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Submission by email: enquiries@apesb.org.au

Dear Channa

Exposure Draft 04/24 Revision of APESB pronouncements

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand ('**CA ANZ**') appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on the above mentioned Exposure Draft ('**ED**') issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board ('**APESB**'). The ED proposes changes to the following standards:

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| APES 345 | Reporting on Prospective Financial Information Prepared in connection with a Public Document. |
| APES 350 | Participation by Members in Public Practice in Due Diligence Committees in connection with a Public Document |
| APES GN 31 | Professional and Ethical Considerations relating to Low Doc Offering Signoffs. |

The proposed changes include:

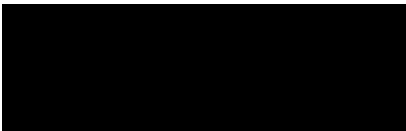
- a) Revisions to reflect recent amendments to the Code
- b) The inclusion of references to reflect Technology-related revisions to the Code
- c) Minor editorials
- d) The intention to retain the term "listed entity" for transaction advisory service-related pronouncements.

CA ANZ supports the proposed amendments listed at a) to c) in this submission.

Where possible, CA ANZ supports the alignment of key terms and definitions across pronouncements. While the intention of retaining the term 'listed entity' is supported, it may be prudent for the APESB to consider providing information about the definitions of 'Listed Entity' and 'Publicly Traded Entity' in the explanatory memorandum.

Appendix 1 provides more information about CA ANZ. Should you have any questions about the matters raised in this submission or wish to discuss them further, please contact Josephine Haste FCA, josephine.haste@charteredaccountantsanz.com

Sincerely,



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