

# **Second Party Opinion**

# **ANZ Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Bond**

# **Evaluation Summary**

Sustainalytics is of the opinion that the ANZ SDG Bond Framework creates meaningful impact, is transparent, credible and aligns with the Green Bond Principles 2017 (GBP), the Social Bond Principles 2017 (SBP), and the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2017.



**USE OF PROCEEDS** The Eligible Categories for the use of proceeds are widely recognized as impactful by the Green Bond Principles and Social Bond Principles 2017.



**PROJECT EVALUTION / SELECTION** ANZ has a dedicated Green Bond Working Group, which bears responsibility for the final decisions on project selection and evaluation, aligned with market practices.



**MANAGEMENT OF PROCEEDS** The management of proceeds using internal reporting systems and a register is in line with market practices. As well, ANZ has obtained pre-issuance assurance from EY to confirm that allocation of proceeds is done in accordance with the SDG Bond Framework. This is aligned with market best-practice.



**REPORTING** ANZ has outlined an extensive list of impact metrics and is committed to impact reporting on an annual basis, including the alignment of assets with the SDGs, which is considered market best practice



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# Introduction

The Australian and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ) provides a broad range of banking and financial products and services to retail, small business, corporate and institutional customers. The company operates in Australia, New Zealand, the Asia Pacific region, the United Kingdom, France, Germany and the United States.

ANZ has developed a Sustainable Development Goals Bond Framework (SDG) in accordance with which it intends to issue SDG bonds. An SDG bond is a type of sustainability bond that aligns the funded social and environmentally impactful projects with the Sustainable Development Goals.<sup>1</sup> As such, proceeds of the SDG bonds may be directed towards projects from ANZ's lending activities and will be used to finance and refinance, in whole or in part, future and existing projects and businesses, including ANZ's own operating or capital expenditures (Eligible Projects) that contribute to the achievement of the following Sustainable Development Goals:

- 1. SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being
- 2. SDG 4: Quality Education
- 3. SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation
- 4. SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- 5. SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
- 6. SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
- 7. SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities
- 8. SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production
- 9. SDG 13: Climate Action

ANZ has engaged Sustainalytics to provide a second-party opinion on its SDG Bond Framework, and on the framework's environmental and social credentials. Sustainalytics has assessed the ANZ SDG Bond Framework as a sustainability bond framework, i.e. on its alignment with the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2017, the Social Bond Principles 2017, and the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2017. Sustainalytics has also opined on the transparency of the bank's SDG Bond Framework in linking to progress on the SDGs.

As part of this engagement, Sustainalytics held conversations with various members of ANZ's management team to understand the sustainability impact of their business processes and planned use of proceeds, as well as management of proceeds and reporting aspects of ANZ's SDG Bond Framework. Sustainalytics also reviewed relevant public documents and non-public information. Following this engagement between ANZ and Sustainalytics, some elements of the SDG Bond Framework were clarified to ensure an alignment with the level of disclosure expected by ICMA's Green Bond Principles, Social Bond Principles, and Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2017.

This document contains Sustainalytics' opinion of ANZ's SDG Bond Framework<sup>2</sup> and should be read in conjunction with that framework.

UN Sustainable Development Goals: <a href="http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/">http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://debtinvestors.anz.com/



# Sustainalytics' Opinion

# Section 1: Sustainalytics' Opinion on the ANZ SDG Bond Framework

#### Summary

Overall, Sustainalytics is of the opinion that the ANZ SDG Bond Framework creates meaningful impact, is transparent, credible and aligns with the Green Bond Principles 2017 (GBP), the Social Bond Principles 2017 (SBP), and the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2017. Some of the key considerations in Sustainalytics' assessment are:

- The Eligible Categories for the use of proceeds are widely recognized as impactful by the GBP and SBP 2017.<sup>3</sup> For details on the expected positive environmental and social impacts of the use of proceeds, see Section 3 of this document.
- ANZ has a dedicated Green Bond Working Group, which bears responsibility for the final decisions on project selection and evaluation, aligned with market practices.
- The proceeds are managed using an ANZ internal reporting system and a separate register for earmarking, including semi-annual Use of Proceeds reporting to investors on outstanding asset volume, eligible assets, as well as eligible asset removal and substitution. This is in line with market practices. As well, ANZ has obtained pre-issuance assurance from EY to confirm that allocation of proceeds is done in accordance with the SDG Bond Framework. This is aligned with market bestpractice.
- ANZ has outlined an extensive list of impact metrics and is committed to impact reporting on an annual basis, including the alignment of assets with the SDGs, which is considered market bestpractice.

