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Dear [Project Advisory Panel member]

### AASB PROJECT ADVISORY PANEL – GAAP/GFS CONVERGENCE PROJECT

A submission (attached - <http://www.aasb.com.au/>) dated 4 November 2003 has been received by the AASB from the Chairman of the Heads of Treasuries Accounting and Reporting Advisory Committee (HOTARAC). The submission includes supplementary material relating to some of the key issues raised in Consultation Paper No.1 (sent to you on 14 November 2003 for comment by 31 January 2004), for example whether the General Government Sector is a reporting entity, and whether GFS analytical balances (such as GFS net operating balance and net lending/borrowing) should be presented on the face of the financial statements. The submission also raises some additional issues for your comment. For example, if it is decided that GFS analytical balances are to be included in general purpose financial reports, whether they should be calculated on a “converged” GAAP basis or an Australian Bureau of Statistics GFS basis.

The AASB considered the HOTARAC submission at its December 2003 meeting and has prepared Consultation Paper No.2 (attached - <http://www.aasb.com.au/>) for your consideration. The Consultation Paper draws out the main issues identified in the HOTARAC submission upon which the AASB is seeking your views and, importantly, the reasons for those views, to be submitted to the AASB **by 31 January 2004**. The AASB will consider Panel members’ comments in making its final decisions for inclusion in an Exposure Draft.

Where appropriate, Consultation Paper No.2 asks whether you wish to supplement your comments on particular questions in Consultation Paper No.1. It is relevant to note that in some respects the preliminary AASB views expressed in Consultation Paper No.2 amend the preliminary AASB views included in Consultation Paper No.1. These amendments are outlined in Consultation Paper No.2.

I request that your comments be e-mailed to Robert Keys, the senior project manager responsible for the AASB’s GAAP/GFS Convergence Project. He can be contacted on (03) 9617 7624 or by e-mail at [rkeys@aaasb.com.au](mailto:rkeys@aaasb.com.au). If you have any queries in relation to this request please contact Robert Keys in the first instance. A hard copy of this letter and attachments has also been mailed to you.

I look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman

cc: Reference Committee members  
Attachments: Panel Consultation Paper No.2  
HOTARAC submission