



## PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

29 August 2025

Ms Vanessa Chapman  
Group Executive, General Counsel and Corporate Assurance  
CAANZ

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Chapman

### **Request for confidentiality – legal advice relating to the duties and powers of the PJC CFS**

I write on behalf of the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services (the committee) concerning the legal advice relating to the duties and powers of the committee (legal advice), which was provided to the committee by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ) in the answer to question on notice (QON) 9 taken at the committee's public hearing on 4 March 2025.

In your correspondence to me providing the legal advice (dated 7 March 2025), you requested that the committee accept the legal advice confidentially on the basis that the advice is subject to legal professional privilege (LPP).

I write to advise you that the committee has considered your request and will not accept the legal advice on a confidential basis. Accordingly, the legal advice will be published on the committee's website on **Friday, 29 August at 1pm**, along with associated correspondence and an advice provided by the Clerk of the Senate.

In refusing your request to accept the legal advice confidentially, the committee has weighed the public interest in the maintenance of LPP against the public interest in ensuring that, where questions are raised about the powers and proceedings of parliamentary committees, they are addressed transparently so as to maintain public confidence in the critical inquiry functions of such committees and the parliament more generally.

If you require any additional information, please contact the committee secretariat at [corporations.joint@aph.gov.au](mailto:corporations.joint@aph.gov.au) by phone on (02) 6277 3583.

Yours sincerely,

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Senator Deborah O'Neill  
**Committee Chair**