#### Inclusion of non-project based lending

Sustainalytics recognizes that the GBP and SBP prefer project-based lending and financing. The ANZ SDG Bond Framework includes project based lending, it also contemplates the inclusion of the following non-project based lending activities and expenditure:

- General corporate purposes provided that such financing is to businesses that derive 90% or more of their revenues from activities in Eligible Categories;
- Capital and/or operational expenditure associated with ANZ's own operations provided that such
  expenditure promotes any of the selected SDGs.

Given the provisos set out above, Sustainalytics is of the opinion that the proceeds of the ANZ SDG bonds — whether they are used for capital and/or operational expenditures associated with financing/refinancing project-based or non-project-based lending/expenditure activities - will contribute to supporting businesses and activities which ensure the provision of products and services that are necessary to achieving sustainable development in the long term.

# Alignment with Green Bond Principles/Social Bond Principles 2017

Sustainalytics has determined that the ANZ SDG Bond Framework aligns to the four pillars of the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2017. For detailed information please refer to Appendix 1: Green Bond Programme External Review Form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As indicated in the ANZ SDG Bond Framework, the eligible categories of the bond include (i) Access to essential services, (ii) Socioeconomic advancement and empowerment, (iii) Affordable basic infrastructure, (iv) Sustainable water and waste water management, (v) Pollution prevention and control, (vi) Renewable energy, (vii) Energy efficiency, (viii) Green buildings, (ix) Affordable housing, (x) Clean transport, (xi) Climate change adaptation, (xii) Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use, and (xiii) Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation.



#### Assessing transparency of the ANZ SDG Bond Framework with respect to linking to the SDGs

Sustainalytics understands the importance of the SDGs for investors in (i) defining a common language for reporting on impact, and (ii) acting as a benchmark for assessing progress towards a just and sustainable world. While recognizing that there is no existing market norm for assessing alignment of sustainability bonds with the SDGs, Sustainalytics is of the opinion that transparently linking use of proceeds and reporting of a sustainability bond to the SDGs facilitates the abovementioned two uses of the SDGs.

In this respect, Sustainalytics is of the opinion that the ANZ SDG Bond Framework creates a strong level of disclosure that:

- transparently links the eligibility criteria and sample eligible projects to the appropriate SDG goal and target,
- transparently links each SDG goal to the eligible GBP and SBP project categories,
- ANZ has mapped the use of proceeds to the SDGs on the level of individual assets, which is considered to be market best-practice.
- ANZ is committed to report transparently on the social and environmental impact of the use of proceeds.

Overall, Sustainalytics is of the opinion that the ANZ SDG Bond Framework is credible and transparent as: (i) it aligns with the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2017, (ii) it transparently links example projects, eligibility criteria, as well as assets to the SDGs, and (iii) ANZ commits to report transparently on social and environmental impact, and progress towards the SDGs annually throughout the term of the bond.

# Section 2: Sustainability Strategy of the Issuer

## Well positioned to issue a SDG Bond

According to Sustainalytics' independent Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) research, ANZ has strong environmental and social management. The organization: (i) has executive management level responsibility for sustainability and social issues, (ii) has relevant policies for investment activities that take environmental and social impacts into account and exclude certain investments, in particular their Social and Environmental Risk Policy, and (iii) communicates externally on progress towards environmental and social targets. ANZ's sustainability strategy is built on the three pillars of Fair and Responsible Banking, Social and Economic Participation, and Sustainable Growth. ANZ's CEO signed a public CEO Statement of Support for the SDGs and the company is signatory of the Climate Disclosure Standards Board (CDSB)<sup>4</sup> Statement. Moreover, the company set quantitative targets to fund and facilitate at least AUD 15 billion in low-carbon and sustainable solutions by 2020 and reduce its own operational environmental footprint.<sup>5</sup>

Given (i) Sustainalytics' positive assessment of ANZ's general environmental and social management, and (ii) ANZ's commitments with respect to supporting sustainable development in its lending activities, Sustainalytics is of the opinion that ANZ is well positioned to issue a SDG bond.

