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Below are three brief updates:

**CEWA 2019 AGM Notice of Meeting**

Please find **attached** the Notice of Meeting for CEWA’s 2019 Annual General Meeting. Our guest speaker will be **Michael Barnes**, WA Under Treasurer and Chair of the Western Australian Treasury Corporation. This will be a great opportunity to hear some insights from Treasury as they prepare the 2020 State Budget, and for members to share a few perspectives and ask questions. Please mark your diaries for **Thursday 14th November at 10am at Nulsen’s office in Cannington**.

An Agenda will be sent out to members in due course.

**AASB Roundtable**

The Australian Accounting Standards Board is hosting a two roundtables sessions in Perth on **Tuesday 22nd October** on Exposure Draft (ED) 297 *Removal of Special Purpose Financial Statements for Certain For-Profit Private Sector Entities*, and ED 295 *General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-profit Tier 2 Entities*.

ED 297 proposes to remove the ability of for-profit large proprietary, unlisted public (other than companies limited by guarantee) and small foreign-controlled companies to publicly lodge special purpose financial statements with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), while ED 295 proposes a new, separate disclosure standard (the Simplified Disclosure Standard) that would apply to all Tier 2 entities, including not-for-profit private sector entities and public sector entities.

These proposed changes may be particularly relevant for the CFOs of NFPs who currently prepare **Special Purpose Financial Statements**, as it appears these are likely to be transitioned out. If you or one of your team would like to attend, please register here <https://bit.ly/2mhtX3l>).

**Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing**

CEWA recently attended a presentation by the State Government on the current review of  “*Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing”*. **Attached** is a 41 page discussion paper on issues to consider, key principles and  the implementation considerations. The balance between being able to report once and use often, to be able to access data which may help inform actions and decisions, and the importance of privacy, are all key issues for service users, service providers and government. WA is one of only two States (together with SA) which doesn’t have privacy legislation, and it seems clear that the government is keen to address this within the next 12 months.

The discussion paper poses 10 questions (on page 37), and is calling for **submissions by 1st November 2019**. More information can be found here <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/privacy-and-responsible-information-sharing>