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The Chief Executive
External Reporting Board
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Dear Sir

Requests to comment on Exposure Draft 2018 Amendments to XRB A1 Appendix A

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Exposure Draft.

We are making this submission to you to assist the New Zealand External Reporting Board (XRB) with the above Exposure Draft. We are happy for you to publish our comments publically.

In responding we have addressed the specific questions for respondents in Appendix 1.

Overall we are supportive of the proposals contained in the Exposure Draft.

More information on BDO is provided in Appendix 2 to this letter.

We hope that our responses and comments are helpful. Should you wish to discuss any of the points we have raised please contact me (michael.rondel@bdo.co.nz) should you have any queries or require further information.

Yours faithfully,



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Appendix 1 - Response to questions

Question	Response
Question 1 Do you agree with the proposed amendments to XRB A1 Appendix A When is an Entity a Public Benefit Entity? If you disagree, please provide reasons.	Yes, we agree with the proposed amendments.
Question 2 Do you agree with the proposed effective date of 1 January 2020? If you disagree, please provide reasons.	Yes, we agree with the proposed effective date of 1 January 2020.
Question 3 Do you have any other comments on the ED?	We have no further comments on the ED.

Appendix 2 - Information on BDO

1. BDO New Zealand is a network of ten independently owned accounting practices, with fifteen offices located throughout New Zealand.
2. BDO firms in New Zealand offer a full range of accountancy services, including business advisory, audit, taxation, risk advisory, internal audit, corporate finance, forensic accounting and business recovery and insolvency.
3. BDO in New Zealand has 84 partners and over 800 staff.
4. BDO firms throughout New Zealand have a significant number of clients in the not-for-profit sector.
5. Five BDO firms in New Zealand (BDO Auckland, BDO Christchurch, BDO Northland, and BDO Wellington) are registered audit firms and thirteen audit partners are licensed auditors.
6. Internationally, BDO is the fifth largest full-service audit, tax and advisory firm in the world, with over 73,800 people in over 1,500 offices across over 162 countries and territories.