#### Contribution of proceeds to ANZ's lending activities

Sustainalytics believes that the bond will contribute to the company's goal to finance at least AUD 15 billion in low-carbon and sustainable solutions by 2020. The bank has a Sustainable Finance team with a mandate to capture emerging sustainable finance sector opportunities. The company's policies such as, its Social and Environmental Risk Policy<sup>6</sup> covers the following sectors: Energy, Extractives, Forestry and Forests, Hydropower, Military Equipment and Water. In addition, it has public standards in Human Rights, and Slavery and Human Trafficking. These policies:

<sup>4 &</sup>quot;The Climate Disclosure Standards Board is an international consortium of business and environmental NGOs, committed to advancing and aligning the global mainstream corporate reporting model to equate natural capital with financial capital. We do this by offering companies a framework for reporting, but also through consultations and knowledge leadership. We are primarily concerned with ensuring sustainability is an integral part of business reporting practice." Source: <a href="https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=11784">https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/?p=11784</a>

<sup>5</sup> ANZ Sustainability Review 2017, http://shareholder.anz.com/sites/default/files/anz 2017 corporate\_sustainability\_review.pdf

http://www.anz.com/about-us/corporate-sustainability/customers/responsible-business-lending/policies/



- Support customers that demonstrate a balanced approach to social, environmental and developmental impacts;
- Support and encourage customers to adopt management practices to continuously improve their social and environmental performance;
- Support customers that use internationally accepted industry management practices to manage social, environmental and economic impacts (including effects on human rights, biodiversity, cultural heritage, indigenous rights, health and safety, governance and environmental sustainability);
- Seek ethical outcomes which are fair to customers and in line with the principles in ANZ policies.

Although ANZ still has investments in fossil fuels, the company states in its Energy policy that it aims to encourage ANZ staff to proactively identify less emissions-intensive opportunities in the energy sector, and the banks excludes investments in coal-fired power plants that will have an emissions intensity above 0.8t CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh. The company also includes a due diligence process in its financing to foster a low-carbon economy, including the request of climate change policies, investments in lower-carbon technologies and the inclusion of climate risks into future investments. Given (i) that the Eligibility Categories in the ANZ SDG Bond Framework do not include fossil fuel energy generation, (ii) the company's efforts to encourage low-carbon opportunities and (iii) the fact that the ANZ SDG Bond Framework supports new lending in addition to refinancing, Sustainalytics believes that ANZ's SDG Bonds will contribute to ANZ's commitments to contribute to a low-carbon and more sustainable economy.

#### Well positioned to address common environmental and social risks associated with the projects

While Sustainalytics recognizes that the proceeds from the SDG Bonds will be directed towards Eligible Categories that are recognized by market norms (GBP and SBP) to have positive impact, Sustainalytics notes that some businesses and projects can also render negative environmental and social impacts in other respects. The potential risks associated with the financing of some eligible projects are environmental and community impact of infrastructure projects, increasing social disparities by restricting access to basic services to vulnerable populations, environmental impacts of large energy projects and community impact. ANZ actively seeks to manage these potential risks through the application of its Social and Environmental Risk Policy as explained above.

ANZ is signatory of the Equator Principles<sup>7</sup>, and has committed to not providing project finance or project-related corporate loans to projects where the customer will not, or is unable to, comply with the Equator Principles. In addition, ANZ applies a screening approach to assess reputational, social, environmental and governance issues for lending, consider stakeholder concerns, and assess the capacity of management and risk mitigation strategies.

Given the abovementioned considerations, Sustainalytics is of the opinion that ANZ is well positioned to manage common environmental and social risks associated with eligible projects.

