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To the Board,

I have conducted quality assurance reviews under the ICAA and CPA Australia review programs for the last ten years and have visited well over one hundred accounting practices.

It is my view, and it is commonly held by my compatriot accountants, that application of all accounting standards to a set of financial statements prepared in a special purpose format (to take them to a general purpose format) makes the financials much less comprehensible to the users of those financials, and therefore adds no value. The cost of presenting such a set of financials, however, is significant and tangible. Therefore, on a cost/benefit analysis, this would be very poor decision / result.

If small businesses were required to present financials applying all accounting standards there would be gross non-compliance. This fact is what saw the introduction of the reporting entity concept in the first place.

Private companies and trusts that are not "large" should not have to adhere to a raft of accounting standards that add little meaning to the final report.

Yours truly,  
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