Review of Tier 3 and 4 Public Benefit Entity reporting standards

Summary of feedback, action taken and next steps

Over the last 12 months we sought feedback on Tier 3 and 4 reporting standards. Thanks to all the individuals and organisations who provided their views, we've gained valuable insights that will inform our work going forward.

At a high-level, the following three consistent messages came through.

- The Tier 3 and 4 standards are working well but could be shorter and simpler
- The XRB could do more to promote the use and consistent application of these standards
- Improvements may be needed to make sure the standards work well for Māori entities.

This is valuable feedback as we continue our mahi to make it easier for you to comply with the standards.

We've already taken action by recently publishing a simpler, shorter reporting template for Tier 4 entities and are also working on:

- Developing improvements to the Tier 3 and 4 standards (including the accompanying templates and guidance material); and
- Developing further guidance to help explain parts of the standards that can be difficult to apply.

Work is also underway in response to feedback on the following specific areas:

- Service performance reporting
- The minimum categories for presenting income and expenditure
- Opting-up to the Tier 2 requirements for specific transactions or balances (Tier 3)
- Asset valuation (Tier 3)
- Revenue recognition and illustrative examples (Tier 3)
- Accumulated funds and reserve reporting (Tier 3)
- Requirement to report on resources and commitments (Tier 4)

The full Feedback Statement and agreed actions can be found here

https://xrb.govt.nz/reporting-requirements/review-of-simple-format-reporting-standards

Next steps

We are currently developing proposed amendments to the Tier 3 and Tier 4 Standards, Reporting Templates, and accompanying Guidance Material. Proposed amendments are expected to be issued for public consultation in early 2022.