## **Section 3: Impact of Use of Proceeds**

The ANZ SDG Bond Framework sets out the following Eligible Categories for inclusion in its future SDG bond issuances:

- construction and equipment of hospital, healthcare and aged care facilities,
- projects financing training & educational schemes etc.
- drinking water, sanitation, and water efficiency
- financing of renewable energy projects, smart grids or high-capacity batteries,
- green buildings,
- rail, electric and hybrid public infrastructure,
- social and student housing,
- waste management, recycling and composting facilities
- climate adaptation

As per the framework, the abovementioned Eligible Categories advance SDGs 3 (Good Health and Well Being), 4 (Quality Education), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), 8 (Industry,

 $<sup>^{7} \ {\</sup>it http://www.anz\underline{.com/about\_us/corporate-sustainability/customers/responsible-business-lending/screening-customers/equator-principles/}$ 



Innovation, and Infrastructure), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and 13 (Climate Action).

Sustainalytics has conducted an analysis of these and is of the opinion that they are all aligned to and considered as impactful project categories by ICMA's GBP 2017, SBP 2017 and the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2017.

#### Eligible Categories intended to be included in the first issuance

#### Importance of electric rail infrastructure in Australia

Current statistics indicate that car ownership tripled in Australia during the 1955 to 2013 period,8 while around 80% of Australians opted to commute by car in 2015,9 a mobility pattern which the Australian government calculated would increase avoidable social costs to around AUD 30 billion in 2030. Moreover, the Australian government reported that the country has the eight highest national transport emissions in the OECD, with its projected transport GHG emissions anticipated to further increase by 25% by 2030 due to current mobility patterns. However, the Australian government expects that public transportation usage will accelerate by 32% across all capital cities by 2030<sup>10</sup> primarily due to population growth, a modal shift reflecting larger global trends. Sustainalytics is of the opinion that current and projected mobility patterns in Australia offer ANZ the opportunity to exercise its societal responsibility in assisting Australian cities to decouple their overreliance on car use and support projects which extend public transport network capacity, quality and timeliness. As such, it is Sustainalytics opinion that ANZ's financing of such projects will improve passenger transport and contribute to downscale road influx, thus also assisting Australia in meeting its Paris Climate Agreement commitments. 11 Separately, Sustainalytics notes that the financing of such mass rapid transit systems entails substantial social benefits (such as social inclusion and enhanced access to quality jobs) primarily supporting the most vulnerable communities currently lacking access to mobility services.12

#### Targeted nature of social investments (hospitals and aged care facilities)

According to the latest OECD report on the healthcare quality in Australia, the country has the 6th highest life expectancy rate of all the OECD countries, with an average life expectancy of 82.2,13 and an overall ageing population currently challenging the public's access to high quality health care. It is therefore Sustainalytics' opinion that ANZ's projects targeting the modernization and capacity extensions of private health care facilities will positively contribute to better accommodate Australia's ageing population' needs and provide meaningful improvement to the overall healthcare ecosystem. Moreover, ANZ clarified to Sustainalytics that, according to the Australian Aged Care Act and the Australian Subsidy Principles 2014, all aged care facilities are required to provide financially supported places for low-income residents ('supported or concessional residents' earning a minimum annual amount of AUD 47,500) in a range between 16% to 40% of the facility's capacity, depending on the facility's operating location. Sustainalytics considers that ANZ's proposed financing projects will therefore target large segments of the most financially vulnerable communities in Australia, thus positively contributing to reduce social disparities and facilitate access to quality aged care.

All Australian citizens and residents receive free healthcare coverage through the Medicare system administered by the Australian Federal Government. Moreover, currently ranking as the second best performing OECD country for the overall healthcare performance, Mustralia holds the fourth place in terms of access and affordability and the first place for the overall healthcare outcomes. Sustainalytics considers that the overall exceptional quality, effectiveness and affordability of the Australian Medicare system ensures a strong and inclusive healthcare safety net that includes access to underserved populations.

Moreover, Sustainalytics views positively ANZ's selection of private not-for-profit healthcare providers in the framework, given that such private health services providers also deliver Medicare-covered social services for vulnerable people (e.g. people living with physical or neurological disabilities, or pregnant and young mothers living under homelessness risk).

