

ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE TREASURER

The Hon Alex Hawke MP

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP Prime Minister Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to inform you that the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) has completed a post-implementation review (PIR) of AASB 2010-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures on Transfers of Financial Assets, issued in November 2010.

As you know, Australian Government agencies must complete a PIR when a regulation is introduced, removed or significantly changed without a compliant Regulation Impact Statement (RIS). The PIR should be completed within two years of the regulation being implemented. The Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) requires that a completed PIR be sent to the Prime Minister prior to its publication on the OBPR website.

The issue of AASB 2010-6 established additional disclosure requirements in relation to transfers of financial assets and has enabled Australia to maintain compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Retaining IFRS compliance is consistent with the AASB's objectives and supports Australia's reputation as a sound destination for investment.

In conducting the PIR, the AASB consulted key stakeholders and concluded that investors are now better informed about financial asset transfers and that the AASB 2010-6 disclosure requirements remain appropriate. The cost to companies of the additional requirements was small.

OBPR has assessed that the PIR contains an adequate level of analysis and meets the Government's PIR requirements. I have attached the PIR for your information.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Alex Hawke MP