# **Bank of Queensland Limited**

(ABN 32 009 656 740)

(Incorporated with limited liability in the Commonwealth of Australia)

# U.S.\$4,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Arranger

# **UBS Investment Bank**

Dealers

**Westpac Banking Corporation** 

Barclays Capital
HSBC
Macquarie Bank Limited
The Royal Bank of Scotland

Deutsche Bank J.P. Morgan Nomura International UBS Investment Bank This Information Memorandum comprises a base prospectus for the purpose of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the "Prospectus Directive"), replaces and supersedes the Information Memorandum dated 7 December 2007 describing the Programme (as defined below). Any Notes (as defined below) issued under the Programme on or after the date of this Information Memorandum are issued subject to the provisions contained herein. This does not affect any Notes already issued.

Under the Euro Medium Term Note Programme described in this Information Memorandum (the "Programme"), Bank of Queensland Limited (ABN 32 009 656 740) (the "Issuer" or the "Bank"), subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may from time to time issue Euro Medium Term Notes (the "Notes"). The aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding will not at any time exceed U.S.\$4,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies) or such higher amount as may be agreed by the Issuer and the Dealers (as defined in "Subscription and Sale").

Notes will be issued in one or more series (each a "Series"). Each Series shall be in bearer form and may be issued in one or more tranches (each a "Tranche") on different issue dates. Notes of each Series will have the same maturity date, bear interest on the same basis and at the same rate and be issued on terms otherwise identical (except in relation to interest commencement dates and matters related thereto).

Each Tranche of Notes will be represented on issue by a temporary global note (each a "Temporary Global Note") which may be deposited on the issue date with a common depositary on behalf of Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") and/or any other agreed clearing system. The provisions governing the exchange of interests in Temporary Global Notes for permanent global notes (each a "Permanent Global Note") and Definitive Notes are described in "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes while in Global Form".

Application has been made to the Financial Services Authority in its capacity as competent authority under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "UK Listing Authority") for Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Information Memorandum to be admitted to the official list of the UK Listing Authority (the "Official List") and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the "London Stock Exchange") for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market. References in this Information Memorandum to Notes being "listed" (and related references) on the London Stock Exchange shall mean that such Notes have been admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market and have been admitted to the Official List. The London Stock Exchange's regulated market is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC (the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive). Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of, interest (if any) payable in respect of, the issue price of, and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to, the Notes of each Tranche will be set forth in the Final Terms (the "Final Terms") which, with respect to Notes to be listed on the London Stock Exchange, will be delivered to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange on or before the date of issue of the Notes of such Tranche.

Subject as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the only persons authorised to use this Information Memorandum in connection with an offer of Notes are the persons named in the applicable Final Terms as the relevant Dealer or the Managers, as the case may be.

Copies of each Final Terms will be available from FT Business Research Centre operated by FT Interactive Data at Fitzroy House, 13-17 Epworth Street, London EC2A 4DL (in the case of Notes admitted to the Official List and to trading by the London Stock Exchange only) and from the specified office of each of the Paying Agents (as defined below).

The Issuer (the "Responsible Person") accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Information Memorandum. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Information Memorandum is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

No person is or has been authorised by the Issuer to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Information Memorandum or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, any of the Dealers or the Arranger (as defined in "Summary of the Programme"). Neither the delivery of this Information Memorandum nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer or its Subsidiaries (as defined below) taken as a whole (the

"Group") since the date hereof or the date upon which this Information Memorandum has been most recently amended or supplemented or that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Issuer or the Group since the date hereof or the date upon which this Information Memorandum has been most recently amended or supplemented or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

The distribution of this Information Memorandum and the offering or sale of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Information Memorandum comes are required by the Issuer, the Dealers and the Arranger to inform themselves about and to observe any such restriction. The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. For a description of certain restrictions on offers and sales of Notes and on distribution of this Information Memorandum, see "Subscription and Sale".

This Information Memorandum does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Dealers to subscribe for, or purchase, any Notes.

Neither the Arranger nor the Dealers have independently verified the information contained in this Information Memorandum. None of the Dealers or the Arranger makes any representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility or liability, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained or incorporated in this Information Memorandum or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme. Neither this Information Memorandum nor any other financial statements are intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by any of the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealers that any recipient of this Information Memorandum or any other financial statements should purchase any of the Notes. Each potential purchaser of Notes should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in this Information Memorandum and its purchase of Notes should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary. None of the Dealers or the Arranger undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the arrangements contemplated by this Information Memorandum nor to advise any investor or potential investor in any Notes of any information coming to the attention of any of the Dealers or the Arranger. None of the Dealers or the Arranger accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Information Memorandum or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

This Information Memorandum has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of Notes which are the subject of an offering contemplated in this Information Memorandum as completed by final terms in relation to the offer of those Notes may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer have authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

In connection with any Tranche, one of the Dealers may act as a stabilising manager (the "Stabilising Manager"). The identity of the Stabilising Manager will be disclosed in the relevant Final Terms. References in the next paragraph to "the issue" are to each Tranche in relation to which a Stabilising Manager is appointed.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms may, outside Australia and on a market operated outside Australia, overallot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any

time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

The financial information included in this Information Memorandum has not been prepared in accordance with the international accounting standards (the "International Accounting Standards") adopted pursuant to the procedure of Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No1606/2002 and there may be material differences in the financial information had Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 been applied to the historical financial information.

In this Information Memorandum, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to "U.S. dollars", "U.S.\$" and to "cents" are to the currency of the United States of America, to "A\$", "\$" and "dollars" are to the currency of the Commonwealth of Australia, to "£" and "Sterling" are to the currency of the United Kingdom and to "euro" are to the currency introduced at the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.

#### **Guaranteed Notes**

The Issuer may apply to the Commonwealth of Australia for the issue of an eligibility certificate for certain liabilities (including Notes to be issued under the Programme) to have the benefit of the Deed of Guarantee (the "Guarantee") executed on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia dated 20 November 2008 and taking effect from 28 November 2008. The guarantee facility will be restricted to senior unsecured liabilities which are not complex and with a term of up to 60 months, with the Guarantee to apply for the full term of the relevant liabilities including in the period following the closure of the facility to new issuances. The guarantee facility will be available for debt issuance in all major currencies. Guidance on the meaning of "not complex" is available at www.guaranteescheme.gov.au/. The form of the Guarantee and the Australian Government Guarantee Scheme for Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding Rules (the "Scheme Rules") (including details with respect to the procedures for making a claim under the Guarantee) are also available at www.guaranteescheme.gov.au/.

If the Commonwealth of Australia issues an eligibility certificate for the purposes of the Guarantee in respect of a particular Series of Notes, or if applicable, Notes of a particular class issued from time to time under the Programme, then the Final Terms for the relevant Notes will specify that the Guarantee applies to those Notes (the "Guaranteed Notes"). The holders of such Guaranteed Notes will be the beneficiaries of the Guarantee. **Each Noteholder of any Guaranteed Note, and any person claiming through or under such a Noteholder, is deemed to have notice of, and is bound by, the Guarantee and the Scheme Rules.** 

The Commonwealth of Australia has not authorised the publication of, nor reviewed, this Information Memorandum nor verified the information contained in it nor made any representations or warranties with respect to, nor accepted any responsibility for, the contents of this Information Memorandum or any other statement made or purported to be made on its behalf in connection with the Issuer or the issue and offering of Notes.

# **Documents Incorporated by Reference**

The following documents which have previously been published shall be incorporated in, and form part of this Information Memorandum:

- the Profit Announcements for the years ended 31 August 2007 and 31 August 2008 (including the auditors' report, the audited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the years ended 31 August 2007 and 31 August 2008 and notes thereon);
- the Terms and Conditions of the Notes contained in the previous Information Memorandum dated 15 December 2006, pages 15 to 33 (inclusive) prepared by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

Following the publication of this Information Memorandum a supplement may be prepared by the Issuer and approved by the UK Listing Authority in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive. Statements contained in any such supplement (or contained in any document incorporated by reference therein) shall, to the extent applicable (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise), be deemed to modify or supersede statements contained in this Information Memorandum or in a document which is incorporated by reference in this Information Memorandum. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Information Memorandum.

Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Information Memorandum can be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified office of the Paying Agent for the time being in London, set out at the end of this Information Memorandum.

# **Supplemental Information Memorandum**

The Issuer will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Information Memorandum which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes, prepare a supplement to this Information Memorandum or publish a new Information Memorandum for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Notes. The Issuer has undertaken to the Dealers in the Dealer Agreement (as defined in "Subscription and Sale") that it will comply with section 87G of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA").

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# **Overview of the Programme**

The following overview is qualified in its entirety by the remainder of this Information Memorandum and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any Tranche, by the applicable Final Terms. Words and expressions defined in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" shall have the same meanings in this summary.

**Issuer:** Bank of Queensland Limited (ABN 32 009 656 740)

Guarantor in respect of Guaranteed Notes:

Commonwealth of Australia (the "Guarantor")

Guarantee in respect of Guaranteed Notes:

If the Commonwealth of Australia issues an eligibility certificate for the purposes of the Deed of Guarantee ("**Guarantee**") executed on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia and taking effect from 28 November 2008 in respect of a particular Series of Notes, or if applicable, Notes of a particular class issued from time to time under the Programme, then the Final Terms for the relevant Instruments will specify that the Guarantee applies to those Notes. The holders of such Notes will be the beneficiaries of the Guarantee.

**Description:** Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Size: Up to U.S.\$4,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies at the date of

issue) aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time.

**Arranger:** UBS Limited ("UBS").

**Dealers:** Barclays Bank PLC

Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch

HSBC Bank plc

J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd.

Macquarie Bank Limited (ABN 46 008 583 542)

Nomura International plc The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

**UBS** Limited

Westpac Banking Corporation, Singapore

The Issuer may from time to time terminate the appointment of any Dealer under the Programme or appoint additional dealers either in respect of one or more Tranches or in respect of the whole Programme.

**Agent:** Citibank, N.A., London Branch

Method of Issue: The Notes will be issued on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis. The

Notes will be issued in Series having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical other than in respect of the interest commencement date and related matters), the Notes of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Notes of that Series. Each Series may be issued in Tranches on the same or different issue dates. The specific terms of each Tranche (which will be supplemented, where necessary, with supplemental terms and conditions and, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same

Series) will be set out in a Final Terms.

**Issue Price:** Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount or premium

to their nominal amount and may be issued on a fully-paid or partly-paid

basis.

Form of Notes: The Notes will be issued in bearer form only. Each Tranche of Notes will be

represented on issue by a Temporary Global Note which will be deposited on the issue date with a common depositary on behalf of Euroclear and

Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other agreed clearing system and which will be exchangeable, upon request, as described therein for either a Permanent Global Note or Definitive Notes (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and subject, in the case of Definitive Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms) in each case not earlier than 40 days after the issue date upon certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership as required by U.S. Treasury regulations. A Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable for Definitive Notes (as specified in the applicable Final Terms), either (i) upon not less than 60 days' written notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) to the Agent as described therein or (ii) upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event (as defined in "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes while in Global Form" below). Any interest in a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other agreed clearing system, as appropriate.

**Clearing Systems:** 

Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and, in relation to any Tranche, such other clearing system as may be agreed between the Issuer, the relevant Dealer(s) and the Agent.

**Initial Delivery of Notes:** 

Temporary Global Notes may be deposited with Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other clearing system or may be delivered outside any clearing system provided that the method of such delivery has been agreed in advance by the Issuer, the relevant Dealer(s) and the Agent.

**Currencies:** 

Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, Notes may be issued in Australian dollars, Canadian dollars, Danish kroner, euro, Hong Kong dollars, New Zealand dollars, Sterling, Swedish kronor, Swiss francs or U.S. dollars or in other currencies if the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) so agree.

Redenomination:

The applicable Final Terms may provide that certain Notes may be redenominated in euro.

**Maturities:** 

Such maturities as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and as indicated in the applicable Final Terms, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Issuer or the relevant currency and save that, in the case of Guaranteed Notes, the scheduled maturity must not exceed 60 months.

At the date of this Information Memorandum, the minimum maturity of all Notes is one month.

Notes having a maturity of less than one year will, if the proceeds of the issue are accepted in the United Kingdom, constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the FSMA unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a denomination of at least £100,000 or its equivalent, see "Subscription and Sale".

**Denomination:** 

Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer and as indicated in the applicable Final Terms save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant

<sup>1</sup> The exchange upon notice option should not be expressed to be applicable if the Notes have a denomination consisting of the minimum Specified Denomination plus a higher integral multiple of another smaller amount.

Specified Currency (see also "Currencies" above) and save that the minimum denomination of each Note admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area or offered to the public in a Member State of the European Economic Area in circumstances which otherwise require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive will be €50,000 (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency).

#### **Fixed Rate Notes:**

Fixed interest will be payable in arrears on such date or dates in each year as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and on redemption and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

#### Floating Rate Notes:

Floating Rate Notes will bear interest at a rate determined:

- (i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest-rate swap transaction in the relevant currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the issue date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series); or
- (ii) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or
- (iii) on such other basis as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s),

as indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) for each Series of Floating Rate Notes.

#### **Index Linked Notes:**

Payments of principal in respect of Index Linked Redemption Notes or of interest in respect of Index Linked Interest Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula or changes in the prices of securities or commodities or to such other factors as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).

#### Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes:

**Other provisions in relation** Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes may also have a **to Floating Rate Notes and** maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate or both.

Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes in respect of each Interest Period, as selected prior to issue by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s), will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates as are specified in, or determined pursuant to, the applicable Final Terms and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

#### **Dual Currency Notes:**

Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).

#### **Zero Coupon Notes:**

Zero Coupon Notes will not bear interest and will be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### Redemption:

The Final Terms relating to each Tranche of Notes will indicate either that the Notes of such Tranche cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified instalments (see below), if applicable, or for taxation reasons or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be

redeemable at the option of the Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' irrevocable notice (or such other notice period (if any) as is indicated in the applicable Final Terms) to the Noteholders or the Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such terms as are indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

The Final Terms may provide that Notes may be redeemable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as are indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

**Status of the Notes:** 

Notes and any relative Receipts and/or Coupons will be direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to Condition 3) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and (subject as provided above) will rank *pari passu*, without any preference among themselves, with all other outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, present and future (other than obligations preferred by mandatory provisions of law) – see Condition 2.

**Negative Pledge:** 

The terms of the Notes will contain a negative pledge provision as further described in Condition 3.

**Cross Default:** 

The terms of the Notes (other than the Guaranteed Notes) will contain a cross-default provision as further described in Condition 9. In respect of any Guaranteed Note, any cross default provision or cross acceleration provision will be disapplied within the applicable Final Terms.

Withholding Tax:

All payments in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of withholding taxes of the Commonwealth of Australia or the State of Queensland unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will (subject to certain exceptions) pay such additional amounts as will result in the holders of Notes, Receipts or Coupons receiving such amounts as they would have received in respect of such Notes, Receipts or Coupons had no such withholding or deduction been required, all as more fully described in Condition 7.

Except as may be otherwise stated in the Final Terms, payments by the Guarantor under the Guarantee in respect of the Guaranteed Notes should not be subject to withholding or deduction for, or on account of, taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia.