<sup>8</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics, document available at: <a href="http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4102.0Main+Features40July+2013">http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4102.0Main+Features40July+2013</a>

<sup>9</sup> https://infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure/publications/files/Trends\_to\_2040.pdf

<sup>10</sup> https://infrastructure.gov.au/infrastructure/publications/files/Trends\_to\_2040.pdf

<sup>11</sup> http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/publications/factsheet-australias-2030-climate-change-target

<sup>12</sup> Australian Institute of Family Studies, document available at: <a href="https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/relationship-between-transport-and-disadvantage-austr">https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/relationship-between-transport-and-disadvantage-austr</a>

<sup>13</sup> http://www.oecd.org/australia/oecd-reviews-of-health-care-quality-australia-2015-9789264233836-en.htm

<sup>14</sup> https://www.budgetdirect.com.au/blog/public-versus-private-health-care-in-australia.html

<sup>15</sup> http://www.commonwealthfund.org/interactives/2017/july/mirror-mirror/



For residential-aged care providers, the Australian Government has set a minimum ratio (varying from 16% to a maximum of 40%) of places allocated to supported residents, who receive Government assistance with their accommodation costs.16

#### Impact of Financial Programs: Saver Plus and Money Minded Programs

Saver Plus is a matched savings program co-owned by ANZ and Brotherhood of St Laurence. Saver Plus aims to support change of financial and savings behaviour in lower incomes individuals and families. MoneyMinded is ANZ's financial education program that helps people to build their money management skills, knowledge and confidence.

Sustainalytics conducted an evaluation of ANZ's Saver Plus and Money Minded programs and considers that their eligibility criteria (individuals holding a Centrelink Health Card of Pensioner Concession Card issued by the Australian Department of Human Services) is in line with the prescription of SBPs 2017 due to a selection process specifically targeting individuals with disabilities, youth, women, migrants or people under sickness allowance mechanisms etc., which Sustainalytics designates as vulnerable groups for OECD countries.

Saver Plus requires participants to open a free ANZ Progress Saver account, select a savings goal and make regular and consistent deposits over a 10-month period during which a Saver Plus Coordinator provides targeted financial support. Sustainalytics estimates that the program's 10-month professional savings support ensures a strong framework for participants to positively adjust their financial and savings behaviour.

Moreover, Sustainalytics estimates that ANZ's financial education programs will support participants development of money management and financial decision-making skills so as to become more financially independent (opportunity to access finance or to afford basic educational services) and reduce their social disadvantages (risk to retire with low savings levels).

### Conclusion

ANZ has developed a Sustainable Development Goals Bond Framework (SDG) in accordance with which it intends to issue SDG bonds. An SDG bond is a type of sustainability bond that aligns the funded social and environmentally impactful projects with the Sustainable Development Goals. 17 As such, proceeds of the SDG bonds may be directed towards projects from ANZ's lending activities and will be used to finance and refinance, in whole or in part, future and existing projects and businesses, including ANZ's own operating or capital expenditures (Eligible Projects) that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

Sustainalytics has reviewed the ANZ SDG Bond Framework with respect to its alignment with the ICMAGBP 2017, the SBP 2017, and the Sustainability Bond Guidelines 2017, and with respect to how transparently the ANZ SDG Bond Framework links explicitly to the SDGs. Overall, Sustainalytics is of the opinion that the ANZ SDG Bond Framework is credible and transparent as: (i) it aligns with the 2017 Sustainability Bond Guidelines, (ii) it transparently links example projects and eligibility criteria to the SDGs, and (iii) it commits ANZ to report transparently on social and environmental impact metrics, and progress towards the SDGs throughout the term of the bond.

<sup>16</sup> Aged Care Legislation Australia. Source: https://agedcare.health.gov.au/tools-and-resources/ageing-and-aged-care-research-andstatistics/residential-care/supported-resident-ratios; https://agedcare.health.gov.au/publications-and-articles/legislation

http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/



# **Appendices**

# **Green Bond / Green Bond Programme - External Review Form Section 1. Basic Information**

Issuer name:	ANZ
Green Bond ISIN or Issuer Green Bond Framework Name, if applicable: [specify as appropriate]	
Review provider's name:	Sustainalytics
Completion date of this form:	January 26, 2018
Publication date of review publication: [where appropriate, specify if it is an update and add reference to earlier relevant review]	February, 2018

# Section 2. Review overview

#### **SCOPE OF REVIEW**

The following may be used or adapted, where appropriate, to summarise the scope of the review.

