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Dear John

ED 59 Amendments to IPSAS 25 *Employee Benefits*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on ED 59 Amendments to IPSAS 25 *Employee Benefits*. ED 59 has been exposed in New Zealand and some New Zealand constituents may have made comments directly to you.

The NZASB is very supportive of the IPSASB's initiative to align IPSAS 25 with IAS 19 *Employee Benefits*. In particular, we strongly support the proposal to remove the corridor approach.

Our recommendations and responses to the Specific Matters for Comment are set out in the Appendix to this letter. If you have any queries or require clarification of any matters in this letter, please contact Judith Pinny (Judith.pinny@xrb.govt.nz) or me.

Yours sincerely

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APPENDIX

Response to Specific Matters for Comment

Specific Matter for Comment 1

Do you agree with the proposals in the Exposure Draft for revision of IPSAS 25? If not, please indicate what proposed amendments you do not agree with and provide reasons.

The NZASB agrees with the proposals to amend IPSAS 25. As noted in our cover letter, we are particularly supportive of the proposal to remove the corridor approach.

Specific Matter for Comment 2

IPSAS 25 currently includes a section on Composite Social Security Programs (paragraphs 47-49). The IPSASB is considering deleting this section because the IPSASB is not aware that it has been applied in any jurisdiction. If you do not agree that this section should be deleted, please provide a reason for your response along with any proposed revisions.

The NZASB agrees with the deletion of the section on Composite Security Programs. We are not aware that this section has been applied in New Zealand.