

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Trustees of Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust

Report on the financial information of the Performance Report

Opinions

We have audited the financial information of the performance report of Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust on pages 7 to 16, which comprises the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2023, the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023, the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Opinion on financial position

In our opinion the financial information of the performance report on pages 7 to 16 presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust as at 31 March 2023 in accordance with the requirements of Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting Standard – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Qualified opinion on financial performance and cash flows

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* paragraph, the financial information of the performance report on pages 7 to 16 presents fairly, in all material respects the financial performance and cash flows of Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, in accordance with the requirements of Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting Standard – Accrual (Not-For-Profit).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with similar organisations control over cash revenues such as donations and fundraising prior to being recorded is limited and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of that limited control. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to these amounts were necessary.

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report* section of our report. We are independent of Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (revised), International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Other than providing assistance in the preparation of the financial statements and in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, Epilepsy Waikato Charitable Trust.

Restriction on responsibility

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Other Information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises entity information and the statement of service performance included in the entity's performance report, but does not include the financial information of the performance report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial information of the performance report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial information of the performance report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial information of the performance report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Trustee's Responsibility for the Performance Report

The Trustees is responsible for:

- (a) identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance;
- (b) the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report which comprises:
 - the entity information;
 - the statement of service performance; and
 - the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance reportin accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and
- (c) for such internal control as the trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the trustees is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intends to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial information of the Performance Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial information of the performance report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial information of the performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial information of the performance report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the

- entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
 - Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the performance report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
 - Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the performance report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial information of the performance report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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30 August 2023

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