



INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the Treasurer

Matters relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Audited Financial Report

This audit report relates to the financial report of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission for the year ended 30 June 2003 included on the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's web site. The Commissioners are responsible for the integrity of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's web site.

The audit report refers only to the statements named below. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the audited financial report.

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Scope

I have audited the financial statements of Australian Securities and Investments Commission for the year ended 30 June 2003. The financial statements comprise:

- Statement by Commissioners;
- Statements of Financial Performance, Financial Position and Cash Flows;
- Schedules of Commitments, Contingencies and Administered Items; and
- Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements.

The members of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to you.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian National Audit Office Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Australian Auditing Standards, to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Audit procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been

undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Commission's financial position, its financial performance and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements:

- (i) have been prepared in accordance with Finance Minister's Orders made under the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* and the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*; and
- (ii) give a true and fair view, in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and the Finance Minister's Orders, of the financial position of Australian Securities and Investments Commission as at 30 June 2003, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended.

Australian National Audit Office



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3 October 2003