



<b>To:</b>	<b>AASB members</b>	<b>Date:</b>	2 December 2014
<b>From:</b>	<b>Angus Thomson</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	3.12 (M142)
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## Action

Note significant Research Centre activities since the October 2014 meeting.

## Attachment

Memorandum from Ahmad Hamidi on Emissions Reduction Fund – an update [agenda paper 3.13]

## Reporting entity/SPFS/Differential reporting

At previous meetings the Board has noted the liaison that has taken place with representatives from the Commonwealth Treasury, the ASIC and the Chair of the FRC Financial Reporting Taskforce on progressing work related to the application of accounting standards to entities required by the *Corporations Act 2001* to lodge financial statements, but which do not regard themselves as reporting entities.

The Chair and AASB staff participated in a meeting of the FRC Financial Reporting Taskforce on 7 November 2014. At the meeting, it was emphasised that progress on reforming the financial reporting requirements across Australia would require the co-operation of a wide range of parties, including Treasury in terms of providing policy advice to the relevant Ministers. The Treasury representative noted that resources could be allocated to projects that hold the prospect of being de-regulatory.

In this context, staff have been undertaking research on potential directions for a differential reporting framework, with a view to providing a paper for consideration at a Board meeting early in 2015 (probably for a meeting day with a focus on strategy).

Staff have attended two forums organised by CPA Australia in November 2014. One forum brought together a wide range of stakeholders with a particular interest in not-for-profit entity reporting. The other forum brought together a wide range of stakeholders with a particular interest in corporate for-profit entity reporting.

Staff are also in the process of writing an Essay summarising the contents of AASB Research Report No. 1 *Application of the Reporting Entity Concept and Lodgement of Special Purpose Financial Statements*, which we intend to publish on the AASB website.

## Emission Trading Schemes

Please refer to Ahmad's email [agenda paper 3.13].

## **Rate regulation accounting**

The AASB issued Invitation to Comment ITC 32 *Reporting the Financial Effects of Rate Regulation* in September 2014, which incorporates IASB DP/2014/2 of the same name. ITC 32 is open for comment to the AASB until 15 December 2014 and DP/2014/2 is open for comment to the IASB until 15 January 2015. Please refer to agenda item 18.