If the Guarantor is at any time compelled or authorised by law to deduct or withhold an amount in respect of any Australian withholding taxes imposed or levied by the Commonwealth of Australia or any political subdivision thereof or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, in relation to payments under the Guarantee in respect of any Guaranteed Note, none of the Issuer, the Guarantor or any other person is obliged to pay any additional amounts in respect of such deduction or withholding.

Governing Law:

English.

The Guarantee is governed by the law of New South Wales.

Rating:

The Rating of the Notes to be issued under the Programme will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Listing and Admission to Trading:

Application has been made to the UKLA for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Official List and to admit them to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market. The Notes may also be

listed on such other or further stock exchange(s) as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer in relation to each Series.

Unlisted Notes may also be issued

The Final Terms relating to each Tranche of Notes will state whether or not and, if so, on which stock exchange(s) the Notes are to be listed.

The Dealer Agreement provides that, if the maintenance of the listing of any Notes has, in the opinion of the Issuer, become unduly onerous for any reason whatsoever, the Issuer shall be entitled to terminate such listing subject to its using its best endeavours promptly to list or admit to trading the Notes on an alternative stock exchange, within or outside the European Union, to be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

#### **Selling Restrictions:**

United States, European Economic Area, (including the United Kingdom), the Commonwealth of Australia, Switzerland, Hong Kong and Singapore and such other jurisdictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Notes. See "Subscription and Sale".

The Issuer is Category 2 for the purposes of Regulation S under the Securities Act. TEFRA D will apply.

# **Risk Factors**

The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. These factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.

The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes may occur for other reasons which may not be considered significant risks by the Issuer. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Information Memorandum and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

# Factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme

Dependence on the Australian economy

The financial performance of the Issuer could be affected by changes in economic conditions in Australia and overseas. Such changes include:

- changes in economic growth, unemployment levels and consumer confidence which may lead to a general fall in the demand for the Issuer's products and services;
- changes in underlying cost structures for labour and service charges;
- changes in fiscal and monetary policy, including interest rates, which may impact the profitability of the Issuer or a general fall in the demand for the Issuer's products and services; and
- national or international political and economic instability or the instability of national or international financial markets including that as a result of terrorist acts or war.

Although the Issuer will have in place a number of strategies to minimise the exposure to economic risk and will engage in prudent management practices to minimise its exposure to such risk in the future, such factors may nonetheless have an adverse impact on the Issuer's financial performance and position.

#### Competition

The Issuer faces substantial competition in all aspects of its business. The Issuer competes domestically with retail and commercial banks, non-bank mortgage brokers, leasing brokers, private banking firms and other investment services firms. In addition, the trend toward consolidation in the global financial services industry is creating competitors with broader ranges of product and service offerings, increased access to capital, and greater efficiency and pricing power. In recent years, competition has also increased as large banking industry participants have sought to establish themselves in markets that are perceived to offer higher growth potential, and as local institutions have become more sophisticated and competitive and have sought alliances, mergers or strategic relationships. The effect of competitive market conditions may adversely impact the earnings and asset level of the Issuer.

#### Credit risk

The Issuer is exposed to credit risk in its business from lending activities, the provision of guarantees including letters of credit and commitments to lend, investment in bonds and notes, financial market transactions and other associated activities. Credit risk is the potential loss arising from the possibility that customers or counterparties fail to meet contractual payment obligations to the Issuer as they fall due.

Credit risk is a significant risk for the Issuer and arises primarily from its lending activities. The Issuer uses two methods for calculating impairment:

#### (i) Specific impairment provisions

Impairment losses on individually assessed loans and advances are determined on a case-by-case basis. If there is objective evidence that an individual loan or advance is impaired, then a specific provision for impairment is raised. The amount of the specific provision is based on the carrying amount of the loan or advance, including the security held against the loan or advance and the present value of expected future cash flows. Any subsequent write-offs are then made against the

specific provision for impairment. The unwinding of the discount from initial recognition of impairment through to recovery of the written down amount is recognised through interest income.

#### (ii) Collective impairment provisions

Where no evidence of impairment has been identified for loans and advances, these loans and advances are grouped together on the basis of similar credit characteristics for the purpose of calculating a collective impairment loss. Collective impairment provisions are based on historical loss experience adjusted for current observable data. The amount required to bring the collective provision for impairment to its required level is charged to the income statement.

If these provisions prove inadequate, either because of an economic downturn or a significant breakdown in its credit disciplines, then this could have a material adverse affect on its business.

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk of an adverse event in financial markets causing a loss of earnings to the Issuer. This risk generally arises from either funding risk, interest rate risk or currency risk.

Funding risk is the risk of over-reliance on a particular funding source, including securitisation, affecting the volatility in the cost or availability to the Issuer of funds.

Since the second half of 2007, disruption in the global credit markets, coupled with the re-pricing of credit risk and the deterioration of the housing markets in the United States and elsewhere, created increasingly difficult conditions in the financial markets. Among the sectors of the global credit markets that are experiencing particular difficulty due to the current crisis are the markets associated with sub-prime mortgage backed securities, asset backed securities, collateralized debt obligations, leveraged finance and complex structured securities. These conditions have resulted in historic volatility, less liquidity or no liquidity, widening of credit spreads and a lack of price transparency in certain markets. Most recently, these conditions have resulted in the failures of a number of financial institutions in the United States and Europe and unprecedented action by governmental authorities, regulators and central banks around the world. It is difficult to predict how long these conditions will exist and how the Issuer's investments and markets will be adversely affected. These conditions may be exacerbated by persisting volatility in the financial sector and the capital markets, or concerns about, or a default by, one or more institutions, which could lead to significant market-wide liquidity problems, losses or defaults by other institutions. Accordingly, these conditions could adversely affect the Issuer's investments, consolidated financial condition or results of operations in future periods.

Interest rate risk arises from a variety of sources, including mismatches between the repricing periods of assets and liabilities. As a result of these mismatches, movements in interest rates may affect earnings or the value of the Issuer.

Currency risk is the risk of loss of earnings due to adverse movements in exchange rates. The Issuer's foreign exchange rate exposures are managed through detailed policies set by the Board and monitored by the Asset and Liability Committee and the Bank's Treasury Department.

The Issuer has reviewed and will continue to review its pricing model and funding mix in light of recent developments to ensure products are appropriately priced.

#### Counterparty risk

The Issuer faces the possibility that a counterparty will be unable to honour its contractual obligations. These counterparties may default on their obligations due to bankruptcy, lack of liquidity, operational failure or other reasons. This risk may arise, for example, from entering into swap contracts under which counterparties have obligations to make payments to the Issuer executing trades that fail to settle at the required time due to non-delivery by the counterparty or systems failure by clearing agents, exchanges, clearing houses or other financial intermediaries. Such counterparty risk is more acute in difficult market conditions where the risk of failure of counterparties is higher.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the Issuer is unable to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. Liquidity risk is managed through a series of detailed policies, including the management of cash flow mismatches, the maintenance of a stable, core retail deposits base, the diversification of the funding base and the retention of adequate levels of high quality liquid assets. The Issuer's liquidity risk management framework models its ability to fund under both normal conditions and during a crisis situation. This approach is designed to ensure that the Issuer's funding framework is sufficiently flexible to

ensure liquidity under a wide range of market conditions. The availability of funding from uncertain financial markets may increase liquidity risks to financial institutions generally, as discussed above under "Market risk".

#### Regulatory and Legal risk

The Issuer's business is subject to substantial legal and regulatory oversight. In particular the Issuer is subject to prudential supervision by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority ("APRA"). The Issuer is required, amongst other things, to meet minimum capital requirements within its operations. The Issuer has adopted the Basel II Standard Method approach to measure risk for the purpose of calculating capital adequacy. Any significant regulatory developments, including changes to capital adequacy and accounting standards, could have an adverse effect on how the Issuer conducts its business and on the Issuer's financial condition and results of operations.

The Issuer's business and earnings are also affected by the fiscal or other policies that are adopted by various regulatory authorities of the Australian government, foreign governments and international agencies.

In the course of its operations, the Issuer may be involved in disputes and possible litigation. The extent of such disputes and litigation cannot be ascertained at this time. However, there is a risk that any material or costly dispute or litigation could adversely affect the value of the assets or future financial performance of the Issuer.

In response to the recent financial crisis affecting the banking system and financial markets generally, and deteriorating global financial conditions, in October 2008, the Australian government announced that it will guarantee deposits and certain wholesale term funding of eligible authorised deposit-taking institutions in Australia. For further information, see "Australian Government Guarantee Schemes for Deposits, Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding" on pages 41 and 42 of this Information Memorandum. Similar actions have been announced by governments and regulatory bodies in other jurisdictions. It is not certain that these actions will have the intended effect.

#### Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or from external events. The Issuer is exposed to a variety of risks including those arising from process error, fraud, technology failure, security and physical protection, franchise agreements entered into with retail branch franchisees, customer services, staff skills and performance, and product development and maintenance.

Operational risk is managed by the Issuer through appropriate reporting lines, defined responsibilities, policies and procedures and an operation risk program which incorporates quarterly risk monitoring and reporting by each business unit. Operational risks and their mitigants are documented in the business unit risk databases. These provide the basis for the business unit and bank-wide risk profile. The Issuerwide risk profile is reported to the Board on a regular basis.

Notwithstanding anything in this risk factor, this risk factor should not be taken as implying that either the Issuer or the Group will be unable to comply with its obligations as a bank with securities admitted to the Official List of the UK Listing Authority.

#### Owner Managed Branch ("OMB") Model

Under its OMB model, the Issuer operates OMBs in every state and territory of Australia. The OMBs are operated by franchisees who have entered into franchise agreements with the Issuer to manage and operate an OMB. While the Issuer considers carefully the suitability of potential franchisees, and has a rigorous accreditation program, there can be no guarantee of the success of an individual OMB. The success or otherwise of OMBs depends largely on personal attributes of the franchisee in addition to external market factors. As a growing network, a material proportion of the Issuer's retail branch network is relatively new, and there are risks that may develop over time. Poor performance by OMBs, or the termination of franchise agreements may impact revenue and the Issuer's brand.

#### Changes in Technology

Information Technology plays an increasingly important role in the delivery of financial services to customers in a cost effective manner. The Issuer's ability to compete effectively in the future will, in part, be driven by its ability to maintain appropriate technology platforms for the efficient delivery of its products and services.

#### Risks to the Issuer's growth strategy

Mergers form part of the Issuer's acquisition growth strategy, in addition to the organic growth of its financial services operations. Risks that relate to the Issuer's growth strategy are interrelated and include risk of local market saturation, and risks associated with geographical diversification.

#### (i) Risk of local market saturation

The Issuer currently has a growing market share in Queensland. Despite the size of the Queensland market, the Issuer faces the challenge of maintaining a high penetration rate in that market in order to achieve continued growth. In addition, the Issuer will continue to be exposed to fluctuations in the Queensland economy in particular.

#### (ii) Risk of geographical diversification

Mergers enable the Issuer to expand its geographical presence and distribution. This brings challenges to the Issuer's management and control systems as it becomes a more geographically diverse organisation. A merger also involves the integration of businesses that have previously operated independently, and integrations may not be achieved in an orderly fashion and within a reasonable period or, even if completed on a timely basis, may not realise the full benefits, cost savings and other synergies expected.

Other risks associated with the Issuer's merger growth strategy include:

- risks associated with strategic and business decisions (including acquisitions);
- reputation risk;
- unforeseen difficulties in the amalgamation of business sites and physical business locations;
- lower than expected cost savings;
- unforeseen difficulties in integrating existing or new information technology platforms and management information systems; and
- risks associated with differences in the cultures or management styles of the merged entity and the Issuer.

# Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme

#### Risks related to the Guarantee

For information on the Guarantee and associated risks, see "Australian Government Guarantee Schemes for Deposits, Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding" on pages 41 and 42 of this Information Memorandum.

### The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors

Each potential investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Information Memorandum or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Some Notes are complex financial instruments. Sophisticated institutional investors generally do not purchase complex financial instruments as stand-alone investments. They purchase complex financial instruments as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Notes and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

#### Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes

A wide range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of the most common such features:

#### Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuer

An optional redemption feature of Notes is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

#### Index Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes

The Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest determined by reference to an index or formula, to changes in the prices of securities or commodities, to movements in currency exchange rates or other factors (each, a "Relevant Factor"). In addition, the Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies which may be different from the currency in which the Notes are denominated. Potential investors should be aware that:

- (i) the market price of such Notes may be volatile;
- (ii) they may receive no interest;
- (iii) payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected;
- (iv) they may lose all or a substantial portion of their principal;
- (v) a Relevant Factor may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices;
- (vi) if a Relevant Factor is applied to Notes in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or contains some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the Relevant Factor on principal or interest payable likely will be magnified; and
- (vii) the timing of changes in a Relevant Factor may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the Relevant Factor, the greater the effect on yield.

The historical experience of an index should not be viewed as an indication of the future performance of such index during the term of any Index Linked Notes. Accordingly, potential investors should consult their own financial and legal advisers about the risk entailed by an investment in any Index Linked Notes and the suitability of such Notes in light of their particular circumstances.

#### Partly-paid Notes

The Issuer may issue Notes where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Failure to pay any subsequent instalment could result in an investor losing all of his investment.

#### Variable rate Notes with a multiplier or other leverage factor

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

#### Fixed/Floating Rate Notes

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. Where the Issuer has the right to effect such a conversion, this will affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate in such circumstances, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate in such circumstances, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

#### Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

#### Risks related to Notes generally

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally:

#### Modification and waiver

The conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The conditions of the Notes also provide that the Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer may, without the consent of Noteholders, agree to (i) any modification of the Notes, the Coupons, the Receipts or the Agency Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders or (ii) any modification of the Notes, the Coupons, or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or to comply with a mandatory provision of law.

#### EU Savings Directive

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State or to certain limited types of entities established in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 15 September 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On 13 November 2008 the European Commission published a more detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. If any of those proposed changes are made in relation to the Directive, they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The Issuer is required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Directive.

### Change of law

The conditions of the Notes are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Information Memorandum. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice after the date of this Information Memorandum.

Notes where denominations involve integral multiples: Definitive Notes

In relation to any issue of Notes which have a denomination consisting of the minimum Specified Denomination plus a higher integral multiple of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts in excess of such minimum Specified Denomination that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a Noteholder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds a principal amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a Definitive Note in respect of such holding (should Definitive Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

If Definitive Notes are issued, Noteholders should be aware that Definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

#### Risks related to the market generally

Set out below is a brief description of the principal market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk:

#### The secondary market generally

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of Notes.

#### Exchange rate risks and exchange controls

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "Investor's Currency") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

#### Interest rate risks

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.

#### Credit ratings may not reflect all risks

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

#### Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Notes are legal investments for it, (2) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

# Form of the Notes

#### **Initial Issue of Notes**

Each Tranche of Notes will initially be represented by either a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note, which on issue, in either case, will be delivered to a common depositary outside the United States for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (the "Common Depositary"). Upon such delivery, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will credit each subscriber with a nominal amount of Notes equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

Notes that are initially deposited with the Common Depositary may also be credited to the accounts of subscribers with other clearing systems through direct or indirect accounts with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg held by other clearing systems. Conversely, Notes that are initially deposited with any other clearing system may similarly be credited to the accounts of subscribers with Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or other clearing systems.

