



Australian Government  
Australian Accounting Standards Board

## Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	<b>AASB members</b>	<b>Date:</b>	1 July 2014
<b>From:</b>	<b>Lisa Panetta</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	15.1 (M139)
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Disclosure Initiative – issues for AASB’s submission to the IASB</b>	<b>File:</b>	

### Action

The AASB is asked to:

- (a) consider issues discussed in Agenda Paper 15.2 regarding ED 249 *Disclosure Initiative* and decide whether these issues, or any other issues, should be included in the AASB’s submission on IASB ED/2014/1 *Disclosure Initiative*; and
- (b) decide on the process for finalising the AASB’s submission to the IASB.

### Attachments

Agenda Paper 15.2 AASB staff issues paper – ED/2014/1 *Disclosure Initiative*  
Agenda Paper 15.3 Submissions received on ED 249 *Disclosure Initiative*  
Agenda Paper 15.4 AASB ED 249 *Disclosure Initiative* (which incorporates IASB ED/2014/1)

### Background

- 1 The IASB is undertaking a broad-based initiative to explore how disclosures in IFRS financial reporting can be improved. This initiative has been informed by a Discussion Forum on Disclosure in Financial Reporting in conjunction with a survey conducted by IASB staff. A [Feedback Statement](#) on these events was published in May 2013. The Disclosure Initiative is made up of a number of projects, both short-term and medium-term. The subject of this meeting is to discuss the first short-term project – Amendments to IAS 1.
- 2 On the 31<sup>st</sup> March the AASB issued Exposure Draft [ED 249 Disclosure Initiative](#) which incorporates the IASB issued Exposure Draft ED/2014/1 *Disclosure Initiative*. Comments are requested to the AASB by 30 June 2014 and to the IASB by 23 July 2014.
- 3 The ED proposes narrow-focus clarifying amendments to address some of the concerns expressed about existing presentation and disclosure requirements and to ensure entities are able to use judgement when applying that Standard. The proposals include:
  - (a) amendments to materiality requirements;
  - (b) amendments to the presentation requirements in the statement of financial position and statement(s) of profit or loss and other comprehensive income;

- (c) amendments to the requirements regarding the structure of the notes to the financial statements; and
- (d) removing the guidance in paragraph 120 of IAS 1 for identifying a significant accounting policy, including removing potentially unhelpful examples.

## Submissions

- 4 At the time of writing this memo two submissions had been received (see Agenda Paper 15.3). Due to the timing of the comment period for ED 249, no separate staff analysis of the submissions received has been performed. However, staff have considered the submissions in developing the issues paper (Agenda Paper 15.2). Staff will raise at the Board meeting any significant issues included in further submissions received that they think have not been adequately dealt with in the issues paper.

## Process for finalising the AASB comment letter

- 5 Due to the timing of the comment period (23 July 2014), staff recommend that the comment letter be finalised out-of-session through the AASB's Presentation of Financial Statements sub-committee.<sup>1</sup>

### Question to the Board<sup>2</sup>:

Does the Board agree with the staff recommendation in relation to the process for finalising the comment letter to the IASB?

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<sup>1</sup> Sub-committee members are Anna Crawford, Brett Rix, Ann Tarca and Taryn Rulton.

<sup>2</sup> Questions on the issues regarding IASB ED/2014/1 are set out in Agenda Paper 15.2.