

# Attention: Directors, CFO's, Audit Committees and Auditors

Your ASIC compliance risk has just increased impacting

- Financial Reporting
- Audit





#### **Enhanced Scrutiny Alert**

- ASIC has rapidly increased the size of its financial reporting, audit, and sustainability surveillance teams in the past 12 months by approximately 4 times.
- This expanded oversight means a higher risk of your financial report and audit files being scrutinised. Expect more detailed reviews and potential investigations of financial reporting.

## Where you could be exposed

- ASIC is targeting entities lacking high-quality technical accounting papers for material transactions and financial statement balances
- ASIC has also launched an auditor independence team to detect conflicts such as where audit firms prepare financial statements for clients (a red flag under professional standard APES 110).





## **Director Responsibilities**

- As part of their statutory duties, directors are required to ensure that accounting advice is provided by accounting standards experts other than the auditor.
- Technical papers must reference Australian Accounting Standards (AASB's)



## **Stay Compliant!**

We are an independent specialist accounting standards advisory and financial report preparation practice.

#### We can:

- prepare robust technical accounting position papers and related calculations
- prepare financial reports to avoid auditor independence conflicts

ASIC is watching. Are you?



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