



## Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	<b>AASB members</b>	<b>Date:</b>	18 August 2015
<b>From:</b>	<b>Shaun Steenkamp and Clark Anstis</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	7.1
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Financial reporting framework - Benchmarking</b>	<b>Project Priority</b>	High
<b>Project Status:</b>	<b>Research</b>	<b>Decision-Making:</b>	Medium

### Action for this meeting

To provide views in relation to:

- 1 The basis for the research being conducted; and
- 2 Tentative outline of the research output.

### Attachments

Agenda Paper 7.2 – Summary of research findings to date.

Agenda Paper 7.3 – AASB staff paper: Financial reporting framework benchmarking

### Overview of agenda papers

#### *Agenda Paper 7.2 Summary of research findings to date*

Agenda Paper 7.2 provides a high-level summary of research findings to date. This paper provides a broad indication of the reporting frameworks that exist in the investigated jurisdictions.

#### *Agenda Paper 7.3 AASB staff paper: Financial reporting framework benchmarking*

Agenda Paper 7.3 provides the Board with an understanding of the key features of the research and the major issues being considered when comparing the jurisdictions identified at the Board's July 2015 meeting.

### Background

The objective of the Australian financial reporting framework project is to work with government policymakers and regulators to clarify and simplify the Australian financial reporting framework. The project aims to develop objective criteria to determine which entities would be required to

prepare general purpose financial statements and the level of the reporting requirements, without individual entities having to apply the reporting entity concept.

The first phase of the project, per the project work plan considered at the May 2015 meeting of the Board, is to research financial reporting criteria. This includes benchmarking reporting requirements (Tier 1, Tier 2, other) and thresholds to other jurisdictions.

**Agenda Paper 7.3 includes the following Questions to Board members:**

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| Q1 | Does the Board have any observations on the research assumption and the nature of the comparisons to be made?                            |
| Q2 | Does the Board support the proposed outline of the future research report and the purpose for each section as identified in paragraph 9? |