

## Independent Reasonable Assurance Report to the Directors and Management of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ)

### Assurance conclusion

Based on our reasonable assurance procedures, as described in this statement as of 22 July 2019, in our opinion ANZ's bond issuance process in relation to its 2018 Sustainable Development Goals Bond meets the requirements of the Sustainability Bond Guidelines, and associated Social Bond Principles and Green Bond Principles, in all material respects.

### Scope

Ernst & Young ('EY', 'we') performed a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to ANZ's 2018 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Bond issuance in order to provide an opinion as to whether as of 31 March 2019 the subject matter, detailed below, meets in all material respects the criteria, as presented below.

### Subject matter and criteria

Subject matter	Criteria
ANZ's SDG Bond issuance process, as described in ANZ's SDG Bond Documentation, including the SDG Bond Framework that sets out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Use of Proceeds</li> <li>▶ Project selection criteria and management of proceeds details of the SDG Bond</li> <li>▶ Internal systems and processes used to manage the proceeds and report on the SDG Bond</li> </ul>	The International Capital Market Association's Sustainability Bond Guidelines (2018), Green Bond Principles (2018) and Social Bond Principles (2018) requirements on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Use of Proceeds</li> <li>▶ Process for Project Evaluation and Selection</li> <li>▶ Management of Proceeds</li> <li>▶ Reporting</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Information relating to the assets identified as having 'sustainable outcomes' ('SDG Assets')</li> </ul>	ANZ's SDG Bond Framework
ANZ's SDG Bond Impact Report, as at 31 March 2019, that sets out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Use of Proceeds</li> <li>▶ Impacts/expected impacts (of each individual asset, and each eligible asset type)</li> </ul>	The International Capital Market Association's Sustainability Bond Guidelines (2018), Green Bond Principles (2018) and Social Bond Principles (2018) requirements on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Reporting</li> </ul>
	ANZ's SDG Bond Framework

### Management Responsibility

The management of ANZ ('Management') is responsible for the collection, preparation and presentation of the subject matter in accordance with the criteria and for maintaining adequate records and internal controls that are designed to support the SDG Bond issuance process.

### Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a reasonable assurance opinion as to whether the subject matter is presented in accordance with the criteria, in all material aspects. Our assurance engagement has been planned and performed in accordance with the Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (revised) *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* ('ASAE 3000').

### **Level of Assurance**

A reasonable assurance engagement consists of making enquiries and applying analytical, controls testing and other evidence-gathering procedures that are sufficient for us to obtain a meaningful level of assurance as the basis for a positive form of conclusion. The procedures performed depend on the assurance practitioner's judgement including the risk of material misstatement of the specific activity data, whether due to fraud or error. While we considered the effectiveness of Management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our review was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

### **Our Approach**

Our assurance procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

- ▶ Reviewing any changes to policies and procedures established by ANZ related to the issuance of its 2018 SDG Bond;
- ▶ Confirming eligibility of any new nominated projects for inclusion in ANZ's 2018 SDG Bond
- ▶ Interviewing selected business unit and group level personnel to understand key issues related to ANZ's policies and procedures;
- ▶ Reviewing selected new performance information for all nominated projects, and documentation supporting assertions made in the subject matter;
- ▶ Reviewing the impact report and confirming that its structure and disclosures met the requirements of the framework, that asset values were disclosed accurately (inclusive of geographical/industry split), and that individual impact data has been appropriately transcribed from the associated links in the "source of information"
- ▶ Checking the accuracy of calculations performed;
- ▶ Confirming internal systems and process were functioning as indicated and obtaining supporting evidence; and
- ▶ Obtaining and reviewing evidence to support key assumptions and other data.

### **Limitations**

There are inherent limitations in performing assurance - for example, assurance engagements are based on selective testing of the information being examined - and it is possible that fraud, error or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. There are additional inherent risks associated with assurance over non-financial information including reporting against standards which require information to be assured against source data compiled using definitions and estimation methods that are developed by the reporting entity. Finally, adherence to ASAE 3000 and the Social and Green Bond Principles 2018 is subjective and could be interpreted differently by different stakeholder groups.

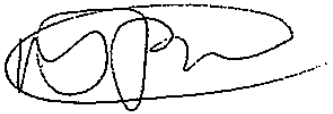
Our assurance was limited to the ANZ's 2018 SDG Bond and Impact Report, twelve months post-issuance, and did not include statutory financial statements.

### **Use of Report**

Our responsibility in performing our assurance activities is to the directors of ANZ only and in accordance with the terms of reference for this engagement as agreed with them. We do not therefore accept or assume any responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person or organisation. Any reliance any such third party may place on the 2018 SDG Bond issuance is entirely at its own risk. No statement is made as to whether the criteria are appropriate for any third party purpose.

### **Our Independence and Assurance Team**

In accordance with APES 110, the firm and all professional personnel involved in this engagement have met the independence requirements of Australian or International professional ethical requirements. Our team has the required competencies and experience for this assurance engagement.



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