# **Relationship of Accountholders with Clearing Systems**

Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other clearing system as the holder of a Note represented by a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note (each a "Global Note") must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other clearing system (as the case may be) for his share of each payment made by the Issuer to the bearer of such Global Note, and in relation to all other rights arising under the Global Notes, subject to and in accordance with the respective rules and procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or such other clearing system (as the case may be). Subject to the Terms and Conditions such person shall have no claim directly against the Issuer in respect of payments due on the Notes for so long as the Notes are represented by such Global Note and such obligations of the Issuer will be discharged by payment to the bearer of such Global Note in respect of each amount so paid.

# **Exchange**

- 1. **Temporary Global Notes.** On and after the date (the "Exchange Date") which is 40 days after a Temporary Global Note is issued, interests in a Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein either for (i) interests in a Permanent Global Note of the same Series or (ii) for Definitive Notes of the same Series (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and subject, in the case of Definitive Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms), in each case against certification of beneficial ownership as described below unless such certification has already been given. The holder of a Temporary Global Note will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note or for Definitive Notes is improperly withheld or refused.
- Permanent Global Notes. The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Definitive Notes upon either (i) not less than 60 days' written notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) to the Agent as described therein or (ii) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, "Exchange Event" means that (i) an Event of Default (as defined in Condition 9) has occurred and is continuing, (ii) the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available or (iii) the Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note in definitive form. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Note) may give notice to the Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Agent.

<sup>1</sup> The exchange upon notice option should not be expressed to be applicable if the Notes have a denomination consisting of the minimum Specified Denomination plus a higher integral multiple of another smaller amount.

In this Information Memorandum, "Definitive Notes" means, in relation to any Global Note, the Definitive Notes for which such Global Note may be exchanged (if appropriate, having attached to them all Receipts, Coupons in respect of interest that has not already been paid on the Global Note and a Talon). Definitive Notes will be security printed in accordance with any applicable legal and stock exchange requirements in or substantially in the form set out in the Agency Agreement. On exchange in full of each Global Note, the Issuer will, if the holder so requests, procure that it is cancelled and returned to the holder together with the relevant Definitive Notes.

3. **Payments.** Whilst any Note is represented by a Temporary Global Note, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Notes due prior to the Exchange Date will be made against presentation of the Temporary Global Note only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Note are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Agent.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the Permanent Global Note without any requirement for certification.

4. **Legend.** The following legend will appear on all Global Notes, Definitive Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons:

"Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code."

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Notes, Receipts or Coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of Notes, Receipts or Coupons.

#### **Deed of Covenant**

A Note may be accelerated automatically by the holder thereof in certain circumstances described in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Events of Default". In such circumstances, where any Note is still represented by a Global Note and a holder of such Note so represented and credited to his securities account with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg gives notice that it wishes to accelerate such Note, unless within a period of 7 days from the giving of such notice payment has been made in full of the amount due in accordance with the terms of such Global Note, such Global Note will become void. At the same time, holders of interests in such Global Note credited to their accounts with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will become entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer on the basis of statements of account provided by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, on and subject to the terms of the Deed of Covenant.

# **Terms and Conditions of the Notes**

The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Note and each Definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange (if any) or other relevant listing authority (if any) and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such Definitive Note will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions (excluding the italicised paragraphs). The applicable Final Terms in relation to any Tranche of Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. The applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Temporary Global Note, Permanent Global Note and Definitive Note. Reference should be made to "Form of Final Terms" below. The applicable Final Terms will include the definitions of certain terms used in the following Terms and Conditions or specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.

This Note is one of a Series (as defined below) of Notes issued by Bank of Queensland Limited (ABN 32 009 656 740) (the "Issuer") pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined below).

References herein to the "Notes" shall be references to the Notes of this Series and shall mean:

- (i) in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (ii) Definitive Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note; and
- (iii) any Global Note.

The Notes, the Receipts (as defined below) and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an Amended and Restated Agency Agreement (as further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Agency Agreement") dated 18 December 2008 and made between the Issuer, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as issuing and principal paying agent and agent bank (the "Agent", which expression shall include any successor as agent) and Citibank, A.G., Frankfurt office (together with the Agent, the "Paying Agents", which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents).

Interest bearing Definitive Notes (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms) have interest coupons ("Coupons") and, if indicated in the applicable Final Terms, talons for further Coupons ("Talons") attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Definitive Notes repayable in instalments have receipts ("Receipts") for the payment of the instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) attached on issue.

The Final Terms for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) is attached to or endorsed on this Note and supplements these Terms and Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of this Note. References herein to the "applicable Final Terms" are to the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note.

Any reference herein to "Noteholders" shall mean the holders of the Notes, and shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below. Any reference herein to "Receiptholders" shall mean the holders of the Receipts and any reference herein to "Couponholders" shall mean the holders of the Coupons, and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons.

As used herein, "Tranche" means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing) and "Series" means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms).

The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are entitled to the benefit of a Deed of Covenant (the "Deed of Covenant") dated 18 December 2008, and made by the Issuer. The original of the Deed of Covenant is held by a common depositary on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (both as defined below).

Copies of the Agency Agreement, the Final Terms applicable to this Note and the Deed of Covenant are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Agent and the

other Paying Agents save that, if this Note is an unlisted Note of any Series, the applicable Final Terms will only be available for inspection by a Noteholder holding one or more unlisted Notes of that Series and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such Notes and identity. The Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Deed of Covenant and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them.

If Commonwealth of Australia Guarantee is marked as "Applicable" within the applicable Final Terms (a "Guaranteed Note"), then the Commonwealth of Australia, by a deed of guarantee dated 20 November 2008 (the "Deed of Guarantee"), has irrevocably guaranteed the due payment of sums due and payable by the Issuer under the Guaranteed Notes. Copies of the Deed of Guarantee are available at www.guaranteescheme.gov.au/deed/.

Words and expressions defined in the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

### 1. Form, Denomination and Title

The Notes are in bearer form and, in the case of Definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination.

This Note may be a Fixed Rate Note, a Floating Rate Note, a Zero Coupon Note, an Index Linked Interest Note, or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

This Note may be an Index Linked Redemption Note, an Instalment Note, a Dual Currency Note, a Partly Paid Note or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Redemption/Payment Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

Definitive Notes are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Subject as set out below, title to the Notes, Receipts and Coupons will pass by delivery. The Issuer and any Paying Agent may deem and treat the bearer of any Note, Receipt or Coupon as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any Global Note, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank S.A./ N.V. ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg", formerly Cedelbank), each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Agent and any other Paying Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on the Notes, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Global Note shall be treated by the Issuer, the Agent and any other Paying Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Notes in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Note and the expressions "Noteholder" and "holder of Notes" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

References to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer and the Agent.

#### 2. Status of the Notes

The Notes and any relative Receipts and/or Coupons are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 3) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and (subject as provided

above) rank and will rank *pari passu*, without any preference among themselves, with all other outstanding unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, present and future (other than obligations preferred by mandatory provisions of law).

Section 13A of the Banking Act 1959 of Australia ("Australian Banking Act") provides that the assets in Australia of an authorised deposit-taking institution ("ADI"), which includes banks such as the Issuer, would, in the event of the ADI becoming unable to meet its obligations or suspending payment, be available to satisfy, in priority to all other liabilities of the ADI:

- (a) first, certain liabilities of the ADI to APRA (if any) arising under Division 2AA of Part II of the Australian Banking Act in respect of amounts payable by APRA to holders of protected accounts;
- (b) second, APRA's costs in exercising its powers and performing its functions relating to the ADI in connection with the government guarantee of protected accounts; and
- (c) third, the ADI's deposit liabilities in Australia (other than any liabilities under the first priority listed above).

Under section 16 of the Australian Banking Act, debts due to APRA shall in a winding-up of an ADI have, subject to section 13A of the Australian Banking Act, priority over all other unsecured debts of that ADI. Further, under section 86 of the Reserve Bank Act 1959 of Australia, debts due by a bank to the Reserve Bank of Australia shall, in a winding-up of that bank, have, subject to section 13A of the Australian Banking Act, priority over all other debts, other than debts due to the Commonwealth of Australia.

# 3. Negative Pledge

So long as any of the Notes remain outstanding (as defined in the Agency Agreement), the Issuer will not create or permit to subsist any Security Interest (as defined in Condition 9(b)) upon the whole or any part of its present or future assets or revenues or those of any of its Subsidiaries (as defined below) as security for any Debt Instruments (as defined below) or any Guarantee (as defined in Condition 9(b)) given in respect of any Debt Instruments unless, in the case of the creation of a Security Interest, prior to or simultaneously therewith, and in any other case, promptly, the Issuer either:

- (i) grants or procures to be granted a Security Interest or Security Interests securing its obligations under the Notes and the relative Receipts and Coupons which will result in such obligations being secured equally and rateably in all respects so as to rank *pari passu* with the relevant Debt Instruments or Guarantee; or
- (ii) grants or procures to be granted such other Security Interest or Security Interests in respect of its obligations under the Notes and the relative Receipts and Coupons as shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Agency Agreement) of the Noteholders.

For the purposes of these Conditions, "Debt Instruments" means any notes, bonds, certificates of deposit, loan stock, debentures, bills of exchange, transferable loan certificates or other similar instruments of indebtedness issued by, or the obligations under which have been assumed by, the Issuer or a Subsidiary of the Issuer.

In these Conditions, "Subsidiary" has the same meaning as that provided in Section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia (as amended) (the "Corporations Act").

#### 4. Interest

(a) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount (or, if it is a Partly Paid Note, the amount paid up) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to and including the Maturity Date.

If the Notes are in definitive form, except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in these Conditions, "Fixed Interest Period" means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

Except in the case of Notes in definitive form where an applicable Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 4(a):

- (i) if "Actual/Actual (ISMA)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (A) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the "Accrual Period") is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or
  - (B) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
    - (1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; and
    - (2) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
- (ii) If "30/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

## In these Conditions:

"Determination Period" means the period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date); and

"sub-unit" means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, means one cent.

- (b) Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes
  - (i) Interest Payment Dates
    - Each Floating Rate Note and Index Linked Interest Note bears interest on its nominal amount (or, if it is a Partly Paid Note, the amount paid up) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:
    - (A) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) (each an "Interest Payment Date") in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or

(B) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each an "Interest Payment Date") which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a business day convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day on the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the business day convention specified is:

- (1) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 4(b)(i)(B) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (2) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (3) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (4) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In this Condition, "Business Day" means a day which is both:

- (A) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (B) either (1) in relation to interest payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than London and any Additional Business Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars shall be Sydney) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the Trans European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System (the "TARGET2 System") is open.

#### (ii) Rate of Interest

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Interest Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(A) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (the "ISDA Definitions")) and under which:

- (1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (2) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (3) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the London inter-bank offered rate ("LIBOR") or on the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate ("EURIBOR") for a currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "Floating Rate", "Calculation Agent", "Floating Rate Option", "Designated Maturity" and "Reset Date" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

- (B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes
  - (1) Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:
    - (A) the offered quotation; or
    - (B) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

- (2) If the Relevant Screen Page is not available or, if in the case of Condition 4(b)(ii)(B)(1)(A) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of Condition 4(b)(ii)(B)(1)(B) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph the Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks (as defined below) to provide the Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate at approximately 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Principal Paying Agent with such offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of such offered quotations plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent.
- (3) If on any Interest Determination Date one only or none of the Reference Banks provides the Agent with such offered quotations as provided in the preceding paragraph, the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period shall be the rate per annum which the Agent determines as being the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the rates, as communicated to (and at the request of) the Agent by the Reference Banks or any two or more of them, at which such banks were offered, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate by leading banks in the London inter-bank market plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any) or, if fewer than two of the Reference Banks provide the Agent with such offered rates, the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, or the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference

Rate, at which, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the Issuer suitable for such purpose) informs the Agent it is quoting to leading banks in the London interbank market plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), provided that, if the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin relating to the relevant Interest Period, in place of the Margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period).

- (4) "Reference Banks" means, in the case of Condition 4(b)(ii)(B)(1)(A) above, those banks whose offered rates were used to determine such quotation when such quotation last appeared on the Relevant Screen Page and, in the case of Condition 4(b)(ii)(B)(1)(B) above, those banks whose offered quotations last appeared on the Relevant Screen Page when no fewer than three such offered quotations appeared.
- (5) If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being other than LIBOR or EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the applicable Final Terms.

#### (iii) Minimum and/or Maximum Interest Rate

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest.

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(iv) Determination of Rate of Interest and Calculation of Interest Amounts

The Agent, in the case of Floating Rate Notes, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Index Linked Interest Notes, the Calculation Agent will notify the Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

The Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the "Interest Amount") payable on the Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note (or, if they are Partly Paid Notes, the aggregate amount paid up); or
- (B) in the case of Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination without any further rounding.

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:

(A) if "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" or "Actual/Actual" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest

Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (1) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (2) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);

- (B) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (C) if "Actual/365 (Sterling)" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (D) if "Actual/360" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (E) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls:

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and  $D_1$  is greater than 29, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30;

(F) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond basis" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30; or

(G) if "30E/360 (ISDA)" is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

#### where:

- "Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;
- "Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;
- "M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;
- " $M_2$ " is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;
- "D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and
- " $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30.

#### (v) Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts

The Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and any stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each stock exchange on which the relevant Floating Rate Notes or Index Linked Interest Notes are for the time being listed and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13. For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression "London Business Day" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London.

#### (vi) Certificates to be Final

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 4(b), whether by the Agent or, if applicable, the Calculation Agent, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error by them or any of their directors, officers, employees or agents) be binding on the Issuer, the Agent, the Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Paying Agents and all Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders and (in the absence of the above) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Agent or (if applicable) the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions under this Condition.

#### (c) Interest on Dual Currency Notes

In the case of Dual Currency Notes, if the rate or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to an exchange rate, the rate or amount of interest payable shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### (d) Interest on Partly Paid Notes

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### (e) Accrual of Interest

Each Note (or, in the case of the redemption of part only of a Note, that part only of such Note) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Note have been paid; and
- (ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Note has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

# 5. Payments

(a) Method of Payment

Subject as provided below:

- (i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the Payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency; and
- (ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7. Reference in these Conditions to "Specified Currency" will include any successor currency under applicable law.

#### (b) Presentation of Definitive Notes, Receipts and Coupons

Payments of principal in respect of Definitive Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Definitive Notes, and payments of interest in respect of Definitive Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)).

Payments of instalments of principal (if any), in respect of Definitive Notes, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the relevant Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the Definitive Note to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the Definitive Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer. Upon the date on which any Definitive Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form (other than Dual Currency Notes, Index Linked Notes or Long Maturity Notes (as defined below) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 10 years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 8) or, if later, 5 years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note or Long Maturity Note in definitive form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A "Long Maturity Note" is a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Fixed Rate Note which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Note shall cease to be a Long Maturity Note on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than nominal amount of such Note.

If the due date for redemption of any Definitive Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant Definitive Note.