Process for Project Evaluation and

The review assessed the following elements and confirmed their alignment with the GBPs:

⊠	Use of Proceeds	$\boxtimes$	Selection	
$\boxtimes$	Management of Proceeds	$\boxtimes$	Reporting	
ROLE	(S) OF REVIEW PROVIDER			
	Consultancy (incl. 2 <sup>nd</sup> opinion)		Certification	
	Verification		Rating	
	Other (please specify):			
	Note: In case of multiple reviews / different providers, please provide separate forms for each review.			

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REVIEW and/or LINK TO FULL REVIEW (if applicable)**

Please refer to the ANZ Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Framework, February 2018, available at and Second Opinion Document above.



#### Section 3. Detailed review

Reviewers are encouraged to provide the information below to the extent possible and use the comment section to explain the scope of their review.

#### 1. USE OF PROCEEDS

Overall comment on section (if applicable):

ANZ intends to issue SDG bonds. An SDG bond is a type of sustainability bond that aligns the funded social and environmentally impactful projects with the Sustainable Development Goals. As such, proceeds of the SDG bonds may be directed towards projects from ANZ's lending activities and will be used to finance and refinance, in whole or in part, future and existing projects and businesses (Eligible Projects) that contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The ANZ SDG Bond Framework sets out Eligible Categories for inclusion in its future SDG Bond issuances as summarised as follows:

- construction and equipment of hospital, healthcare and aged care facilities,
- (ii) projects financing training & educational schemes etc.,
- (iii) financing of renewable energy projects, smart grids or high-capacity batteries,
- (iv) green buildings,
- (v) rail, electric and hybrid public infrastructure,
- (vi) social and student housing,
- (vii) waste management, recycling and composting facilities.

As per the framework, the abovementioned Eligible Categories advance SDGs 3 (Good Health and Well Being), 4 (Quality Education), 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), 8 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), 10 (Reduced Inequalities), 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and 13 (Climate Action).

## Use of proceeds categories as per GBP:

X	Renewable energy		Energy efficiency
X	Pollution prevention and control: waste management		Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use
	Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation	$\boxtimes$	Clean transportation
	Sustainable water and wastewater management		Climate change adaptation
	Eco-efficient and/or circular economy adapted products, production technologies and processes		Green buildings
	Unknown at issuance but currently expected to conform with GBP categories, or other eligible areas not yet stated in GBPs	$\boxtimes$	Other <i>(please specify)</i> : green buildings, social housing, healthcare, education, affordable housing

If applicable please specify the environmental taxonomy, if other than GBPs:

#### 2. PROCESS FOR PROJECT EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Overall comment on section (if applicable):

# ANZ Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Bond



ANZ's Green Bond Working Group (GBWG), which was established in 2015 in line with ANZ's first Green Bond issuance, will hold ultimate responsibility and accountability for the ANZ SDG Bond Framework including all compliance, throughout the life of all ANZ SDG Bonds issued.

The GBWG is chaired (currently) by the Head of Sustainable Finance (SF) and membership consists of senior representatives from ANZ's Group Treasury, Capital Markets & Bond Syndicate and Sustainable Finance teams. It may be supplemented from time to time, or expanded, by representatives from other teams including Investor Relations and Corporate Sustainability.

For new issuances, SF will manage the Eligible Assets selection process, consulting with internal sustainability practitioners, making recommendations to and seeking confirmation from the GBWG prior to issuance where appropriate. For existing issuances, SF may unilaterally decide on Eligible Assets for substitution purposes providing the GBWG with updates via the monthly monitoring process described below.

Sustainalytics is of the opinion that this is in line with market practice.

