

ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the effect of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) disclosure on earnings management with ESG committee as a moderating variable in state-owned enterprises (BUMN) listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) during the 2019-2024 period. This study employs legitimacy theory as its theoretical foundation.

The research sample was determined using the convenience sampling method, resulting in 114 observational data points from 19 state-owned enterprises. The analytical method used was multiple linear regression with a Moderated Regression Analysis (MRA) approach.

The results show that ESG disclosure has a positive and significant effect on earnings management. Furthermore, ESG committee is proven to strengthen the positive effect of ESG disclosure on earnings management. These findings indicate that ESG disclosure in state-owned enterprises reflects a symbolic legitimation strategy more than a substantive commitment to governance, such that the more extensive the ESG disclosure conducted, the greater the room for management to engage in earnings management practices.

Keywords: ESG Disclosure, ESG Committee, Earnings Management.