### (c) Payments in respect of Global Notes

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any Global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to Definitive Notes and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of any Global Note, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global Note by the Paying Agent to which it was presented and such record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has been made.

#### (d) General provisions applicable to payments

The holder of a Global Note shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this condition, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of Notes is payable in U.S. dollars, such U.S. dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such Notes will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due;
- (ii) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (iii) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer.

### (e) Payment Day

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, "Payment Day" means any day which (subject to Condition 8) is:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
  - (A) the relevant place of presentation;
  - (B) London;
  - (C) any Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

(ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation, London and any Additional Financial Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars shall be Sydney) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

#### (f) Interpretation of Principal and Interest

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (i) any Additional Amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 7;
- (ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iii) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (iv) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (v) in relation to Notes redeemable in instalments, the Instalment Amounts;
- (vi) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 6(e));and
- (vii) any premium and any other amounts which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any Additional Amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 7.

# 6. Redemption and Purchase

#### (a) Redemption at Maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each Note will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date.

#### (b) Redemption for Tax Reasons

If (i) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the Commonwealth of Australia or the State of Queensland or any political sub-division of, or any authority in, or of, the Commonwealth of Australia or the State of Queensland having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of the laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes, on the occasion of the next payment due in respect of the Notes the Issuer would be required to pay Additional Amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 7, and (ii) the requirement cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it, the Issuer may at its option, having given not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem all the Notes, but not some only, at any time (if this Note is neither a Floating Rate Note nor an Index Linked Interest Note) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Note is either a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Interest Note) provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Notes then due. Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this paragraph, the Issuer shall deliver to the Agent a certificate signed by two Directors of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred, and an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment. Upon the expiry of any notice as is referred to in this paragraph the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes to which the notice refers in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

Notes redeemed pursuant to this Condition 6(b) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph (e) below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

#### (c) Redemption at the Option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the issuer may, having given:

- (i) not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13; and
- (ii) not less than 15 days before the giving of the notice referred to in (i), notice in writing to the Agent;

(which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Notes then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date. Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount equal to the Minimum Redemption Amount or a Higher Redemption Amount. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed ("Redeemed Notes") will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by Definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the "Selection Date"). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by Definitive Notes, a list of the serial numbers of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 13 not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by Definitive Notes shall bear the same proportion to the aggregate nominal amount of all Redeemed Notes as the aggregate nominal amount of Definitive Notes outstanding bears to the aggregate nominal amount of the Notes outstanding, in each case on the Selection Date, provided that such first-mentioned nominal amount shall, if necessary, be rounded downwards to the nearest integral multiple of the Specified Denomination, and the aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note shall be equal to the balance of the Redeemed Notes. No exchange of the relevant Global Note will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this paragraph (c) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 at least 5 days prior to the Selection Date.

#### (d) Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders (Investor Put)

If Investor Put is specified in the applicable Final Terms, upon the holder of any Note giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 13 not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice or such other period of notice as is specified in the applicable Final Terms the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms, in whole (but not in part), such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date.

If this Note is in definitive form, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must deliver such Note at the specified office of any Paying Agent at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent falling within the notice period, accompanied by a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent (a "Put Notice") and in which the holder must specify a bank account or, if payment is by cheque, an address to which payment is to be made under this Condition. If this Note is represented by a Global Note, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must, within the notice period, give notice of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which may include notice being given on his instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common depositary for them to the Agent by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from time to time and, at the same time, present or procure the presentation of the relevant Global Note to the Agent for notation accordingly.

Any Put Notice given by a holder of any Note pursuant to this paragraph shall be irrevocable except where prior to the due date of redemption an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing in which event such holder, at its option, may elect by notice to the Issuer to withdraw the notice given pursuant to this paragraph and instead to declare such Note forthwith due and payable pursuant to Condition 9.

#### (e) Early Redemption Amounts

For the purpose of paragraph (b) above and Condition 9, each Note will be redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows:

- (i) in the case of a Note with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof:
- (ii) in the case of a Note (other than a Zero Coupon Note but including an Instalment Note and Partly Paid Note) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Note is denominated, at the amount specified in, or determined in the manner specified in, the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the applicable Final Terms, at their nominal amount; or
- (iii) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note, at an amount (the "Amortised Face Amount") equal to the product of:
  - (A) the Reference Price; and
  - (B) the sum of the figure 1 and the Accrual Yield, raised to the power of x, where "x" is a fraction the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable and the denominator of which is 360.

or on such other calculation basis as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

#### (f) Instalments

Instalment Notes will be redeemed in the Instalment Amounts and on the Instalment Dates. In the case of early redemption, the Early Redemption Amount will be determined pursuant to paragraph (e) above.

#### (g) Partly Paid Notes

Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition and the applicable Final Terms.

#### (h) Purchases

The Issuer or any of its Related Entities (as defined below) may at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of Definitive Notes, all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Noteholders alike. Such Notes may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer, surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation. In this Condition 6(h), "Related Entities" has the meaning given to that term in the Corporations Act.

# (i) Cancellation

All Notes which are (i) redeemed or (ii) purchased for cancellation pursuant to paragraph (h) above, will forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption), and shall be forwarded to the Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

### (j) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 9 is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph (e) (iii) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Zero Coupon Notes has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

# 7. Taxation

All payments in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons by the Issuer shall be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature ("Taxes") imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia or the State of Queensland, or any political sub-division of, or any authority in, or of, the Commonwealth of Australia or the State of Queensland having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of the Taxes is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts ("Additional Amounts") as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Noteholders, Receiptholders and Couponholders after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Notes or, as the case may be, Receipts or Coupons, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such Additional Amounts shall be payable in relation to any payment in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon:

- (a) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder who is liable to such Taxes in respect of such Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with the Commonwealth of Australia or the State of Queensland other than the mere holding of such Note, Receipt or Coupon or receipt of principal or interest in respect thereof provided that such a holder shall not be regarded as being connected with the Commonwealth of Australia for the reason that such a holder is a resident of the Commonwealth of Australia within the meaning of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 (the "Tax Act") where, and to the extent that, such tax is payable by reason of section 128B (2A) of the Tax Act;
- (b) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that a holder would have been entitled to Additional Amounts on presenting the same for payment on the last day of the period of 30 days assuming, whether or not such is in fact the case, that day to have been a Payment Date;
- (c) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a holder who is liable to the Taxes in respect of the Note, Receipt or Coupon by reason of his being an associate of the Issuer for the purposes and within the meaning of sections 128F(5), 128F(6) and 128F(9) of the Tax Act;
- (d) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (e) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the EU.

As used herein, the "Relevant Date" means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Agent on or before the due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

# 8. Prescription

The Notes, Receipts and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within a period of 10 years (in the case of principal) and 5 years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7) therefor, subject as provided in Condition 5(b).

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition or Condition 5(b) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 5(b).

#### 9. Events of Default

- (a) If any one or more of the following events (each an "Event of Default") shall occur:
  - (i) if the Issuer fails to pay any principal or any interest in respect of the Notes within seven days of the relevant due date:
  - (ii) if the Issuer is in default in the performance, or is otherwise in breach, of any covenant or undertaking or other agreement of the Issuer in respect of the Notes (other than any obligation for the payment of any amount due in respect of any of the Notes) and such default or breach continues for a period of 14 days after notice thereof has been given to the Issuer;

- (iii) if it is or will become unlawful for the Issuer to perform or comply with any one or more of its obligations under the Notes or the Agency Agreement;
- (iv) if the Issuer (A) becomes insolvent, is unable to pay its debts as they fall due or fails to comply with a statutory demand (which is still in effect) under section 459F of the Corporations Act, or (B) stops or suspends or threatens to stop or suspend payment of all or a material part of its debts or appoints an administrator under section 436A of the Corporations Act, or (C) begins negotiations or takes any proceeding or other step with a view to re-adjustment, rescheduling or deferral of all its indebtedness (or any part of its indebtedness which it will or might otherwise be unable to pay when due) or proposes or makes a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors, or a moratorium is agreed or declared in respect of or affecting indebtedness of the Issuer, except in any case referred to in (C) above for the purposes of a solvent reconstruction or amalgamation the terms of which have previously been approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders;
- (v) if an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding-up of the Issuer (except in any such case for the purposes of a solvent reconstruction or amalgamation the terms of which have previously been approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders) or an administrator is appointed to the Issuer by a provisional liquidator of the Issuer under section 436B of the Corporations Act;
- (vi) if a distress, attachment, execution or other legal process is levied, enforced or sued out against or on the Issuer or against all or a material part of the assets of the Issuer and is not stayed, satisfied or discharged within 21 days;
- (vii) if any present or future Security Interest on or over the assets of the Issuer becomes enforceable and any step (including the taking of possession or the appointment of a receiver, manager or similar officer which is not vacated or discharged within 14 days) is taken to enforce that Security Interest by reason of a default or event of default (howsoever described) having occurred;
- (viii) if any event occurs which, under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, has an analogous or equivalent effect to any of the events mentioned in this Condition; or
- (ix) if any Financial Indebtedness of the Issuer which in aggregate exceeds A\$2,500,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies):
  - (A) is not paid when due or within any applicable grace period as originally provided (or, if payable or to be discharged or honoured on demand, when demanded); or
  - (B) becomes due and repayable before its scheduled maturity by reason of a default or event of default (howsoever described),

then any Noteholder may, by written notice to the Issuer at the specified office of the Agent, effective upon the date of receipt thereof by the Agent, declare the Note held by the holder to be forthwith due and payable whereupon the same shall become forthwith due and payable at the Early Redemption Amount (as described in Condition 6(e)), together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind.

#### (b) For the purposes of these Conditions:

- (i) "Corporations Act" means the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia;
- (ii) "Financial Arrangement" includes a futures contract or futures option, a currency swap, an interest rate swap, a forward exchange agreement or any other option agreement or combination of the above or any similar arrangement;
- (iii) "Financial Indebtedness" means, in respect of any person, any indebtedness, present or future, actual or contingent of that person in respect of moneys borrowed or raised or any financial accommodation or Financial Arrangement whatsoever including (without limiting the generality of the foregoing):
  - (A) under or in respect of any Guarantee, bill, acceptance or endorsement or any discounting arrangement;
  - (B) in respect of any obligation to pay par value, premium and dividend (whether or not declared, and whether or not there are sufficient profits or other moneys for payment) of

- any redeemable share or stock issued by that person or to purchase any share or stock issued by that person which is the subject of a put option against that person;
- (C) in respect of any Lease which under current accounting practice would be required to be capitalised on the balance sheet of the lessee;
- (D) the deferred purchase price (for more than 90 days) of any asset or service and any related obligation; and
- (E) in respect of any obligation to deliver goods or services which are paid for in advance by a financier or which are paid for in advance in relation to any financing transaction;
- (iv) "Government Agency" means any government or any governmental, semi-governmental or judicial entity or authority;
- (v) "Guarantee" means any guarantee, indemnity, letter of credit, suretyship or any other obligation (whatever called and of whatever nature):
  - (A) to pay or to purchase; or
  - (B) to provide funds (whether by the advance of money, the purchase of or subscription for share or other securities, the purchase of assets, rights or services, or otherwise) for the payment or discharge of; or
  - (C) to indemnify against the consequences of default in the payment of; or
  - (D) otherwise to be responsible for:

any obligation or indebtedness, any dividend, capital or premium on shares or stock or the insolvency or the financial condition of any other person;

- (vi) "Lease" means:
  - (A) any lease, charter or hiring arrangement of any property;
  - (B) any other agreement under which any property is or may be used or operated by a person other than the owner; and
  - (C) any agreement under which any property is or may be managed or operated for or on behalf of the owner or another person by a person other than the owner, and the operator or manager or its related body corporate (as defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act) (whether in the same or another agreement) is required to make or assure minimum, fixed and/or floating rate payments of a periodic nature;

(other than agreements under which the manager of a joint venture uses assets owned by the joint venture on behalf of the joint venture); and

(vii) "Security Interest" includes any mortgage, pledge, lien or charge or any security or preferential interest or arrangement of any kind (including, without limitation, retention of title and any deposit of money by way of security), but excluding (A) any charge or lien arising in favour of any Government Agency by operation of law (provided there is no default in payment of moneys owing under such charge or lien), (B) a right of title retention in connection with the acquisition of goods in the ordinary course of business on the terms of sale of the supplier (provided there is no default in connection with the relevant acquisition) and (C) any security or preferential interest or arrangement arising under or created pursuant to any right of set-off.

# 10. Replacement of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons

Should any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Agent upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

# 11. Agent and Paying Agents

The names of the initial Agent and the other initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below.

The Issuer is entitled to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent acts, provided that:

- so long as the Notes are listed on or admitted to trading by any stock exchange or admitted to listing by any other relevant authority, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or any other relevant authority;
- (ii) there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in a city in continental Europe;
- (iii) there will at all times be an Agent; and
- (iv) the Issuer undertakes that it will ensure that it maintains a paying agent in a Member State of the European Union that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 5(d). Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of insolvency, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Paying Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Paying Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor paying agent.

# 12. Exchange of Talons

On and after the Interest Payment Date, on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 8. Each Talon shall, for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, be deemed to mature on the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in the Coupon Sheet in which that Talon was included on issue matures.

# 13. Notices

All notices regarding the Notes will be deemed to be validly given if published in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London. It is expected that such publication will be made in the *Financial Times* in London. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to listing. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication.

Until such time as any Definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as any Global Note(s) representing the Notes is or are held in its/their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, be substituted for such publication in such newspaper(s) the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication by them to the holders of the Notes and, in addition, for so long as any Notes are listed or admitted to trading on a stock exchange or are admitted to listing by other relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or other relevant authority so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by that stock exchange or other relevant authority. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Notes on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Note in definitive form) with the relative Note or Notes, with the Agent. Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any holder of a Note to the Agent via

Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

# 14. Meetings of Noteholders and Modification

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the modification by Extraordinary Resolution of any of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Agency Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer or Noteholders holding not less than 5 per cent. in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. The quorum at any meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons present holding or representing a clear majority in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons present whatever the nominal amount of the Notes held or represented by him or them, except that at any adjourned meeting, the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons (including modifying the date of maturity of the Notes or any date for payment of interest thereof, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the Notes or altering the currency of payment of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons), the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than 75 per cent, in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing a clear majority, in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Noteholders shall be binding on all the Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Receiptholders and Couponholders.

Subject to the terms of the Deed of Guarantee for Guaranteed Notes, the Agent and the Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders to:

- (i) any modification (except as mentioned above) of the Agency Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders; or
- (ii) any modification of the Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or to comply with mandatory provisions of the law of the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders and any such modification shall be notified to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as practicable thereafter.

#### 15. Further Issues

The Issuer is at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, the Receiptholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further notes having terms and conditions the same as the Notes or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Notes.

# 16. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

No rights are conferred on any person under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Note, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

#### 17. Governing law and submission to jurisdiction

#### (a) Governing Law

The Agency Agreement, the Notes, the Receipts and the Coupons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with any of the foregoing and every other agreement for the issue of Notes are governed by, and will be construed in accordance with English law.

