Dear {Goes By},

Welcome to our August edition of *In balance*, designed to provide you the latest developments on financial reporting.

Are you currently in the process of recognising right-for-use assets and the corresponding lease liabilities? The AASB exposure draft regarding the tax accounting for leases and decommissioning obligations is now available.

The AASB exposure draft to replace the Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDR) with the new separate disclosure standard (SDR) will fundamentally change the reporting basis for non-publicly accountable entities. The current draft proposes an application date for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2020.

We will continue to keep you up to date with key accounting and financial reporting developments.

Kind regards,

Frank

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**Hot topics**

**Exposure Draft: General purpose financial statements simplified disclosures for for-profit and not-for-profit tier 2 entities**

The Exposure Draft proposes replacing the current Reduced Disclosure Requirements (RDR) in the Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) with a new, separate disclosure standard (the simplified Disclosure Standard).

**AASB news**

**Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction**

The exposure draft proposes amending AASB 112 Income Taxes so the initial recognition exemption would not apply to leases and decommissioning obligations.

**IFRS news**

**July IASB podcast**

Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board Hans Hoogervorst and Sue Lloyd summarise the July Board meeting.
Joint meeting IASB-FASB: Updated IASB work plan

On 23 July the International Accounting Standards Board held a joint meeting with the Financial Accounting Standards Board. Among others, the IASB work plan has been updated.

Publication of papers presented at the IASB Research Forum in Sydney

Academic papers presented at the IASB Research Forum 2018, held in Sydney, are now available. Topics include;

- Non-GAAP earnings and the Earnings Quality Trade-off
- Extractive Industries reporting: A review of Accounting Challenges and the Research Literature;
- independently Certified Industry-specific Disclosures to the Capital Market: The JORC Code in the Australian Mining Industry;
- Accounting for Intangibles: Can capitalisation for R&D improve investment efficiency?
- Disclosure Overload? An Empirical Analysis of IFRS disclosure requirements; and

Forum attendees consisted of 50 academics and 50 non-academics chosen from standard-setters, regulators, auditors and preparers.

Meet the new board members

At the beginning of July 2019, the International Accounting Standards Board welcomed two new members: Rika Suzuki from Japan and Tadeu Cendon from Brazil.