

CONFIRMED MINUTES

SRB MEETING - 25 FEB 2026 (PUBLIC PAPERS)

At the **SRB Meeting - 14 Apr 2026 (Public papers)** on **14 Apr 2026** these minutes were confirmed as presented.

Name:	Sustainability Reporting Board
Date:	Wednesday, 25 February 2026
Time:	9:22 am to 4:15 pm (NZDT)
Location:	XRB Boardroom, Level 6, 154 Featherston Street, Wellington
Committee Members:	Carolyn Mortland, Becky Lloyd (Committee Chair), Alec Tang, Alison Howard, Jackie Cheyne, Joe Hanita, Mathew Nelson
Attendees:	Dr Amelia Sharman, Geoff Connor, Judy Ryan, Lisa Kelsey, Nicola van Rooijen, Michael van Zijl, Rikki Owen, Wendy Venter

1. Private agenda item
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4.1 Approval of minutes

SRB Meeting - 31 Oct 2025 (PUBLIC PAPERS) 31 Oct 2025, the minutes were confirmed as presented.

5. Updates (public)

5.1 Chair update

The Board NOTED an update from Becky Lloyd, Chair.

She highlighted the following points:

- The issue in November 2025 of the amending standard, which amended NZ CS 2 *Adoption of Aotearoa New Zealand Climate Standards*, to extend the adoption provisions in relation to scope 3 GHG emissions and anticipated financial impacts.
- In November 2025, our comment letter was submitted to ISSB on its exposure draft *Enhancing the SASB Standards*.
- In December 2025, our comment letter was submitted to the GHG Protocol in December 2025 on its two public consultations: one focusing on updates to the Scope 2 Guidance

(2015) which addresses inventory accounting, and one on consequential accounting methods for estimating avoided emissions from electricity-sector actions.

- In early February, the GHG Protocol also responded to our feedback about their consultation process (see communications register – agenda item 4.3 b).

5.2 Board members' environmental update

The Board DISCUSSED current issues & emerging trends. Discussions included:

- *Financial quantification, value and “making it real”* – Discussion of challenges of quantification, while noting some director appetite for quantified financial impacts and practical “how-to”, especially in Australia; Importance of focusing on value drivers and the cost of inaction. Noted that in some quarters “what’s the value of sustainability?” narrative may be returning; directors want to get on with it and understand the usefulness of reporting.
- *Scenarios, storytelling and the ‘why’* – Local government sector scenarios have been issued but public sector entities are under immediate operational pressure and are not yet applying the scenarios. Noted opportunity to anchor sustainability as a basic business case (saving money).
- *Growth, limits and strategic direction* – Boards are wrestling with how to grow in tougher conditions; can’t assume a return to “easy growth” given business and planetary limits.
- *Australia context and reporting mindset* – Australia feels different to the US/Europe right now; climate action isn’t being treated as something to step back from, and reporting is front of mind for corporates.
- *Physical risk and asset vulnerability (now, not later)* – Recent weather has sharpened attention on physical risk; some boards accepting these impacts are already happening and understand asset vulnerability.
- *Economic backdrop, funding and pace of action* – Economic conditions continue to be challenging, impacting climate action and funding for multi-year work.
- *Embedding sustainability and accountability* – Noted some questions about whether dedicated sustainability teams are needed if sustainability is truly embedded with. Delivery accountability sits with business managers.
- *Hard transition choices (fisheries/forestry examples)* – Points to decisions like not using full fishing quota due to biomass concerns and needing to clearly communicate opportunity costs and trade-offs (now vs long term). Similar discussions in forestry (e.g., long-term land retirement) and the need to start transition conversations early to unwind long contracts over decades.
- *Data quality, asset level detail and targets* – Challenges around transition planning, particular for businesses with large asset bases. Opportunity for more sector collaboration around data sets and asset transition.
- *Nature framing* – Noted that nature continues to be a key business input and dependency.

5.3 International monitoring

The Board NOTED the update on international and jurisdictional monitoring.

ACTION: 260225_2 - Add Nature-related Disclosures to the next meeting's agenda

Allocate some time at the next meeting for a discussion on the ISSB Nature-related Disclosures (formally known as Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Ecosystem Services (BEES)) standard setting project.

5.4 Documents open for comment

The Board AGREED to provide comments on Specific Matter for Comment 3 in the IPSASB Work Program consultation, which concerns the prioritisation of sustainability reporting projects.

The Board DISCUSSED the list of potential sustainability and other reporting projects prepared by IPSASB staff. The Board also AGREED that the Chair and Board member Alison Howard would be responsible for finalising the exact wording of their response to the consultation

The Board AGREED not to comment on the GSSB Work Program or other open GSSB consultations. The Board asked staff to CONSIDER whether a formal letter should be sent to the GSSB, strongly encouraging continued collaboration with the ISSB in its standard-setting work. The Board also AGREED that, if such a letter is prepared, it should be delegated to the Chair.

The Board NOTED the forthcoming exposure drafts from the ISSB and the GSSB.

ACTION: 260225_3 - Staff to consider a letter to GSSB

The Board asked staff to CONSIDER whether a formal letter should be sent to the GSSB, strongly encouraging continued collaboration with the ISSB in its standard-setting work.

5.5 Guidance update

The Board NOTED the update on XRB staff guidance on the following topics:

- Anticipated financial impacts.
- Materiality and restatements for GHG emissions disclosures.

5.6 Non-public items

6. Private agenda item

7. Private agenda item

8. Private agenda item

9. Standard setting (public)

9.1 Scope 3 alignment of NZ CS

The Board:

- The Board NOTED the SRB's recommendation to the ISSB for transitional relief (not permanent exclusions) for Scope 3 Category 15 emissions (derivatives, facilitated and insurance-associated emissions), and NOTED that the ISSB did not adopt this recommendation when finalising the amendments. Board member, Alison Howard requested that the minutes record her disappointment that the ISSB did not take up the Board's recommendation.
- AGREED to propose targeted amendments to NZ CS 1 to align scope 3 GHG emissions disclosure requirements with the recent amendments issued by both the ISSB and AASB.
- AGREED to propose making targeted amendments to NZ CS 1 by permitting an entity to exclude the following sources from its scope 3 GHG emissions disclosure:
 - emissions attributable to derivatives

- emissions attributable to insurance and reinsurance and underwriting activities
- emissions attributable to capital market issuance activities
- AGREED to propose making the amendments via the addition of mandatory application material to NZ CS 1.
- AGREED to propose including content from the existing staff guidance *Excluding GHG emissions sources — Considerations for preparers* in the mandatory application material.
- AGREED to issue the proposed amendments for consultation at the same time as the climate reporting roadmap consultation (i.e. by 30 June 2026).
- AGREED with the proposed project timeline, including a one-month consultation period.

The Board NOTED it will consider an exposure draft of the amending standard for approval at its meeting on 14 April 2026.

10. Close and Karakia

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10.2 Next meeting

Next meeting: SRB Meeting - 14 Apr 2026 - 14 Apr 2026, 9:00 am