

Australian Infrastructure Financial Management Guidelines

Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia

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Summary

Since the first update of the Guidelines was issued in June 2010, there have been some significant developments in financial reporting and auditing. These developments are explained in updates to sections 8 and 11 of the Guidelines.

The Update provides a brief summary of each of the new and amended Australian Accounting Standards and explains which Standards and Interpretations operative for the first time for annual reporting periods ending on 31 December 2011. Also, as the corporate entity is an organisational structure extensively used in both the private sector and public sector it is important to note the exemptions from some accounting and auditing obligations that were provided through the passing of the Corporations Amendment (Corporate Reporting Reform) Act on 28 June 2010.

Creating much interest, particularly to preparers and users of financial statements, is the newly issued IASB Practice Statement on Management Commentary. This Update explains why the Practice Statement is expected to lead to more meaningful disclosures about the most important resources, risks and relationships that can affect an entity's value, and how they are managed.

The previous June 2010 Update addressed in some detail the critical question as to what clients should expect from their Auditors arising from the introduction of the new "Clarity" Australian Auditing Standards. This Update discusses the implications for governance following the introduction of these Clarity Standards.

Practising accountants and auditors who are members of a registered professional body are required to abide by a strict code of ethics when delivering services to clients. This Update explains the main changes embodied in the new code of ethics, which all auditors are required to follow.

Finally, it is important to stress that the overriding objective of these Updates is to clearly explain the latest developments in all of the disciplines affecting infrastructure financial management. Hence, I again invite you to send your comments and suggestions to me as Project Director as to how we might further improve future Updates.

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Changes to the Guideline resulting from this update are detailed in the Detail of Amendments Made Update 2, January 2100.