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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation Paper: Scoping study for a national not-for-profit regulator

The AASB noted your Consultation Paper at its 9-10 February 2011 meeting and, rather than respond to each of the questions, asked me to convey to you its broad support for the development of a national not-for-profit regulatory framework that acknowledges the role of the AASB as the accounting standard-setter. The Board observed that Accounting Standards are a significant part of the current framework, and is of the view that it is important to maintain high-quality Accounting Standards for the sector.

As you are probably aware, the AASB, established under the *ASIC Act 2001*, sets Accounting Standards that are applicable to all reporting entities, whether in the public or private sector, for-profit or not-for-profit. Although many of the issues being addressed by the Board are common to all sectors, the Board's current work program includes a number of projects that are specifically addressing issues of keen interest to the not-for-profit sector. These projects include the accounting for income from non-exchange transactions and service performance reporting. The recent creation of a two tier reporting regime, with Tier 2 providing significant relief from otherwise onerous disclosure requirements, was an AASB initiative that was particularly welcomed by many not-for-profit entities.

Should you require any information about the Accounting Standards applicable to not-for-profit entities or about the operations of the AASB, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Keys – Technical Director on telephone (03) 9617 7624 or email rkeys@asb.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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