

# Independent Limited Assurance Statement to the Management and Directors of Wesfarmers Limited

#### **Our Conclusion:**

Ernst & Young ('EY', 'we') were engaged by Wesfarmers Limited ('Wesfarmers') to undertake a limited assurance engagement as defined by Australian Auditing Standards, hereafter referred to as a 'review', over the Subject Matter defined below for the year ended 30 June 2023. Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe the Subject Matter has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria defined below.

#### What our review covered

We reviewed the following Subject Matter:

- Wesfarmers' approach to defining report content ('materiality assessment')
- Risk-based check of disclosures in Annual Report and related website content
- Taskforce for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures ('TCFD') Reporting
- Wesfarmers' reported alignment to 'in accordance with' requirements of the Global Reporting Initiative's (GRI) Sustainability Reporting Standards ('GRI Standards')
- Selected material performance metrics set out in the table below, presented on Wesfarmers' website under wesfarmers.com.au/sustainability as at 24 August 2023.

#### **Performance metrics**

- Scope 1, Scope 2, and Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (ktCO2e)
- Energy consumption (petajoules)
- · Waste disposed and recovered (kt)
- Water consumption (megalitres)
- Workplace health and safety data (Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate ('TRIFR') and workers compensation claims)
- · Community contributions (AUD)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander team members
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander procurement spend (AUD)
- Ethical sourcing program data
- Employment and People data
- Cultural Awareness Training data

# Criteria applied by Wesfarmers Limited

In preparing its sustainability disclosures, Wesfarmers applied the following criteria:

- GRI Standards, including the Reporting Principles for defining report quality and report content
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Regulations 2008
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008 as amended
- GHG Protocol Standards
- Other selected Criteria, as determined by Wesfarmers, and as set out in its Sustainability Reporting

# Key responsibilities

# EY's responsibility and independence

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Subject Matter based on our review.

We have complied with the independence and relevant ethical requirements, which are founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.



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Melbourne, Australia 24 August 2023 The firm applies Auditing Standard ASQM 1 Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

#### Wesfarmers' responsibility

Wesfarmers' management is responsible for selecting the Criteria, and for presenting the selected sustainability disclosures and related information in the Annual Report in accordance with that Criteria, in all material respects. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls, maintaining adequate records and making estimates that are relevant to the preparation of the subject matter, such that it is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Our approach to conducting the review

We conducted our review in accordance with the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board's Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information ('ASAE 3000'), Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements ('ASAE 3410'), and the terms of reference for this engagement as agreed with Wesfarmers on 25 January 2023 and amended on 11 August 2023. That standard requires that we plan and perform our engagement to express a conclusion on whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Subject Matter is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria, and to issue a report.

# Summary of review procedures performed

A review consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for preparing the selected sustainability disclosures and related information in the Annual Report and applying analytical and other review procedures.

The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgement, including an assessment of the risk of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The procedures we performed included, but were not limited to:

- Evaluating Wesfarmers' adherence to the GRI Standards Reporting Principles for defining report quality and report content, including the processes involved at a divisional and corporate level
- Assessing whether material topics and performance issues identified during our procedures had been adequately disclosed
- Interviewing selected personnel from divisional and corporate offices, to understand the key sustainability issues related to the subject matter and processes for collecting, collating and reporting the performance data during the reporting period
- Where relevant, gaining an understanding of systems and processes for data aggregation and reporting
- Performing analytical tests and detailed substantive testing to source documentation for material qualitative and quantitative information
- Assessing the accuracy of calculations performed

- Obtaining evidence to support key assumptions in calculations and other data
- Obtaining evidence for selected management information supporting assertions made in the Subject Matter
- Assessing that data and statements had been accurately transcribed from corporate systems and/or supporting evidence
- Assessing the presentation of claims, case studies and data against the relevant GRI principles contained in the Criteria.

We believe that the evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our review conclusion.

#### Inherent Limitations

Procedures performed in a review engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a review engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed. Our procedures were designed to obtain a limited level of assurance on which to base our conclusion and do not provide all the evidence that would be required to provide a reasonable level of assurance.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our assurance engagement was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. Our procedures did not include testing controls or performing procedures relating to checking aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems.

The greenhouse gas quantification process is subject to scientific uncertainty, which arises because of incomplete scientific knowledge about the measurement of greenhouse gases. Additionally, greenhouse gas procedures are subject to estimation and measurement uncertainty resulting from the measurement and calculation processes used to quantify emissions within the bounds of existing scientific knowledge.

#### Other matters

We have not performed assurance procedures in respect of any information relating to prior reporting periods, including those presented in the Subject Matter. Our report does not extend to any disclosures or assertions made by Wesfarmers relating to future performance plans and/or strategies disclosed in Wesfarmers' report and supporting disclosures online.

#### Use of our Assurance Report

We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this assurance report to any persons other than management and the Directors of Wesfarmers, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our review included web-based information that was available via web links as of the date of this statement. We provide no assurance over changes to the content of this web-based information after the date of this assurance statement.