

June 13, 2025

New Zealand External Reporting Board
Level 6/154 Featherston Street
Central Wellington 6011
New Zealand

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the New Zealand External Reporting Board's (the **XRB**) consultation related to New Zealand's Climate Standards (the **Climate Standards**).

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We commend the XRB for its leadership in climate reporting, with New Zealand's Climate Standards being among the earliest mandatory climate reporting requirements for listed entities globally. We welcome the XRB's initiative to proactively consider international alignment with the International Sustainability Standards Board's (ISSB) IFRS S1 and S2. We support its focus on international consistency, cost and information usefulness.

With thirty-six jurisdictions adopting or preparing to adopt ISSB Standards, we respectfully submit that aligning New Zealand's Climate Standards with ISSB will enhance the global comparability of sustainability disclosures by New Zealand entities. This alignment will equip board directors with better information to effectively oversee corporate strategy and will support investors like us to make more informed investment decisions. Global alignment can also further enable New Zealand companies' access to international capital and streamline reporting for firms operating across multiple jurisdictions, reducing the administrative burden and costs of complying with various disclosure requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Richard Manley, Chief Sustainability Officer
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