

CATSI Act Review
National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)

By email: CATSIActReview@niaa.gov.au

Dear NIAA

Re: CATSI Amendment Bill exposure draft

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI) Amendment Bill exposure draft.

We applaud the clarity with which each recommendation of the Final Report from the 2019-20 review has been addressed. We support those recommendations being adopted and consider they will provide clarity for corporations registered under the CATSI Act. In particular, the replacement of Section 37-10 to classify corporations as small, medium or large based on the single, rather than multiple, metric of consolidated revenue.

However, we express concern with the rejection of recommendation 64 to change the name 'Special Administration'. A concern first raised in our submission of 21 September 2020. While we acknowledge the consideration given to such a change, it appears to only consider stakeholders familiar with the process. We seek consideration from the perspective of directors who are yet to enter such a form of external management.

Accordingly, of the names proposed in recommendation 64 we support adoption of 2. CATSI Special Management. Primarily, as the name indicates the purpose, management, rather than 'administration' which may be taken as a presumption of insolvency. Additionally, the reference to the legislative basis is simply indicated through the acronym 'CATSI'. This is preferred to the more formal language, such as 'Regulatory' and 'Statutory' contained in the alternatives.

Finally, we consider the raft of changes to better align the CATSI Act to *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Corporations Act 2001* coupled with alignment to accounting standards will remove complexity for all stakeholders.

Should you have any questions about the matters raised or wish to discuss them further, please contact Jill Lawrence via email at Jill.lawrence@charteredaccountantsanz.com or phone (612) 9290 5552.

Yours sincerely



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