Key foundations for high-quality reporting: Good practices of monitoring and enforcement, and compliance

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I Country overview

- Population 23 million; GDP A$1,525 billion (2012)
- Major exports
  - Iron ore, coal, gas, gold, petroleum, aluminium
  - Wheat, beef, education
- Common law legal system
- Commonwealth and State Parliaments
- World Bank rankings
  - top 10 for rule of law and control of corruption
  - top 20 for regulatory quality
- Equity market: 8th largest in world, 2nd in Asia Pacific
- Australian dollar 5th most traded currency
II Monitoring compliance with the financial reporting framework

澳大利亚证券和投资委员会 (ASIC)
  - 遵守会计标准
  - 执法活动
  - 财务报告审查

澳大利亚审慎监管局 (APRA)
  - 银行和保险公司监管
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澳大利亚证券交易所 (ASX)
  - 持续信息披露要求
  - 公司治理准则
III Monitoring compliance with the auditing and assurance framework

- Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC)
  - Auditor registration
  - Audit quality
    - Audit firm inspections
    - Education
- Financial Reporting Council (FRC)
- International collaborations
  - IAASB, IFIAR
IV Monitoring compliance with codes of professional conduct and other applicable professional membership requirements

Professional accounting bodies

- CPA Australia/Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand/Institute of Professional Accountants
  - Membership
  - Education
  - Quality review programs
- International - IFAC
- Co-regulation - ASIC
V Conclusion

- Multiple entities – collaboration
  - Public/private sector
  - Feedback loops
  - International best practice
- Continuous improvement
- Incentives and penalties
- Cost and benefits
- International and cross border involvement