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Professional Standards Board Developments (2 June)

[Note: The information in this PSB Update is provided for guidance only. Decisions reported may be revised or modified at future PSB meetings.]

The Professional Standards Board (PSB) met for the last time on 2 June. The highlights of the meeting are summarised below.

Liaison Activity

Transition of Assurance standards to the External Reporting Board (XRB)

The meeting approved a letter to accompany all of the proposed auditing and assurance standards, including the Code of Ethics and Code of Ethics: Independence, PS-1, Quality Control, to be renamed PES 1, PES 2 and PES 3, to be considered by the ASRB and the XRB for issuance by the XRB on 1 July 2011. The PSB letter emphasised that none of the requirements of these proposed standards have been substantially changed from the existing standards issued by NZICA.

International

International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB)

Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements (GHG)

The PSB approved the submission to the IAASB on exposure draft International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3410. The PSB is supportive of the development of an assurance standard on this topic, and is supportive of the proposals outlined in the exposure draft which it believes will help in enhancing the quality and consistency of assurance over GHG information.

The Evolving Nature of Financial Reporting: Disclosure and Its Audit Implications

The PSB approved, by circular resolution, the submission on the IAASB Discussion Paper *The Evolving Nature of Financial Reporting: Disclosure and Its Audit Implications*. The PSB is supportive of this project.

Last Meeting

This was the last meeting of the PSB.

Exposure Drafts on Issue at June 2011.

PSB Exposure Drafts (please forward comments to submissions@xrb.govt.nz)	**Response Date**
ED/ISAE 3000, Assurance Engagements Other Than Audit or Reviews of Historical Financial Information	1 August
International Exposure Drafts (please forward comments to XRB at submissions@xrb.govt.nz at least one month before the IAASB response date, or send directly to the IAASB by their response date, through their website www.iaasb.org)	
IAASB – Consultation Paper, Enhancing the Value of Auditor Reporting: Exploring Options for Change	16 September
IAASB – ED/ISAE 3000, Assurance Engagements Other Than Audit or Reviews of Historical Financial Information	1 September
IAASB – ED/ISAE 3410, Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements	10 June