#### (b) Jurisdiction

The Issuer agrees for the benefit of the Paying Agents, the Noteholders, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders that the courts of England are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with the Agency Agreement, the Notes, the Receipts or the Coupons (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with any of the

foregoing) and that accordingly any suit, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection therewith (together referred to as "Proceedings") may be brought in the courts of England.

The Issuer hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waives and agrees not to raise any objection which it may have now or subsequently to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in the courts of England and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and further irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that a judgment in any Proceedings brought in the courts of England shall be conclusive and binding upon it and may be enforced in the courts of any other jurisdiction. Nothing in this Condition shall limit any right to take Proceedings against the Issuer in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether concurrently or not.

# (c) Agent for service of process

The Issuer irrevocably and unconditionally appoints Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited at its office in London (currently at Fifth Floor, 100 Wood Street, London EC2V 7EX) as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings and undertakes that in the event of Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited ceasing so to act it will appoint such other person as its agent for that purpose.

# Australian Government Guarantee Schemes for Deposits, Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding

Guarantee of deposits up to A\$1,000,000

The Australian Government announced on 12 October 2008 that it would guarantee the deposits in eligible Australian authorised deposit-taking institutions ("ADIs") (including the Issuer) for a period of three years from 12 October 2008.

The Banking Act has been amended to facilitate the deposit guarantee by establishing a financial claims scheme ("FCS") to be administered by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority ("APRA"). The Financial Claims Scheme (ADIs) Levy Act 2008 of Australia also provides for the imposition of a levy to fund the excess of certain of APRA's financial claims scheme costs connected with an ADI over the sum of specified amounts paid to APRA by that ADI in connection the FCS or in the winding up of that ADI. The levy is imposed on liabilities of ADIs to their depositors and cannot be more than 0.5% of the amount of those liabilities.

Until 27 November 2008, the deposit guarantee applied to all deposits held in eligible ADIs (including foreign branches of eligible ADIs) by all types of legal entities, regardless of where the depositor resides, in any currency. Until 27 November 2008, no fee was payable by an ADI for the deposit guarantee.

Since 28 November 2008, the first A\$1 million of deposits held with an eligible ADI will be guaranteed for free under the FCS and an eligible ADI will be able to obtain coverage under a contractual deposit guarantee for amounts over A\$1,000,000 in return for a fee (see below under the heading "Fees in relation to the Australian Government's deposit and wholesale term funding guarantees"). The A\$1 million threshold applies to the total amount of funds held by a depositor in (separate) deposit accounts with an eligible ADI.

# Guarantee of large deposits and wholesale funding

The Australian Government also announced that it will guarantee wholesale funding of an eligible ADI in return for a fee payable by that ADI (see below under "Fees in relation to the Australian Government's final large deposit and wholesale funding guarantees").

On 21 November 2008 the Commonwealth of Australia released the final details and rules ("Scheme Rules") of the guarantee facility. The obligations of the Commonwealth of Australia are contained in a deed of guarantee executed on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia dated 20 November 2008 and taking effect from 28 November 2008 ("Guarantee"). The Scheme Rules govern access to protection under the Guarantee. The Guarantee and the Scheme Rules (including details with respect to the procedures for making a claim under the Guarantee) are available at www.guaranteescheme.gov.au.

Liabilities will only have the benefit of the Guarantee where an eligibility certificate has been issued by the Commonwealth of Australia in respect of those liabilities.

The Issuer may apply to the Commonwealth of Australia for the issue of an eligibility certificate for certain liabilities (including Notes to be issued under the Programme) to have the benefit of the Guarantee. The guarantee facility will be restricted to senior unsecured liabilities which are not complex and with a term of up to 60 months, with the Guarantee to apply for the full term of the relevant liabilities including in the period following the closure of the facility to new issuances. The guarantee facility will be available for debt issuance in all major currencies. Guidance on the meaning of "not complex" is available at www.guaranteescheme.gov.au.

If the Commonwealth of Australia issues an eligibility certificate for the purposes of the Guarantee in respect of a particular Series of Notes, or if applicable, Notes of a particular class issued from time to time under the Programme, then the Final Terms for the relevant Notes will specify that the Guarantee applies to those Notes. The holders of such Guaranteed Notes will be the beneficiaries of the Guarantee. **Each Noteholder of any Guaranteed Note, and any person claiming through or under such a Noteholder is deemed to have notice of, and is bound by, the Guarantee and the Scheme Rules.** 

A beneficiary of the Guarantee may rely upon the issue of an eligibility certificate as conclusive evidence that the liability described in the eligibility certificate satisfies the eligibility criteria set out in the Scheme Rules. In the case of a liability of the Issuer, the beneficiary need not be a resident of Australia.

The Australian Government has also announced that it will withdraw the final large deposit and wholesale term funding guarantee facility once market conditions have normalized.

#### Enforcement of the Guarantee

A claim for payment under the Guarantee must be in writing and made in the form specified in, and in accordance with, the Scheme Rules.

If the Guarantor does not perform its obligations under the Guarantee, a beneficiary of the Guarantee could commence proceedings against the Commonwealth of Australia under the Judiciary Act 1903 of Australia ("Judiciary Act"). In such proceedings, the rights of parties are, as nearly as possible, the same as in proceedings between subjects of the Commonwealth of Australia. Jurisdiction to hear claims against the Commonwealth of Australia in contract is vested in certain Australian courts under the Judiciary Act. In proceedings under the Judiciary Act, the Guarantor would not be entitled to any defence based on crown or sovereign immunity.

However, if a judgment is obtained against the Guarantor in proceedings under the Judiciary Act, no execution or attachment can be issued against the property or revenues of the Commonwealth of Australia. Nevertheless, if any judgment is given against the Guarantor in such proceedings, the Minister for Finance of the Commonwealth of Australia is obliged to satisfy the judgment out of money legally available, on receipt of a certificate of the judgment issued by an officer of a court in which such judgment has been obtained.

In order to render money legally available, specific appropriation by legislation passed by the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia would be necessary before any payment is made, unless the amount involved is such that it could be paid out of funds available under an existing standing appropriation. The Guarantee Scheme for Large Deposits and Wholesale Funding Appropriation Act 2008 provides, amongst other things, that the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Commonwealth of Australia is appropriated for the purpose of paying claims under the Guarantee in accordance with the Scheme Rules.

The Guarantee does not contain any submission to the courts of a foreign jurisdiction or any waiver of any crown or sovereign immunity which might be available to the Commonwealth of Australia under the law of any foreign jurisdiction.

Fees in relation to the Australian Government's large deposit and wholesale funding guarantees

Fees will apply to the wholesale funding guarantee and the guarantee for deposits above the A\$1 million threshold. A different fee will apply to eligible ADIs based on their credit rating. The fee will be levied on a monthly or quarterly basis depending on the liability. Full details of the applicable fees can be found at www.guaranteescheme.gov.au.

Review of the Australian Government's large deposit and wholesale funding guarantees

The Australian Government has announced the large deposit and wholesale funding guarantee scheme will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and revised if necessary.

# Other terms

The Guarantor shall not be liable to perform its obligations under the Guarantee in respect of liabilities which have been varied, amended, waived, released, novated, supplemented, extended or restated in any material respect without the written consent of the Guarantor.

The Guarantor may also amend the terms of the Guarantee at any time at its discretion, provided that (except insofar as such amendment is required by law) such amendment does not reduce the Guarantor's obligations to the beneficiaries under the Guarantee in a manner which is prejudicial to the interests of the beneficiaries in respect of any subsisting guaranteed liability.

# **Use of Proceeds**

The net proceeds of issue of each Tranche will be used by the Issuer to maintain a prudential level of liquidity and to finance the Australian commercial business operations of the Issuer. If, in respect of any particular issue of Notes which are derivative securities for the purposes of Article 15 of the Commission Regulation No. 809/2004 implementing the Prospectus Directive, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.

# **Bank of Queensland Limited**

# **History**

The Bank of Queensland Limited (the "Bank") is a public company incorporated with limited liability in the Commonwealth of Australia. The Bank is domiciled in Australia, listed on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX") and is regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority as an authorised deposit-taking institution. The Bank's principal office is located at Level 17, BOQ Centre, 259, Queen Street, Brisbane, 4000 Queensland and its telephone number is +61 7 3212 3366.

The Bank has its origins in the Brisbane Permanent Benefit Building and Investment Society which was formed in 1874. Brisbane Permanent converted from a building society into a bank in 1887. Following various mergers and acquisitions the Bank was granted a formal commercial banking licence in 1941 and changed its name to Bank of Queensland Limited in 1970.

#### **Profile**

With total assets under management of A\$30.8 billion as at 31 August 2008 the Bank is one of the country's top 100 ASX listed companies. The Bank acquired 100% of Home Building Society Limited ("Home") and its subsidiaries on 18 December 2007. Home was the largest listed authorised deposit taking institution headquartered in Western Australia. On acquisition of Home, the Bank acquired A\$2.7 billion of loans and advances and A\$2.5 billion of deposits. The merger with Home has increased the Bank's customer base, enhanced the Bank's national footprint and augmented the Bank's branch network in Western Australia.

The Bank operates a widespread network of 268 retail branches throughout Australia, and 2 private bank sites (as at 31 August 2008). Of these 268 branches, 115 are located outside Queensland. 72 branches are owned and operated by the Bank, while 196 are manager-owned using the Bank's innovative Owner-Managed Branch® ("OMB®") model. The Bank also has 14 business banking centres and 10 equipment finance offices throughout Australia (as at 31 August 2008).

As at 31 August 2008, the Bank's loans under management total A\$26.3 billion of which residential property loans accounted for A\$18.9 billion or approximately 72 per cent., commercial loans accounted for A\$4.4 billion or approximately 17 per cent. and leasing and consumer loans accounted for A\$3 billion or 11 per cent.

# **Business Overview**

# **Retail Banking**

The Bank has a comprehensive product offering which encompasses transactional and saving accounts, mortgage and personal lending, and numerous credit card products. Whilst the Bank historically operated exclusively in Queensland, the Bank has diversified its operations and has branches in each State and Territory in Australia. To support this interstate branch network, customers have access to Bank-branded ATMs across Australia.

The majority of branches are manager-owned using the Bank's innovative OMB® model. OMBs® are a relatively unique concept in the provision of face-to-face banking services in Australia. The OMB® model involves sharing revenues generated through upfront commissions, trail commissions, net interest income and fee income which provide an incentive for the OMB® to write profitable business. Unlike brokers, OMBs® are also provided incentives to bring in deposits. While the Bank tightly controls brand, credit policy, pricing, compliance and procedures, OMBs® are encouraged to build their own business and manage their local market and are full service branches.

#### **Business Banking**

Unlike other Australian regional banks which have their recent origins in building societies, the Bank, with its long history as a fully licensed commercial bank, has for some time had a significant proportion of its lending portfolio in the small to medium business sector. Its history of exposure to this sector has offered the Bank some protection against an over-reliance on residential lending and also afforded the Bank the experience necessary to deal with the more complex credit decisions and on-going management required when lending to the small business sector. Following the successful acquisition and integration of UFJ Finance Australia Ltd's leasing portfolio, the Bank significantly diversified its asset base and strengthened its representation in the Bank's core small to medium enterprise market. An extensive suite of products is offered to business customers and includes transactional accounts, foreign exchange hedging, merchant services and lending products such as factoring, leasing, overdrafts, commercial loans and trade finance facilities.

# **Organisational Structure**

The Bank's controlled entities are set out in Note 34 to the 2008 consolidated financial statements, which are incorporated by reference and form part of this Information Memorandum.

# **Shareholding Details**

As at 11 December 2008, the following shareholding details applied:

# Eight largest ordinary shareholders

	No. of	
	ordinary	
	shares	%
HSBC Custody Nominees (Australia) Limited	18,438,170	11.67
Linfox Share Investment No2 Pty Limited (1)	10,564,639	6.69
JP Morgan Nominees Australia Limited	9,683,823	6.13
National Nominees Limited	9,540,218	6.04
Milton Corporation Limited	4,582,333	2.90
ANZ Nominees Limited	4,075,515	2.58
Citicorp Nominees Pty Limited	2,927,224	1.85
Washington H Soul Pattinson and Company Limited	918,035	0.58
Total	60,729,957	38.44

<sup>(1)</sup> Fox Group Holdings Pty Ltd

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board has ten Directors (including the Chairman) of whom nine are non-executive Directors and one executive Director (the Managing Director). The skills and experience of the Directors and membership of Board committees are set out below.

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee monitors the skills and experience of existing Directors and the balance between experience and new skills, which may lead to consideration of appointments of new Directors. All new and existing Directors are subject to assessment of their fitness and propriety to hold that office under the Bank's fit and proper policy established under Australian Prudential Standard 520 ("APS 520"). Under this policy:

- The Board undertakes a periodic review of its own performance and the Chairman undertakes an annual review of each Director's performance.
- The Bank provides an induction programme for new Board members and a periodic education programme for all Directors on key aspects of the Bank's business.
- The Chairman is available to the Board and to senior executives at any time to discuss Board performance and the Deputy Chairman is likewise available in respect of the Chairman's performance. The Board undertakes an annual performance review of the Managing Director. Management has a programme for annual performance reviews for all levels of management.
- As part of their annual performance review, the Directors are subject to assessment of their fitness
  and propriety for office under the Bank's fit and proper policy. This involves an assessment of the
  Director's qualifications and experience against documented criteria for the competencies required
  for the office. The assessment includes checks on the Director's propriety such as police checks and
  insolvency checks. APS 520 requires that any person who does not meet the fit and proper criteria in
  APS 520 must cease to hold office.

Every Director and Committee of the Board has the right to seek independent professional advice in connection with carrying out their duties at the expense of the Bank. Prior written approval of the Chairman is required.

The Board has assessed that a majority of the non-executive Directors are "independent". The non-executive Directors who have been assessed not to be independent are Mr Peter Fox and Mr Bill Kelty, who are associated with a substantial shareholder, the Linfox Group, and Mr David Graham, who is Executive Chairman of DDH Graham Limited which has a commercial relationship with the Bank. The Board Charter requires that all Directors bring an independent mind to bear on all matters coming before the Board for consideration.

The basis of the Board's assessment is its independence policy which takes into account whether Directors have relationships with the Bank, its shareholders or advisers which are likely to materially interfere with the exercise of the Director's unfettered and independent judgment, having regard to all the circumstances.

The Bank does not consider that the length of service on the Board of any of the independent Directors is currently a factor affecting the Director's ability to act independently and in the best interests of the Bank. The Board generally judges independence against the ability, integrity and willingness of the Director to act, and places less emphasis on length of service as a matter which impairs independence.

As at the date of this Information Memorandum, there are no existing or potential conflicts of interests between any duties owed to the Bank by its Directors and the private interests or other duties of those Directors. Note 33 to the 2008 consolidated financial statements sets outs key management personnel disclosures, which are incorporated by reference and form part of this Information Memorandum.

