

AGENDA PAPER

Item Number: 7
Date of Meeting: 26 June 2024
Subject: Proposed revisions to APESB pronouncements for Code Conforming Amendments

Action required **For discussion** **For noting** **For information**

Purpose

To obtain, subject to the Board's feedback and review comments, the Board's approval to issue an Exposure Draft comprised of revisions to the following APESB pronouncements:

- APES 210 *Conformity with Auditing and Assurance Standards* (APES 210);
- APES 215 *Forensic Accounting Services* (APES 215);
- APES 225 *Valuation Services* (APES 225);
- APES 305 *Terms of Engagement* (APES 305); and
- APES GN 20 *Scope and Extent of Work for Valuation Services* (APES GN 20).

Background

In December 2023, APESB released the newly compiled Code for APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code). In addition, APESB also issued the Amending Standards for revisions to the Definitions of Listed Entity and Public Interest Entity (PIEs) in November 2023 and Technology-related revisions in June 2024.

Therefore, at its March 2024 meeting ([Agenda 3](#)), the board considered the need to review APESB's suite of pronouncements for Code-conforming amendments.

As a result, APESB has commenced a project to update its current pronouncements where relevant, to update any cross-references to the Code and Amending Standards to ensure consistency of definitions and terminology, and other matters identified in the APESB's Issues Register.

Consideration of Issues

Technical Staff have prepared an Exposure Draft and Explanatory Memorandum for the first group of 5 APESB pronouncements to be revised as part of the Code conforming amendments project. Refer to Agenda Item 7 (a) for the proposed Exposure Draft on these pronouncements.

The key proposed amendments incorporated into the selected pronouncements in the Exposure Draft include:

- updating cross-references to the newly Compiled Code and Amending Standards for PIEs and Technology-related revisions;
- revising paragraphs and definitions to ensure consistency with the newly Compiled Code and Amending Standards for PIEs and Technology-related revisions;
- revisions to address matters noted on APESB's Issues Register.
- revisions to address matters identified by Technical Staff from a review of these pronouncements;
- revisions to ensure consistency with other APESB pronouncements;
- The revised standards will be effective from 1 January 2025, with early adoption permitted; and
- addressing minor editorial matters.

The details of these revisions and how they affect the selected pronouncements are set out in the Explanatory Memorandum to the Exposure Draft. Refer to Section C for tables summarising the proposed revisions to the selected pronouncements in the Exposure Draft.

Technical Staff recommend a public comment period of 45 days and seek the Board's feedback and review comments on the proposed Exposure Draft.

Staff Recommendations

Subject to the Board's feedback and editorial comments, the Board approve the release of the Exposure Draft and Explanatory Memorandum on APESB pronouncements for public comment.

Material Presented

Agenda Item 7 (a) Proposed Exposure Draft 0X/24 Revision of APESB pronouncements.

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