**Wholesale Levy Assurance – Options Paper – Submission template**

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| QUESTION | | COMMENT |
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| Q1: | Do you agree that the current arrangements do not provide adequate assurance that wholesale levy payers are meeting their respective obligations and that changes need to be made to provide adequate assurance that wholesale levy returns and payments are accurate? | Yes |
| Q2: | Do you consider that there are any other efficient, low-cost options to address the shortcomings of the current methodology in the Levy Regulations? If so, please provide the alternative(s) together with your assessment compared with the four options presented. | We’re not aware of any. |
| Q3: | Do you agree with the analysis of each of the four options? If not, please provide your reasons. | The analysis looks reasonable |
| Q4: | Do you agree with the analysis that option 3 addresses the problem at low cost and provides an appropriate set of checks and balances? | The analysis looks reasonable – we would expect the TSP to be well aligned with the requirement for accuracy. MGUG supports Option 3 as it seems the most practical and lowest cost. |
| Q5: | Do you agree that it would be desirable to amend regulations 18 and 20 of the CCM Regulations to align with any changed levy regulations? | Yes |
| Q6: | Do you agree that such an amendment to regulations 18 and 20 would be minor and technical, i.e. its effect is minor and it does not adversely affect the interests of any person in a substantial way? |  |

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