The Directors of the Bank, the business address of each of whom should be regarded for the purposes of this Information Memorandum as Level 17, 259 Queen Street, Brisbane 4000 Queensland, and their respective principal outside activities, where significant, are at the date of this Information Memorandum as follows:

#### **Directors**

The directors of the Bank are:

# Name, qualifications and independence status

# Neil Summerson, B Com, FCA, FAICD, FAIM Chairman Non-Executive Independent Director

# Anthony Howarth, AO FAICD, FAIM, SF Fin Deputy Chairman

Non-Executive Independent Director

# Age Experience, special responsibilities and other directorships

- 60 Neil Summerson is a Chartered Accountant with 38 years' experience and is a past Chairman of the Queensland branch of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. He was formerly the Queensland Managing Partner at Ernst & Young. He is a Director of AmerAlia Inc, Australian Made Campaign Limited, Australian Property Growth Limited and Moore Stephens (Queensland) Limited. He is a former Chairman of the Brisbane Water Board and is currently Chairman of Motorama Holdings Pty Ltd, IDEC Pty Ltd and Australian Property Growth Fund. Mr Summerson was appointed Chairman on 20 August 2008.
  - Tony Howarth was Chairman of Home Building Society Limited which merged with the Bank in December 2007. He has worked in the banking and finance industry for over 30 years. His work has involved a number of overseas appointments. He has been the Managing Director of Challenge Bank Limited and the CEO of Hartleys Limited. He was a former Chairman of Alinta Limited (retired 24 July 2006) and is currently Chairman of Mermaid Marine Australia Limited and non-executive Director of AWB Limited and Wesfarmers Limited. He is also involved with a number of business and community organisations being Chairman of St John of God Health Care Group, President of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chair of the Committee for Perth. In addition he is a Director of the Rio-Tinto WA Future Fund, the Western Australian Community Foundation and is on the University of Western Australia's Senate. Tony was appointed Deputy Chair of the Bank in August 2008 and he is a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee. He is now a member of the Risk Committee.\*

# Name, qualifications and independence status

#### David Liddy,

MBA, SF FIN, MAICD Managing Director Executive Non-Independent Director

# Roger Davis,

B.Ec.Hons, Masters Philosophy
Non-Executive Independent Director

#### Peter Fox.

B Bus (Hons) Non-Executive Non-Independent Director

#### David Graham,

B Com, B.Econ(Hons), MBA, FCPA, FAIM Non-Executive Non-Independent Director

# Age Experience, special responsibilities and other directorships

- David Liddy has 40 years' experience in banking, including international postings in London and Hong Kong. He was appointed Managing Director of the Bank in April 2001. He has a Masters in Business Administration. He is Chairman of the Queensland Museum Foundation, a Director of the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation, and a member of the Queensland University of Technology Council. He is a member of the Federal Treasurer's Financial Sector Advisory Council and a Director of the Brisbane Lions Australian Football Club. Mr Liddy is also a Senior Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia, a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and sits on the Australian Bankers' Association Council.
- Roger Davis was appointed a Director of the Bank on 20 August 2008. He has almost 30 years' experience in banking and investment banking in Australia, the US and Japan. He is currently a consulting Director at Rothschild Australia Limited. He was previously a Managing Director at Citigroup where he worked for over 20 years and more recently was a Group Managing Director at ANZ Bank. He is a Director of Macquarie Office Management Ltd, Macquarie Leisure Operations Ltd, Aristocrat Leisure Ltd, Centric Wealth Management Ltd and Territory Insurance Office and Trust Ltd. He was formerly Chair of Pengana Hedgefunds Ltd and Esanda. He was formerly a Director of ANZ (New Zealand) Limited, CitiTrust in Japan and Citicorp Securities Inc. in the USA. He has a Bachelor of Economics (Hons) degree from the University of Sydney, a Master of Philosophy degree from Oxford and is a Rhodes Scholar. Roger is a member of the Risk Committee.\*
- 46 Peter Fox has been with the Linfox Group for over 21 years. After a diverse career within the organisation, he was appointed, in chronological order, National Fleet Manager, Executive Officer, and Director of Linfox Pty Ltd, culminating in his appointment as Executive Chairman of Fox Group Holdings in 1994. Mr Fox was appointed a Director of the Bank in May 2001. He is also a Director of the Alfred Foundation and a member of the Australian Graduate School of Management Advisory Council (UNSW). He is a member of the Bank's Budget Review Committee
- David Graham has had extensive experience in the financial sector specialising in capital market transactions. He was appointed as a non-executive Director of the Bank in October 2006. He has been a non-executive Director of a number of ASX listed companies and he is currently a non-executive Director of Bandanna Energy Limited. He is Executive Chairman of DDH Graham Limited, an advisory and funds management company he founded in 1981. He is a member of the Audit Committee.\*

# Name, qualifications and independence status

#### Carmel Gray,

B Bus (Econ & Acc) Non-Executive Independent Director

# Bill Kelty,

B Econ Non-Executive Non-Independent Director

#### Antony Love,

B Com, AAUQ, FAPI, FREI, FAICD Non-Executive Independent Director

#### John Reynolds,

B Sc (Hons), B Bus, Dip Ed, FAIM Non-Executive Independent Director

# Age Experience, special responsibilities and other directorships

- Carmel Gray was appointed a Director of the Bank on 6 April 2006. Ms Gray has had an extensive career in IT and Banking. Ms Gray was Group Executive Information Technology and General Manager Information Technology at Suncorp from 1999 to 2004. Prior to her Suncorp appointment she was General Manager of Energy Information Solutions Pty Ltd and Managing Director of Logica Pty Ltd. She is Chair of Information Technologies Australia Pty Ltd. She is a member of the Bank's Budget Review Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee. Carmel is also Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Risk Committee.\*
- Bill Kelty has over 31 years' experience in industrial relations. He was appointed a Director of the Bank in August 2001 and is currently a Director of the Linfox Group and a Commissioner of the Australian Football League. He is also involved in the Foundation for Rural and Regional Taskforce and was previously Chairman of the Federal Government's Regional Development Taskforce. Mr Kelty was Secretary of the Australian Council of Trade Unions from 1983 to 2000 and a member of the Reserve Bank Board from 1988 to 1996. He is a member of the Bank's Corporate Governance Committee.
- 61 Antony Love is a property consultant with 38 years' experience and is a Director of McGees Property. He is also a Director of AP Eagers Limited and Campbell Brothers Limited. He is Chairman of the Bank's Budget Review Committee and Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee. He has been a Director since June 1995 and served as Deputy Chairman from April 2003 to August 2008.
- John Reynolds was appointed a Director of the Bank in April 2003. He has extensive CEO-level experience at Top 100 media and resource companies in Australia and overseas. He is Chairman of Arrow Energy Limited. He is a Director of Mater Health Services Brisbane Limited, an advisor to various private companies and holds a number of university positions. Mr Reynolds is Chairman of the Bank's Risk Committee, a member of the Bank's Remuneration & Nomination Committee and a member of the Audit Committee.\*

Neil Roberts retired as Chairman and as a Director on 20 August 2008.

<sup>\*</sup> The Board resolved on 8 October 2008 to split the Audit and Risk Committee into two separate committees for oversight of Audit and Risk.

# **Australian Taxation**

The following is a summary of the Australian taxation treatment under the Income Tax Assessment Acts of 1936 and 1997 of Australia (together, the "Tax Act") as at the date of this Information Memorandum of payments of interest (as defined in the Tax Act) on the Notes to be issued by the Issuer under the Programme and certain other matters. It is not exhaustive, and in particular, does not deal with the position of certain classes of Noteholders (including, without limitation, dealers in securities, custodians or other third parties who hold Notes on behalf of other persons).

Prospective Noteholders should be aware that particular terms of issue of any Series of Notes may affect the tax treatment of that and other Series of Notes.

The following is a general guide and should be treated with appropriate caution. Information regarding taxes in respect of Notes may also be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

Prospective Noteholders are urged to satisfy themselves as to the overall tax consequences of purchasing, holding and/or Selling Notes and should consult their professional advisers on the tax implications of an investment in the Notes for their particular circumstances.

# **Interest Withholding Tax**

An exemption from Australian interest withholding tax imposed under Division 11A of Part III of the Income Tax Assessment Act of 1936 ("**IWT**") is available in respect of Notes issued by the Issuer under section 128F of the Tax Act if the following conditions are met:

- (a) the Issuer is a company (as defined in Section 128F(9)) and a resident of Australia when it issues the Notes and when interest is paid. "Interest" is defined in section 128A(1AB) of the Tax Act to include amounts in the nature of, or in substitution for, interest and certain other amounts;
- (b) the Notes are issued in a manner which satisfies the public offer test. There are five principal methods of satisfying the public offer test the purpose of which is to ensure that lenders in overseas capital markets are aware that the Issuer is offering Notes for issue. In summary, the five methods are:
  - (i) offers for sale to at least 10 persons, each of which is carrying on a business of providing finance, or investing or dealing in securities, in the course of operating in financial markets and none of which is known to be or suspected by the Issuer to be, an associate of any of the others;
  - (ii) offers for sale to at least 100 persons whom it was reasonable for the Issuer to have regarded as either having acquired Notes in the past or being likely to be interested in acquiring Notes;
  - (iii) offers as result of the Notes being accepted for listing on a stock exchange, where the Issuer has previously entered into an agreement with a dealer, manager or underwriter, in relation to the placement of debentures, requiring the Issuer to seek such listing;
  - (iv) offers via publicly available information sources; and
  - (v) offers to the Dealers who offer to sell the Notes within 30 days by one of the preceding methods.
  - In addition, the issue of the Notes either in the form of a Temporary Global Note, a Permanent Global Note or a Definitive Note, by the Issuer and the offering of interests in the Notes by one of these methods should satisfy the public offer test;
- (c) the Issuer does not know, or have reasonable grounds to suspect, at the time of issue, that the Notes were being, or would later be, acquired (directly or indirectly) by an "associate" of the Issuer except as permitted by section 128F(5) of the Tax Act; and
- (d) at the time of the payment of interest, the Issuer does not know, or have reasonable grounds to suspect, that the payee is an associate of the Issuer, except as permitted by section 128F(6) of the Tax Act.

#### Associates

An "associate" of the Issuer for the purposes of section 128F of the Tax Act includes (i) a person or entity which holds more than 50 per cent. of the voting shares of, or otherwise controls, the Issuer, (ii) an entity in which more than 50 per cent. of the voting shares are held by, or which is otherwise controlled by, the Issuer, (iii) a trustee of a trust where the Issuer is capable of benefiting (whether directly or indirectly) under that trust, and (iv) a person or entity who is an "associate" of another person or entity which is an "associate" of the Issuer under any of the foregoing.

However, "associate" does not include:

- (A) Australian resident associates who do not hold the Notes in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment outside Australia and non-resident associates who hold the Notes in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia; or
- (B) Australian resident associates that hold the Notes in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment outside Australia and non-resident associates who do not hold the Notes in the course of carrying on business through a permanent establishment in Australia who are acting in the capacity of:
  - (i) in the case of section 128F(5), a dealer, manager or underwriter in relation to the placement of the relevant Notes or a clearing house, custodian, funds manager or responsible entity of a registered managed investment scheme; or
  - (ii) in the case of section 128F(6), a clearing house, paying agent, custodian, funds manager or responsible entity of a registered managed investment scheme.

# Compliance with Section 128F of the Tax Act

Unless otherwise specified in any relevant Final Terms (or another relevant supplement to this Information Memorandum), the Issuer proposes to issue Notes in a manner which will satisfy the requirements of section 128F of the Tax Act.

#### Exemptions under recent tax treaties

The Australian government has signed new or amended double tax conventions ("New Treaties") with a number of countries (each a "Specified Country").

In broad terms, the New Treaties effectively prevent the country in which the interest is sourced taxing that interest where it is derived by:

- the government of the relevant Specified Country and certain governmental authorities and agencies in the Specified Country; or
- a "financial institution" which is a resident of a "Specified Country" and which is unrelated to and dealing wholly independently with the Issuer. The term "financial institution" refers to either a bank or any other form of enterprise which substantially derives its profits by carrying on a business of raising and providing finance. (However, interest under a back-to-back loan or an economically equivalent arrangement will not qualify for this exemption.)

The Australian Federal Treasury maintains a listing of Australia's double tax conventions which provides details of country, status, withholding tax rate limits and Australian domestic implementation which is available to the public at the Federal Treasury Department's website: www.treasury.gov.au/contentitem.asp?pageId=&ContentID=625.

# Section 126 of the Tax Act

Section 126 of the Tax Act imposes a type of withholding tax at the rate of 45 per cent. on the payment or credit of interest on certain bearer debt securities (other than certain promissory notes) including Notes issued in bearer form if the Issuer fails to disclose the names and addresses of the holders to the Australian Taxation Office. Section 126 does not apply to the payment of interest on Notes in bearer form held by non-residents who do not carry on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia where the issue of those Notes satisfied the requirements of section 128F of the Tax Act or IWT is payable.

In addition, the Australian Taxation Office has confirmed that for the purpose of section 126 of the Tax Act, the holder of debentures (such as the Notes in bearer form) means the person in possession of the debentures. Section 126 is therefore limited in its application to persons in possession of the Notes in bearer form who are residents in Australia or non-residents who are engaged in carrying on business in Australia at or through a permanent establishment in Australia. Where interests in Notes in bearer form are held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Issuer intends to treat the operators of those clearing systems as the holders of those Notes for the purposes of section 126 of the Tax Act.

# Payment of additional amounts

As set out in more detail in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, unless expressly provided to the contrary in the relevant Final Terms (or another relevant supplement to this Information Memorandum), if the Issuer should at any time be compelled by law to deduct or withhold an amount in respect of any

withholding taxes imposed or levied by the Commonwealth of Australia, the Issuer shall, subject to certain exceptions, pay such additional amounts as may be necessary in order to ensure that the net amounts received by the Noteholders after such deduction or withholding shall equal the respective amounts which would have been received had no such deduction or withholding been required. If the Issuer is compelled by law in relation to any Notes to deduct or withhold an amount in respect of any withholding taxes, the Issuer will have the option to redeem those Notes in accordance with the relevant Terms and Conditions.

#### **General Tax**

Under Australian law as presently in effect:

- (A) assuming the requirements of section 128F of the Tax Act are satisfied with respect to the Notes, payment of principal and interest (as defined in section 128A(1AB) of the Tax Act) to a Noteholder, who is a non-resident of Australia and who, during the taxable year, does not hold the Notes in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment within Australia, will not be subject to Australian income taxes on such principal and interest;
- (B) Australian residents or non-Australian residents who hold the Notes in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia ("Australian Holders"), will be assessable for Australian tax purposes on income either received or accrued due to them in respect of the Notes. Whether income will be recognised on a cash receipts or accruals basis will depend upon the tax status of the particular Noteholder and the terms and conditions of the Notes. Special rules apply to the taxation of Australian residents who hold the Notes in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment outside Australia which vary depending on the country in which that permanent establishment is located;
- (C) a Noteholder, who is a non-Australian resident will not be subject to Australian income tax on gains realised during that year on sale or redemption of the Notes, provided that:
  - (i) if the non-Australian resident is not a resident of a country with which Australia has entered into a double tax convention such gains do not have an Australian source; or
  - (ii) if the non-Australian resident is a resident of a country with which Australia has entered into a double tax convention the non-Australian resident does not hold the Notes in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia.

