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Dear Mr Joy.

International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board ("IAASB") Exposure Draft - Proposed International Standard on Auditing ("ISA") for Audits of Financial Statements of Less Complex Entities ("LCEs")

Thank you for your letter dated 27 July 2021 inviting our comments on the exposure draft ("the Exposure Draft") issued by the IAASB in respect of the proposed ISA for LCEs.

The proposed ISA for LCEs will be developed as a separate, standalone "selfcontained" standard ("the proposed standard") with the aims that it:

- is proportionate to the nature and circumstances that would be typical of an audit (a) of an LCE;
- can be used effectively and efficiently to obtain sufficient appropriate audit (b) evidence to support a reasonable assurance audit opinion; and
- utilizes a risk-based approach to an audit, with requirements that are principles-(c) based, so that the proposed standard can be applied to LCEs with a wide range of circumstances and across sectors or industries.

We generally support the development of a separate ISA for LCEs as it will enhance the quality and consistency of audit practice throughout the world, increase the effectiveness and efficiency of audit of LCEs, and strengthen public confidence in the global auditing and assurance profession. Insofar as tax administration is concerned, we have no comment on the proposed standard and the questions posed in the Exposure Draft.

We are grateful for the opportunity to provide our comments on the Exposure Draft.

Yours sincerely,

for Commissioner of Inland Revenue

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