

AGENDA PAPER

Item Number: 5(e)
Date of Meeting: 27 November 2017
Subject: Annual review of APES GN 20 *Scope and Extent of Work for Valuation Services*

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Purpose

In accordance with APESB's Constitution, an annual review of APES GN 20 *Scope and Extent of Work for Valuation Services* (APES GN 20) has been performed to identify and resolve any issues identified by stakeholders.

Background

APESB issued APES GN 20 in December 2013 to assist Members in determining the scope and extent of work that is appropriate for the three types of Valuation Services set out in APES 225 *Valuation Services*. It has not been revised since its original release.

Consideration of Issues

APESB Technical Staff have completed the following procedures to identify any issues associated with APES GN 20:

- Consulted with the Professional Bodies and the members of the APES 215 Taskforce to identify whether Members or other stakeholders have raised any issues in respect of APES GN 20;
- Reviewed the APESB Issues Register to identify whether stakeholders have reported any matters in relation to APES GN 20;
- Considered the results of the Quality Review Programs conducted by the Professional Bodies in respect of APES GN 20; and
- Performed an internal technical review of APES GN 20 including consideration of the technology neutrality of the Guidance Note.

We identified the following issues as a result of completing the above procedures.

Editorial Matter - Inclusion of an interpretation paragraph

APESB revised a majority of its pronouncements in 2015 primarily to reflect amendments arising from the revised APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* in November

2013. Consequently, as a part of this revision process, APESB determined to include an interpretation paragraph in section 1 *Scope and application* of all pronouncements, that clarifies the use of similar words which should have equal application (i.e. singular includes plural, one gender includes another and words referring to persons includes corporations or organisations). APES GN 20 does not contain this interpretation paragraph.

Other Editorial matters

Technical Staff's review of APES GN 20 has identified the need to process minor amendments that are editorial in nature, including enhancements to the Scope and application paragraph to incorporate:

- A paragraph which sets out the Objectives for the guidance note (to be consistent with other APESB pronouncements); and
- a cross-reference to the recently released APES GN 21 *Valuation Services for Financial Reporting*.

Recommendation

Technical Staff recommend that the editorial amendments noted as part of this annual review be addressed in the next planned revision of APES GN 20.

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