A gain arising on the sale of Notes by a non-Australian resident holder to another non-Australian resident where the Notes are sold outside Australia and all negotiations are conducted, and documentation executed, outside Australia would not be regarded as having an Australian source;

- (D) Australian Holders will be required to include any gain or loss on disposal or redemption of the Notes in their taxable income. Special rules apply to the taxation of Australian residents who hold the Notes in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment outside Australia, which vary depending on the country in which that permanent establishment is located;
- (E) there are specific rules that can apply to treat a portion of the purchase price of the Notes as interest for IWT purposes when certain Notes originally issued at a discount or with a maturity premium or which do not pay interest at least annually are sold to an Australian resident (who does not acquire them in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment outside Australia) or a non-resident (who acquires them in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia). If the Notes are not issued at a discount and do not have a maturity premium, these rules should not apply to the Notes. These rules also do not apply in circumstances where the deemed interest would have been exempt under section 128F of the Tax Act, if the Notes had been held to maturity by a non-resident;
- (F) no Notes will be subject to death, estate or succession duties imposed by Australia, or by any political subdivision or authority therein having power to tax, if held at the time of death;
- (G) no ad valorem stamp, issue, registration or similar taxes are payable in Australia on the issue of any Notes or the transfer of any Notes;
- (H) neither the issue nor receipt of the Notes will give rise to a liability for goods and services tax ("GST") in Australia on the basis that the supply of Notes will comprise either an input taxed financial supply or (in the case of an offshore subscriber) a GST-free supply. Furthermore, neither the payment or receipt of principal or interest by the Issuer, nor the disposal of the Notes, would give rise to any GST liability in Australia;

- (I) section 12-140 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 of Australia ("TAA") imposes a type of withholding tax at the rate (currently) 46.5 per cent. on the payment of interest on certain registered securities unless the holder has quoted a tax file number ("TFN"), an Australian Business Number ("ABN") (if the holder has an ABN) or proof of some other exemption. Assuming the requirements of section 128F of the Tax Act are satisfied with respect to the Notes, then the requirements of section 12-140 do not apply to payments to a holder of Notes in registered form who is not a resident of Australia and not holding those Notes in the course of carrying on business at or through a permanent establishment in Australia. Payments to other classes of holders of Notes in registered form may be subject to a withholding where the holder of those Notes does not quote a TFN, ABN or provide proof of an appropriate exemption (as appropriate);
- (J) payments in respect of the Notes can be made free and clear of the "supply withholding tax" imposed under section 12-190 of Schedule 1 to the TAA; and
- (K) Division 974 of the Tax Act contains tests for characterising debt (for all entities) and equity (for companies) for Australian tax purposes, including for the purposes of dividend withholding tax and IWT. The Issuer intends to issue Notes which are to be characterised as "debt interests" for the purposes of the tests contained in Division 974 and the returns paid on the Notes are to be "interest" for the purpose of section 128F of the Tax Act. Accordingly, Division 974 is unlikely to adversely affect the Australian tax treatment of holders of Notes.
- (L) Section 12-315 of schedule 1 to the TAA gives the Governor-General power to make regulations requiring withholding from certain payments to non-residents. The regulations that have been made to date do not relate to interest and other payments under the Notes. However, section 12-315 expressly provides that the regulations will not apply to interest and other payments which are already subject to the current IWT rules or specifically exempt from those rules. Further, regulations may only be made if the responsible minister is satisfied the specified payments are of a kind that could reasonably relate to assessable income of foreign residents. The Issuer has been advised that it does not expect the regulations to apply to repayments of principal under the Notes, provided those Notes are not issued at a discount, as repayments of principal amounts will generally not be reasonably related to assessable income. The possible application of any future regulations to the proceeds of any sale of the Notes will need to be monitored.
- (M) Divisions 775 and 960 of the Tax Act contain new rules to deal with the taxation consequences of foreign exchange transactions. The rules are complex and will apply to the Issuer in respect of any Notes denominated in a currency other than Australian dollars, as well as any currency hedging arrangements entered into in respect of such Notes. Nevertheless, the Issuer ought to be able to manage its position under the rules so that the tax consequences are effectively the same as the commercial position (that is, that any net foreign exchange gains or losses recognised for tax purposes should be represented by similar cash gains or losses). The rules may also apply to any Noteholders that hold Notes that are not denominated in Australian dollars and who are Australian residents, or non-Australian residents in the course of carrying on business in Australia. Any such Noteholders should consult their professional advisors for advice as to how to tax account for any foreign exchange gains or losses arising from their holding of those Notes.
- (N) The Australian Taxation Office has published a Taxation Determination stating that payments by a guarantor in respect of debentures (such as the Guaranteed Notes) are entitled to the benefit of the exemption contained in section 128F of the Australian Tax Act if payments of interest in respect of those debentures by the Issuer are exempt from interest withholding tax. However, there may be some doubt as to whether the Taxation Determination applies in the context of the Guarantee (as it is not specifically the subject of the Taxation Determination) and whether the reasoning adopted in the Taxation Determination is correct.

In particular, it is unclear whether any payment under the Guarantee in respect of the Guaranteed Notes would constitute a payment of interest as so defined, but the better view is that such payments (other than interest paid on an overdue amount) do not constitute interest as so defined and, therefore, should not, in any event, be subject to the interest withholding tax provisions of the Australian Tax Act.

However, if any payment by the Guarantor under the Guarantee was nonetheless subject to Australian interest withholding tax and the Guarantor was at any time compelled or authorised by law to deduct or withhold an amount in respect of any Australian withholding taxes imposed or levied by the Commonwealth of Australia or other Australian jurisdictions in respect of payments

under the Guarantee, none of the Guarantor, the Issuer, any Paying Agent or any other person is required to pay any additional amounts in respect of such deduction or withholding."

# **United Kingdom Taxation and EU Savings Directive**

# **United Kingdom Taxation**

The following applies only to persons who are the beneficial owners of Notes and is a summary of the Issuer's understanding of current law and practice in the United Kingdom relating only to United Kingdom withholding tax treatment of payments of principal and interest in respect of Notes. It does not deal with any other United Kingdom taxation implications of acquiring, holding or disposing of Notes. Some aspects do not apply to certain classes of person (such as dealers) to whom special rules may apply. The United Kingdom tax treatment of prospective noteholders depends on their individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. Prospective Noteholders who are in any doubt as to their tax position or who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom should seek their own professional advice.

# **Payment of interest on the Notes**

Payments of interest on the Notes may be made without withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax provided the payments of interest do not have an United Kingdom source.

However, Noteholders may wish to note that in certain circumstances HM Revenue and Customs has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner of the interest) from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays or credits interest to or receives interest for the benefit of a Noteholder. HM Revenue and Customs also has the power to obtain information from any person in the United Kingdom who pays amounts payable on the redemption of Notes which are deeply discounted securities for the purpose of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 or receives such amounts for the benefit of another person although HM Revenue and Customs published practice indicates that HM Revenue and Customs will not exercise its power to require this information where such amounts are paid on or before 5 April 2009. Information so obtained may, in certain circumstances, be exchanged by HM Revenue and Customs with the tax authorities of the jurisdiction in which the Noteholder is resident for tax purposes.

# **EU Savings Directive**

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State or to certain limited types of entities established in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 15 September 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On 13 November 2008 the European Commission published a more detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. If any of those proposed changes are made in relation to the Directive, they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

# **Subscription and Sale**

# Summary of Dealer Agreement

Subject to the terms and the conditions contained in an Amended and Restated Dealer Agreement dated 18 December 2008 (as further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Dealer Agreement") between the Issuer and the Dealers from time to time party thereto (the "Dealers"), the Notes will be offered on a continuous basis by the Issuer to the Dealers. However, the Issuer has reserved the right to sell Notes directly on its own behalf to Dealers in accordance with the Dealer Agreement. The Notes may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the relevant Dealer. The Dealer Agreement also provides for Notes to be issued in syndicated Tranches that are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers.

The Issuer has agreed to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes. The Dealer Agreement entitles the Dealers to terminate any agreement that they make to subscribe Notes in certain circumstances prior to payment for such Notes being made to the Issuer.

# **Selling Restrictions**

# **United States**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

The Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that, except as permitted by the Dealer Agreement, it will not offer, sell or deliver Notes (i) as part of their distribution at any time and (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in the case of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis, the relevant lead manager of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons and it will have sent to each Dealer to which it sells Notes during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in the preceding paragraph and in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of the Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any Dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemptions from registrations under the Securities Act.

Each issue of Index Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes shall be subject to such additional U.S. selling restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or Dealers shall agree as a term of the issue and purchase of such Notes, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms. Each relevant Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will offer, sell or deliver such Notes only in compliance with such additional U.S. selling restrictions.

#### **Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive**

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State"), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "Relevant Implementation Date") it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Information Memorandum as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State, except that it may, with effect from

and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- (b) at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (c) at any time to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

#### **United Kingdom**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (i) in relation to any Notes having a maturity of less than one year, (a) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (b) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer;
- (ii) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue of any Notes in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (iii) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### Australia

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia (the "Corporations Act")) in relation to the Programme or any Notes has been lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC"). Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and any further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that, unless the relevant Final Terms (or another relevant supplement to this Information Memorandum) otherwise provides, in connection with the distribution of the Notes, it:

- (a) has not offered or invited applications, and will not offer or invite applications, for the issue, sale or purchase of the Notes in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia); and
- (b) has not distributed or published, and will not distribute or publish this Information Memorandum or any supplement, advertisement or other offering material relating to the Notes in Australia;

unless:

- (i) the minimum aggregate consideration payable by each offeree is at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in other currency, in either case, disregarding moneys lent by the offeror or its associates) or the offer or invitation otherwise does not require disclosure to investors under Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act;
- (ii) the offer or the issuance of the Notes does not constitute an offer to a "retail client" for the purposes of Chapter 7 of the Corporations Act;
- (iii) such action complies with all applicable laws and regulations; and
- (iv) such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC.

Section 708(19) of the Corporations Act provides that an offer of "debentures" (as defined in the Corporations Act) for issue or sale does not need disclosure to investors in accordance with Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act if the Issuer is an Australian authorised deposit-taking institution ("**ADI**"). As at the date of this Information Memorandum, the Issuer is an ADI.

In addition, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and any further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that, it will not sell the Notes to any person, if, at the time of such sale, the employees of the Dealer directly involved in the sale, knew or had reasonable grounds to suspect that, as a result of such sale, any Notes were being, or would later be acquired (directly or indirectly) by an Offshore Associate other than one acting in the capacity of a dealer, manager or underwriter in relation to the placement of the Notes or a clearing house, custodian, funds manager or responsible entity of a registered scheme within the meaning of the Corporations Act.

#### **Switzerland**

In connection with the initial placement of any Notes in Switzerland, each Dealer has agreed and each additional Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that the Notes have not been offered or sold and will not be offered and sold in Switzerland save in accordance with Art. 652a and Art.1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations of 30 March 1911 (as amended).

#### **Hong Kong**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (a) it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, in Hong Kong, by means of any document, any Notes other than (i) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) ("CO"), or (ii) to professional investors within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) ("SFO") and any rules made under the SFO, or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a prospectus within the meaning of the CO; and
- (b) it has not issued, or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Notes which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" within the meaning of the SFO and any rules made under the SFO.

#### **Singapore**

This Information Memorandum has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore under the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of the Singapore Statutes (the "Securities and Futures Act"). Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree that the Notes may not be offered or sold or made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase nor may this Information Memorandum or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale or invitation for subscription or purchase of any Notes be circulated or distributed whether directly or indirectly to any person in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor pursuant to Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, (b) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the Securities and Futures Act, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the

Securities and Futures Act or (c) pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the Securities and Futures Act.

Each of the following relevant persons specified in Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act which has subscribed or purchased Notes, namely a person who is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor,

should note that shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes under Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act except:

- (1) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the Securities and Futures Act, and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the Securities and Futures Act;
- (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or
- (3) by operation of law.

#### General

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will (to the best of its knowledge and belief) comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Information Memorandum or any advertisement or other offering material and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have any responsibility therefor.

Neither the Issuer nor any of the Dealers represents that any Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer will be required to comply with such other additional restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer shall agree and as shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

# Form of Final Terms

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme.

[Date]

#### **Bank of Queensland Limited**

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes] under the U.S.\$4,000,000,000

Euro Medium Term Note Programme

#### PART A — CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Information Memorandum dated 18 December 2008 [and the supplement to the Information Memorandum dated [•]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the "Prospectus Directive"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Information Memorandum [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Information Memorandum [as so supplemented]. The Information Memorandum [and the supplement to the Information Memorandum] [is/are] available for viewing at, and copies may be obtained from, [address].

[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under an Information Memorandum with an earlier date.]

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth in the Information Memorandum dated [original date] and incorporated by reference into the Information Memorandum dated 18 December 2008 and which are attached hereto, [and the supplement to the Information Memorandum dated [●]]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the "Prospectus Directive") and must be read in conjunction with the Information Memorandum dated 18 December 2008 [and the supplement to the Information Memorandum dated [●]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. Copies of the Information Memorandum [as so supplemented] are available for viewing at [address] [and] [website] and copies may be obtained from [address].

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or subparagraphs. Italics denote directions for completing the Final Terms.]

[When adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information Memorandum under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]

[If the Notes have a maturity of less than one year from the date of their issue, the minimum denomination may need to be £100,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.]

1.	Issuer:	Bank of Queensland Limited
2.	Commonwealth of Australia Guarantee:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] <sup>1</sup>
3.	(a) Series Number:	[ ]
	(b) Tranche Number:	[ ]
		(If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible)
4.	Specified Currency or Currencies:	[ ]

<sup>1</sup> Mark as "Applicable" if Commonwealth of Australia Guarantee dated 20 November 2008 will apply to guarantee all sums payable under the applicable Note. Also disapply cross default and cross acceleration provisions within item 31. "Other final terms".

