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Mr. David Morris MP
Chair
Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees
c/- PAEC
Parliament of Victoria
Parliament House
Spring Street
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Dear Sir,

Re: Liaison in Relation to Financial Reporting Requirements

The Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) is charged with the responsibility of setting accounting standards for all sectors of the Australian economy. Such standards are applicable whenever general purpose financial reports are required, and they form the basis for audit reporting, including by Auditors-General. Though the AASB is an independent agency within the Commonwealth Treasury portfolio, its standards are adopted by all States and Territories for public sector reporting and by a great many other regulators in all sectors who specify that entities must produce audited general purpose financial reports. Our sibling Board is the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board with whom we liaise closely.

I am writing to invite the establishment of ongoing liaison between your Council and the AASB. Such liaison could involve consideration of topics being proposed for the agenda of the AASB, research/discussion papers and exposure drafts being used to develop accounting standards, the application of standards and issues that may arise in practice.

The AASB has regular and very useful relationships with HoTARAC (providing the views of Commonwealth and State Treasuries) and with ACAG (providing the views of the Auditors General). We would hope that a similar relationship with ACPAC could be mutually beneficial.

The AASB is keen to liaise with the Council to assist us in developing and revising our accounting standards and would be grateful if you could indicate how best to initiate and maintain contact. We would be pleased to meet with the Council or its representatives from time to time to brief you on accounting developments and to hear of issues that you are seeing. We would also include the nominated contact for the Council in our mailing lists for the various documents (e.g. exposure drafts) that are issued as part of our due processes for developing standards.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K.M. Stevenson'.

Kevin M Stevenson
Chairman and CEO