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Mr Channa Wijesinghe
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By email: sub@apesb.org.au

Dear Channa,

Re: Exposure Draft 01/23 Proposed Revisions to APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Exposure Draft 01/23.

IPA is supportive of the range of proposed amendments to incorporate changes made by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants that act to strengthen and clarify the independence principles that apply to individuals and Firms for the audit of Group Financial Statements.

IPA also supports the revisions to amend the definition of Engagement Team to align with changes made by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board to the quality management auditing and assurance standards ASA 220 and ASQM 1 and to clarify the implications of these changes to applicable independence standards.

If you have any queries with respect to our comments or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact Erik Hopp at erik.hopp@publicaccountants.org.au or on 03 8665 3144.

Yours sincerely



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