5.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	
	- (a) Series:	[ ]
	- (b) Tranche:	[ ]
<b>&gt;</b> 6.	(a) [Issue Price:	[ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)]
7.	(a) Specified Denominations:	[ ] (Note — where multiple denominations above [U.S.\$100,000] or equivalent are being used the following sample wording should be followed: "[U.S.\$100,000] and integral multiples of [U.S.\$1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [U.S.\$199,000]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [U.S.\$199,000].")
		(N.B. If an issue of Notes is (i) NOT admitted to trading on an European Economic Area exchange; and (ii) only offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is not required to be published under the Prospectus Directive the €50,000 minimum denomination is not required.)
	(b) Calculation Amount:	[ ] (If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination.
		If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.)
8.	(a) Issue Date:	[ ]
	(b) Interest Commencement Date:	[ ]
9.	Maturity Date:	[Fixed rate — specify date/ Floating rate — Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [specify month]]
10.	Interest Basis:	[[ ] per cent. Fixed Rate] [[LIBOR/EURIBOR] +/- [ ] per cent. Floating Rate] [Zero Coupon] [Index Linked Interest] [Dual Currency Interest] [specify other] (further particulars specified below)
11.	Redemption/Payment Basis:	[Redemption at par] [Index Linked Redemption] [Dual Currency Redemption] [Partly Paid] [Instalment] [specify other] (N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Notes will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation

will apply)

12.		ange of Interest Basis or Redemption/ ment Basis:	[Specify details of any provision for change of Notes into another Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis]
13.	Put	/Call Options:	[Investor Put] [Issuer Call] [(further particulars specified below)]
14.	(a)	Status of the Notes:	Senior
	(b)	[Date [Board] approval for issuance of Notes obtained:	[ ] (N.B. Only relevant where Board (or similar) authorisation is required for the particular tranche of Notes)
15.	Met	hod of distribution:	[Syndicated/Non-syndicated]
PR	ovis	SIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) P	AYABLE
16.	Fixe	ed Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
	(a)	Rate(s) of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/ semi-annually/quarterly] in arrear] (If payable other than annually, consider amending Condition 4)
	(b)	Interest Payment Date(s):	[[ ] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date]/[specify other] (N.B. This will need to be amended in the case of long or short coupons)
	(c)	Fixed Coupon Amount(s): (Applicable to Notes in definitive form)	[ ] per Calculation Amount
	(d)	Broken Amount(s): (Applicable to Notes in definitive form)	[ ] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on][ ] [Insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount]
	(e)	Day Count Fraction:	[30/360 or Actual/Actual (ISMA) or [specify other]]
	(f)	Determination Date(s):	[ ] in each year [Insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon N.B. This will need to be amended in the case of regular interest payment dates which are not of equal duration N.B. Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ISMA)]
	(g)	Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes:	[None/Give details]
17.	Floa	ating Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
	(a)	Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates:	[ ]
	(b)	Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention/[specify other]]
	(c)	Additional Business Centre(s):	

(d)	Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined:	[Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination/ specify other]
(e)	Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Agent):	
(f)	Screen Rate Determination:	
	Reference Rate:	[ ] (Either LIBOR, EURIBOR or other, although additional information is required if other — including fallback provisions in the Agency Agreement)
	• Interest Determination Date(s):	[ ] (Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or euro LIBOR)
	Relevant Screen Page:	[ ] (In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters Page "EURIBOR 01" ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend the fallback provisions appropriately)
(g)	ISDA Determination:	
	Floating Rate Option:	[ ]
	Designated Maturity:	[ ]
	Reset Date:	[ ]
(h)	Margin(s):	[+/-][] per cent. per annum
(i)	Minimum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum
(j)	Maximum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum
(k)	Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual (ISDA) Actual/365 (Fixed) Actual/365 (Sterling) Actual/360 30/360 30E/360 30E/360(ISDA) Other] (See Condition 4 for alternatives)
(1)	Fallback provisions, rounding provisions and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions:	
Zero	o Coupon Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
(a)	Accrual Yield:	[ ] per cent. per annum
(b)	Reference Price:	[ ]
(c)	Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable:	[ ]

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	(d)	Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts and late payment:	[Conditions 6(e) and 6(j) apply/specify other] (Consider applicable day count fraction if not U.S. dollar denominated)
19.	Inde	ex Linked Interest Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
	(a)	Index/Formula:	[give or annex details]
	(b)	Calculation Agent:	[give name (and, if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, address)]
	(c)	Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest (if not the Calculation Agent) and Interest Amount (if not the Agent):	[ ]
	(d)	Provisions for determining Coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula is impossible or impracticable:	[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
	(e)	Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates:	[ ]
	(f)	Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention/specify other]
	(g)	Additional Business Centre(s):	[ ]
	(h)	Minimum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum
	(i)	Maximum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum
	(j)	Day Count Fraction:	[ ]
20.	Dua	al Currency Note Provisions:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
	(a)	Rate of Exchange/method of calculating Rate of Exchange:	[give details]
	(b)	Calculation Agent, if any, responsible for calculating the interest payable:	[ ]
	(c)	Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable:	[need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
	(d)	Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable:	[ ]
PRO	ovis	SIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION	
21.	Issu	uer Call:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
	(a)	Optional Redemption Date(s):	[ ]
	(b)	Optional Redemption Amount of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):	[[ ] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see Appendix]
	(c)	If redeemable in part: (i) Minimum Redemption Amount:	

		(ii) Maximum Redemption Amount:	[	]
	(d)	Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions):	thos advi distr for e well	] . If setting notice periods which are different to e provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is sed to consider the practicalities of ibution of information through intermediaries xample, clearing systems and custodians, as as any other notice requirements which may by, for example, as between the Issuer and the int)
22.	Inve	estor Put:	(If no	olicable/Not Applicable] ot applicable, delete the remaining oaragraphs of this paragraph)
	(a)	Optional Redemption Date(s):	[	]
	(b)	Optional Redemption Amount of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s):	[[ App	] per Calculation Amount/ <i>specify other</i> /see endix]
	(c)	Notice period (if other than as set out in the Conditions):	thos advi distr for e	] If setting notice periods which are different to e provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is sed to consider the practicalities of ibution of information through intermediaries xample, clearing systems and custodians, as as any other notice requirements which may by, for example, as between the Issuer and the out)
23.	Fina	al Redemption Amount of each Note:	(N.B 100 be of Pros Ann will a mar	] per Calculation Amount/specify other/see endix] If the Final Redemption Amount is other than per cent. of the nominal value the Notes will erivative securities for the purposes of the spectus Directive and the requirements of ex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation apply, e.g. need to include a description of ket disruption or settlement disruption events adjustment provisions).
24.	pay or c calc	ly Redemption Amount of each Note rable on redemption for taxation reasons on event of default and/or the method of culating the same (if required or if different in that set out in Condition 6(e)):	[[ App	] per Calculation Amount/ <i>specify other</i> /see endix]

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES**

25. Form of Notes:

[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]

[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on and after the Exchange Date]

[Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on 60 days' notice given at any time/only upon an Exchange Event]]

(Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes

while in Global Form" and the Notes themselves. The exchange upon notice option should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified Denomination of the Notes in paragraph 6 includes language substantially to the following effect:

"[U.S.\$100,000] and integral multiples of [U.S.\$1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [U.S.\$199,000]. No Notes in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [U.S.\$199,000]".

Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of Notes which is to be represented on issue by a Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes.)

26. Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Days:

[Not Applicable/give details] (Note that this item relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period end dates to which items 17(b) and 19(g) relate)

27. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):

[Yes/No. If yes, give details]

28. Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment:

[Not Applicable/give details. N.B. a new form of Temporary Global Note and/or Permanent Global Note may be required for Partly Paid issues]

- 29. Details relating to Instalment Notes:
  - (a) [Instalment Amount(s):
  - (b) [Instalment Date(s):
- 30. Redenomination applicable:

[Not Applicable/give details]
[Not Applicable/give details]

Redenomination [not] applicable [(if Redenomination is applicable, specify the terms of the redenomination in an Annex to the Final Terms)]

31. Other final terms:

[Not Applicable/give details]

(Where Commonwealth of Australia Guarantee has been marked as Applicable, please insert the following words: "Condition 9(a)(ix) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes will not apply to the Notes on issue under these applicable Final Terms.")

(When adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute a "significant new factor" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information Memorandum under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

32. (a) If syndicated, names of Managers:

[Not Applicable/give names]

(If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, include names of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names of the entities agreeing to place the

		eff	ue without a firm commitment or on a "best orts" basis if such entities are not the same as Managers.)
	(b) Date of Subscription Agreement	de	] ne above is only relevant if the Notes are rivative securities to which Annex XII of the ospectus Directive Regulation applies.)
	(c) Stabilising Manager (if any):	[No	ot Applicable/give name]
33.	If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer:	[	]
34.	Whether TEFRA D or TEFRA C rules applicable or TEFRA rules not applicable:	[	1
35.	Additional selling restrictions:	[No	ot Applicable/give details]
PU	RPOSE OF FINAL TERMS		
Sto	ese Final Terms comprise the final terms required to ck Exchange's regulated market and listing on the cribed herein pursuant to the U.S.\$4,000,000,000 le eensland Limited.	e Offic	cial List of the UK Listing Authority of Notes
RE	SPONSIBILITY		
The	Issuer accepts responsibility for the information of	contai	ned in these Final Terms.
[Th	e Guarantor accepts no responsibility for the info	rmatio	on contained in these Final Terms.] <sup>2</sup>
Sigi	ned on behalf of the Issuer:		
Ву:.			
Dul	y authorised		

<sup>2</sup> Insert if "Commonwealth of Australia Guarantee" is marked "Applicable" in these Final Terms.

# **PART B — OTHER INFORMATION LISTING** (i) Listing and Admission to [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [ trading: ] with effect from ].] [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [ ] with effect from [●].] [Not Applicable.] (ii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: ] ſ **RATINGS** Ratings: The Notes to be issued have been rated: [S & P: 11 [Moody's: ]] [[Other]: ]] (The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.) [NOTIFICATION The Financial Services Authority [has been requested to provide/has provided — include first alternative for an issue which is contemporaneous with the establishment or update of the Programme and the second alternative for subsequent issues] the [names of competent authorities of host Member States] with a certificate of approval attesting that the Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.] INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE [Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. — Amend as appropriate if there are other interests1

<b>REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ES</b>	STIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES	
[(i) Reasons for the offer	[ ]	
	(See "Use of Proceeds" wording in Information Memorandum—in reasons for offer different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks will need to include those reasons here.)]	
[(ii)] Estimated net proceeds:	[ ]	
	(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)	
[(iii)] Estimated total expenses:	[ ]. [Include breakdown of expenses]	
	(N.B. Delete unless the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, in which case (i) is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks and it is only necessary to include disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at (ii) and (iii) above where disclosure is included at (i) above.)	

YIELD (FIXED RATE NOTES	•
Indication of yield:	[ ] The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.
INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATION THE UNDERLYING (INDEX-L	FORMULA, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF ATED RISKS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING INKED NOTES ONLY)  ast and future performance and volatility of the index/formula can be
the Issuer and if the index is not co	eed to include the name of the index and a description if composed by mposed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information . Where the underlying is not an index need to include equivalent
[Include other information concer Prospective Directive Regulation.]	ning the underlying required by paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the
described constitute "significant ne	agraphs, consideration should be given as to whether such matters we factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the ticle 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]
=	t-issuance information [specify what information will be reported and to tintend to provide post-issuance information].
(N.B. This paragraph only applie Prospectus Directive Regulation ap	s if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the plies.)
PERFORMANCE OF RATE[S VALUE OF INVESTMENT (Du	OF EXCHANGE AND EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON Its Currency Notes only)
•	ast and future performance and volatility of the relevant rates can be
	consideration should be given as to whether such matters described and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Information e Prospectus Directive.)]
(N.B. This paragraph only applie Prospectus Directive Regulation ap	s if the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the plies.)
OPERATIONAL INFORMATION	ON
(i) ISIN Code:	[ ]
(ii) Common Code:	[ ]
(iii) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V and Clearstream Banking société anonyme and the relevant identification	/. g, e

Delivery [against/free of] payment

number(s):

(v) Names and addresses of

additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):

(iv) Delivery:

# **General Information**

1. The admission of Notes to the Official List will be expressed as a percentage of their nominal amount (excluding accrued interest). It is expected that each Tranche of Notes which is to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a Global Note or Notes initially representing the Notes of such Tranche. Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market. The listing of the Programme in respect of Notes is expected to be granted on or before 22 December 2008.

The Dealer Agreement provides, that if the maintenance of the listing of any Notes has, in the opinion of the Issuer, become unduly onerous for any reason whatsoever, the Issuer shall be entitled to terminate such listing subject to its using its best endeavours promptly to list or admit to trading the Notes on an alternative stock exchange, within or outside the European Union, to be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

- 2. The Issuer has or will as soon as practicable obtain all necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in connection with the issue and performance of the Notes. The issue of Notes under the Programme was authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Issuer passed on 26 September 1997, 21 November 1997, 15 December 2000, 13 December 2001, 22 November 2002, 19 November 2004, 18 November 2005, 22 November 2006, 22 November 2007 and 20 November 2008. The increase in aggregate nominal amount of the Programme from U.S.\$2,000,000,000 to U.S.\$3,500,000,000 was authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Issuer passed on 22 November 2007 and the increase in aggregate nominal amount of the Programme from U.S.\$3,500,000,000 to U.S.\$4,000,000,000 was authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Issuer passed on 20 November 2008.
- 3. There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Group since 31 August 2008 and no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the Group since the same date.
- 4. Neither the Issuer nor any of its Subsidiaries is or has been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the Issuer and/or the Group's financial position or profitability.
- 5. Each Note, Coupon, Receipt and Talon will bear the following legend: "Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code".
- 6. The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear. The Common Code and the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) for each Tranche of Notes will be set out in the relevant Final Terms. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system, the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg and the address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels.

- 7. For so long as Notes may be issued pursuant to this Information Memorandum, the following documents will when published, be available, during usual business hours on any day (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted), for inspection at the registered office of the Issuer and the office of the Agent:
  - (i) the Agency Agreement (which includes the form of the Global Notes, the Definitive Notes, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons), including any supplements thereto;
  - (ii) the Dealer Agreement, including any supplements thereto;
  - (iii) the Deed of Covenant;
  - (iv) the memorandum and articles of association and certificate of registration of the Issuer;
  - (v) the published annual report and audited financial statements of the Issuer for the last two financial years and the most recently published interim accounts;

- (vi) each Final Terms for Notes that are admitted to the Official List and to trading by the London Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange (save that a Final Terms relating to a Note which is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Note and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent as to the identity of such holder);
- (vii) a copy of this Information Memorandum together with any supplement to this Information Memorandum or further Information Memorandum; and
- (viii) a copy of the subscription agreement for Notes issued on a syndicated basis that are admitted to the Official List and to trading by the London Stock Exchange.
- 8. Copies of the latest annual consolidated accounts of the Issuer and the latest interim consolidated accounts of the Issuer may be obtained, and copies of the Agency Agreement will be available for inspection, at the specified offices of each of the Paying Agents during normal business hours, so long as any of the Notes is outstanding.
- 9. KPMG, Chartered Accountants, have audited in compliance with Australian auditing standards, and rendered unqualified reports on, the accounts of the Issuer for each of the last three years ended 31 August 2008.
- 10. No Australian approvals are currently required for or in connection with the issue of the Notes by the Issuer or for or in connection with the performance and enforceability of such Notes, Coupons, Receipts or Talons (if any). However:
  - (a) the specific approval of the Reserve Bank of Australia must be obtained in connection with certain payments and transactions having a prescribed connection with certain countries or named individuals, or entities (including individuals, or entities subject to United Nations sanctions or associated with terrorism) designated from time to time for the purposes of the Banking (Foreign Exchange) Regulations 1959 and other regulations in Australia; and
  - (b) it is an offence to hold and use or deal with, allow to be used or dealt with, or facilitate the use of or dealing with certain assets, or to directly or indirectly make an asset available to certain named persons or entities associated with terrorism, pursuant to the Charter of the United Nations Act 1945 and the Charter of the United Nations (Terrorism and Dealings with Assets) Regulations 2002, unless the Minister for Foreign Affairs has given a written notice to permit such to occur.
- 11. The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Notes.
- 12. Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform services to the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

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