∟va	luation and selection					
$\boxtimes$	Defined and transparent criteria for projects eligible for Green Bond proceeds	$\boxtimes$	Documented process to determine that projects fit within defined categories			
$\boxtimes$	Summary criteria for project evaluation and selection publicly available		Other (please specify):			
Info	Information on Responsibilities and Accountability					
$\boxtimes$	Evaluation / Selection criteria subject to external advice or verification		In-house assessment			

#### 3. MANAGEMENT OF PROCEEDS

Other (please specify):

Overall comment on section (if applicable):

ANZ will track the receipt and use of proceeds via its internal reporting systems, ensuring all Eligible Assets in the SDG Bonds are appropriately identified with monthly monitoring reports provided to the GBWG.

In addition, to ensure appropriate earmarking for the purpose of internal monitoring and external reporting of proceeds, ANZ has established a register that contains all Eligible Assets in the SDG Bonds on issue and the drawn value of the Eligible Assets.

To the extent that any proceeds an SDG Bond issuance have not been, at issuance or, during the life of the bond, applied directly to finance or refinance Eligible Assets, those proceeds may be invested according to ANZ Group Treasury's liquidity management guidelines.

#### Tracking of proceeds:

X	Green Bond proceeds segregated or tracked by the issuer in an appropriate manner
	Disclosure of intended types of temporary investment instruments for unallocated proceeds
	Other (please specify):



Add	ditional disclosure:			
	Allocations to future investments of	only	$\boxtimes$	Allocations to both existing and future investments
	Allocation to individual disburseme	ents	$\boxtimes$	Allocation to a portfolio of disbursements
	Disclosure of portfolio balance of unallocated proceeds			Other (please specify):
4. F	REPORTING			
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	well, ANZ has obtained pre-issuance ordance with the SDG Bond Frames			m EY to confirm that allocation of proceeds is done igned with market best-practice.
Use	e of proceeds reporting:			
$\boxtimes$	Project-by-project		$\boxtimes$	On a project portfolio basis
	Linkage to individual bond(s)			Other (please specify):
Info	ormation reported:			
$\boxtimes$	Allocated amounts		Green Bond financed share of total investment	
	Other (please specify):			
Fre	equency:			
	Annual	$\boxtimes$	Semi-a	nnual
	Other (please specify):			
lmp	pact reporting:			
	Project-by-project		$\boxtimes$	On a project portfolio basis
	Linkage to individual bond(s)			Other (please specify):
Fre	quency:			
$\boxtimes$	Annual			Semi-annual
	Other (please specify):			



Information reported (expected or ex-post):						
	GHG Emissions / Savings		Energy Savings			
	Decrease in water use		Other ESG indicators (please specify): See ANZ SDG Bond Framework for a full list of indicators			
Mea	ns of Disclosure					
	Information published in financial report		Information published in sustainability report			
	Information published in ad hoc documents	$\boxtimes$	Other (please specify): website			
	Reporting reviewed (if yes, please specify whe external review):	ich p	arts of the reporting are subject to			
Whe	re appropriate, please specify name and date	of pu	blication in the useful links section.			
USE	USEFUL LINKS (e.g. to review provider methodology or credentials, to issuer's documentation, etc.)					
http	http://debtinvestors.anz.com/					
SPECIFY OTHER EXTERNAL REVIEWS AVAILABLE, IF APPROPRIATE						
Type(s) of Review provided:						
	Consultancy (incl. 2 <sup>nd</sup> opinion)		Certification			
	Verification / Audit		Rating			
	Other (please specify):					
Review provider(s):		Date of publication:				

#### ABOUT ROLE(S) OF REVIEW PROVIDERS AS DEFINED BY THE GBP

- i. Consultant Review: An issuer can seek advice from consultants and/or institutions with recognized expertise in environmental sustainability or other aspects of the issuance of a Green Bond, such as the establishment/review of an issuer's Green Bond framework. "Second Party Opinions" may fall into this category.
- ii. Verification: An issuer can have its Green Bond, associated Green Bond framework, or underlying assets independently verified by qualified parties, such as auditors. In contrast to certification, verification may focus on alignment with internal standards or claims made by the issuer. Evaluation of the environmentally sustainable features of underlying assets may be termed verification and may reference external criteria.
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