

AGENDA PAPER

Item Number: 2

Date of Meeting: 17 February 2016

Subject: Project Proposal to revise the *Due process and working procedures for the development and review of APESB pronouncements*

Action Required For Discussion For Noting For Information

Purpose

To obtain Board approval to commence a project to review and update the *Due process and working procedures for the development and review of APESB pronouncements*.

The Due Process document was last reviewed in December 2013 and in accordance with APESB's internal policies and procedures needs to be reviewed once in every 3 years.

Background

APESB developed the *Due process and working procedures for the development and review of APESB pronouncements* document (the Due Process document) in 2007. The Due Process document was subsequently revised by APESB in May 2010 and December 2013 to incorporate local developments and due to the issue of the revised International Code by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA).

Since the Due Process document's last revision in December 2013, APESB has revised fourteen pronouncements. APESB is currently developing two guidance notes and revising the Client Monies Standard.

Recent developments that may need to be considered in the revision of the Due Process document include:

Local developments

- Revision of APESB pronouncements in 2015;
- The change of name of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia to Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand; and
- Proposed Constitutional Review and any resulting impact on standards setting matters.

International developments

- Issuance of *Proposed Revisions Pertaining to Safeguards in the Code-Phase 1 Exposure Draft* (Safeguards Phase 1 ED), contemporaneously with the *Improving the Structure of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants-Phase 1 Exposure Draft* (Structure Phase 1 ED) in December 2015; and
- Planned issuance of the Structure Phase 2 ED with the Safeguards Phase 2 ED in the second half of 2016.

For further information, refer to Agenda Item 2 (a) Project Proposal.

Consideration of Issues

Refer to Agenda Item 2 (a) Project Proposal.

Staff Recommendation

The Board approve the project proposal to commence a project to review and update the Due Process document.

Material Presented

Agenda Item 2 (a) Project Proposal – Revision to the *Due process and working procedures for the development and review of APESB pronouncements*; and

Agenda Item 2 (b) *Due process and working procedures for the development and review of APESB pronouncements* revised in December 2013.

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