that there are any other matters to raise in relation to the December 2025 IASB update.</p>	
N/A	<u>IASB Update November 2025</u>	Staff do not consider that there are any matters to raise in relation to the November 2025 IASB update.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	<u>IFRIC Update November 2025</u>	Staff do not consider that there are any matters to raise in relation to IFRIC's agenda decisions.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

ISSB UPDATES

Paper No.	Title	Staff comment	Board action
N/A	<u>ISSB Update November 2025</u>	<p>The ISSB discussed its project on Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services (BEES) and decided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) draw on the TNFD framework to meet primary users' common information needs about nature-related risks and opportunities, and to build on the requirements in IFRS S1 <i>General Requirements for Disclosure of Sustainability-related Financial Information</i>; b) undertake standard-setting to introduce incremental disclosure requirements about nature-related risks and opportunities not reflected in explicit requirements in IFRS S1 	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

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		<p>and IFRS S2 <i>Climate-related Disclosures</i>; and</p> <p>c) consider developing educational materials to support the application of the requirements in IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards in the context of providing nature-specific information subsequent to standard-setting.</p> <p>The ISSB aims to have an Exposure Draft of incremental disclosure requirements ready by the Convention on Biological Diversity COP17 in October 2026.</p>	
N/A	<u>ISSB Update December 2025</u>	<p>The ISSB further discussed its project on BEES following the meeting in November 2025, including the required due process considerations, criteria, and steps for moving the project from research to standard-setting in the ISSB's work plan, and decided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) move the project from research to standard-setting in its work plan; b) publish an exposure draft as the next due process step, forgoing a discussion paper; and c) to use its existing advisory bodies, consultative groups and resources instead of creating a new consultative group for the project. <p>The ISSB also received an update on its project on Human Capital, focusing on the necessity and feasibility of standard-setting. The ISSB was not asked to make any decisions on this item.</p>	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 December 2025 meeting	<p>The IPSASB met on 2–5 December 2025 in New York City, USA.</p> <p>Two Standards were approved:</p>	Including for noting only. No action required at this meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IPSASB SRS 1 <i>Climate-related Disclosures</i>, developed based on IFRS S2 <i>Climate-related Disclosures</i>. AASB staff will consider the public-sector-specific content in IPSASB SRS 1 when the Standard is available; and • IPSAS 51 <i>Tangible Natural Resources Held for Conservation</i>, which addresses accounting for conservation assets. <p>The IPSASB also made significant progress in the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Linkages Between IPSAS Standards and the Government Finance Statistics Manual (GFSM) – approved publishing ED 94 <i>Linkages Between IPSAS Standards and the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 (Amendments to IPSAS 22)</i>; • Presentation of Financial Statements – completed conceptual and technical discussions on requirements for the presentation of financial statements. The IPSASB expects to consider the Consultation Paper with an illustrative ED for approval at the March 2026 IPSASB meeting. The illustrative ED is expected to be closely aligned with the presentation requirements set out in IFRS 18 <i>Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements</i>; • Making Materiality Judgments – discussed the approach, and the necessary public sector adaptations to IFRS Practice Statement 2 <i>Making Materiality Judgments</i>, to develop non-authoritative guidance to assist public sector entities in applying materiality when preparing IPSAS financial statements. The IPSASB will review an updated draft ED at its March 2026 meeting to determine whether additional public sector adaptations are necessary; and • Improvements to existing IPSAS – decided to propose narrow scope amendments to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IPSAS 4 <i>The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates</i> and IPSAS 33 <i>First-time Adoption of Accrual Basis International Public Sector Accounting Standards</i>, to align with the IASB's Standard on 	
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		<p><i>Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments to IAS 21) issued in August 2023; and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>IPSAS 40 Public Sector Combinations, to align with the changes the IASB made to IFRS 3 Business Combinations regarding the definition of a business and references to the Conceptual Framework with respect to recognition of assumed provisions and contingent liabilities.</i> 	
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NEWS AND OTHER

Paper No.	Title	Content of item	Board action
N/A	<u>First sustainability reporting educational modules released to assist smaller companies</u>	ASIC has released the first set of educational materials to help smaller companies and report preparers in understanding and applying the foundational concepts behind the new sustainability reporting requirements.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	<u>ASIC Reporting and audit update – Issue 2</u>	The Reporting and audit update covers regulatory developments in reporting and audit, including sustainability and financial reporting matters.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	<u>ASIC issues a roadmap for capital markets to grow our economy</u>	ASIC has released its roadmap to promote strong, efficient, and globally competitive capital markets in Australia.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	<u>ASIC highlights financial reporting and audit findings for FY 2024-25 as part of expanded program of work</u>	ASIC has released findings from its financial reporting and audit surveillances for the 12 months to 30 June 2025.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.
N/A	<u>Financial reviews help improve charity reporting</u>	The ACNC has released its latest analysis of charities' financial reporting, which focused specifically on a cohort of charities more at risk of making errors.	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

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N/A	<u>XRB – Adoption provision extensions</u>	<p>The following amending standards have now been issued and are available on the XRB website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Amendments to Adoption of Aotearoa New Zealand Climate Standards 2025.</u> This amending Standard makes changes to NZ CS 2 <i>Adoption of Aotearoa New Zealand Climate Standards</i>. The amendments extend the adoption provisions for an additional two years for: anticipated financial impacts, scope 3 GHG emissions (and related extensions to the adoption provisions relating to comparatives for scope 3 GHG emissions and analysis of trends) and scope 3 GHG emissions assurance. • <u>Amendment to Assurance Engagements over Greenhouse Gas Emissions Disclosures 2025.</u> This amending Standard makes changes to New Zealand Standard on Assurance Engagements 1 (NZ SAE 1) Assurance Engagements over Greenhouse Gas Emissions Disclosures. The amendment is consistent with the amendment of an assurance related adoption provision in NZ CS 2 <i>Adoption of Aotearoa New Zealand Climate Standards</i> giving an additional two years before scope 3 GHG 	Included for noting only. No action is required at this meeting.

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