



## Independent Limited Assurance Report to the Directors of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

### Conclusion

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that:

#### **Part A**

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (issuing ADI) and ANZ Residential Covered Bonds Trust ("Trust"), did not maintain in all material respects, effective control procedures in relation to the keeping of an accurate register of the assets in the cover pool for the period 23 November 2023 to 22 May 2024.

#### **Part B**

The issuing ADI did not comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Act for the period 23 November 2023 to 22 May 2024.

### Scope

The subject of our limited assurance engagement is whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, ("issuing ADI") and ANZ Residential Covered Bond Trust ("Trust") has not complied, in all material respects, with maintaining effective control procedures in relation to the keeping of an accurate register of the assets in the Residential Mortgages cover pool ("the cover pool") for the period 23 November 2023 to 22 May 2024 and compliance with the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Banking Act 1959 ("the Act") for the period 23 November 2023 to 22 May 2024. The reviews have been conducted pursuant to the reporting requirements specified in sections 30(4)(a) and 30(4)(b) of the Act.



## Basis for Conclusion

### Part A

We conducted our work in accordance with Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 (Standard). In accordance with the Standard we have:

- used our professional judgement to plan and perform the engagement to obtain limited assurance that we are not aware of any material misstatements in the register of assets, whether due to fraud or error;
- considered relevant internal controls when designing our assurance procedures, however we do not express a conclusion on their effectiveness; and
- ensured that the engagement team possess the appropriate knowledge, skills and professional competencies.

### Part B

We conducted our engagement in accordance with Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3100 *Compliance Engagements* (ASAE 3100) issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. We believe that the assurance evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

In accordance with ASAE 3100 we have:

- used our professional judgement to assess the risks that may cause material non-compliance with each of the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Act, and to plan and perform the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the issuing ADI has not complied, with the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Act; and
  - considered relevant internal controls when designing our assurance procedures; however, we do not express a conclusion on their effectiveness; and
  - ensured that the engagement team possess the appropriate knowledge, skills and professional competencies.

## Summary of Procedures Performed

In a limited assurance engagement, the assurance practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of discussion and enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and observation and walk-throughs and evaluates the evidence obtained. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including identifying areas where the risk of material non-compliance with the compliance requirements is likely to arise.

Our limited assurance conclusion is based on the evidence obtained from performing the following procedures:



## **Part A**

- enquiries of the issuing ADI and the Trust, and examining, on a sample basis, evidence supporting the operation of the issuing ADI's and the Trust's control procedures in relation to the keeping of an accurate register of the assets in the cover pool.

## **Part B**

- enquiries with issuing ADI and examining, on a sample basis, information provided by the issuing ADI to provide evidence supporting compliance with the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Act;
- walkthroughs to obtain an understanding of relevant compliance activities that are undertaken to meet the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Act.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

Accordingly we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion on compliance with the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Act.

## **Inherent Limitations**

Because of the inherent limitations of an assurance engagement, together with the internal control structure it is possible that fraud, error, or non-compliance with the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Act may occur and not be detected.

A limited assurance engagement throughout the period 23 November 2023 to 22 May 2024 does not provide assurance on whether compliance with the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Act will continue in the future.

## **Use of this Assurance Report**

This report has been prepared for the Directors of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited for the purpose of sections 30(4)(a) and 30(4)(b) of the Act and may not be suitable for another purpose. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, to any person other than the Directors of the issuing ADI and the Trust, or for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared.

We permit the disclosure of our review report to Perpetual Corporate Trust Limited ("Trustee of ANZ Residential Covered Bond Trust"), Institutional Securitisation Services Limited ("Trust Manager"), DB Trustees (Hong Kong) Limited ("Bond Trustee"), P.T. Limited ("Security Trustee") and holders (or their representatives) of the covered bonds issued by the issuing ADI and the Trust solely to enable these parties to verify that a report by the cover pool monitor has been commissioned by the Directors of the issuing ADI and the Trust and issued as required by section 30(4)(c) of the Act. In doing so, we disclaim any assumption of reliance on this report and do not accept any responsibility or liability to Perpetual Corporate Trust Limited ("Trustee of ANZ Residential Covered Bond Trust"), DB Trustees (Hong Kong) Limited ("Bond Trustee"), P.T. Limited ("Security Trustee") and holders (or their representatives) of the covered bonds.



## Management's Responsibility

Management are responsible for:

- the compliance activities undertaken to meet the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Act;
- identification of the risks that threaten the compliance requirements identified above being met and identifying, designing and implementing controls which will mitigate those risks and monitor ongoing compliance;
- establishing internal controls that enable the preparation and presentation of the register of the assets in the cover pool that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error

## Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to perform a limited assurance engagement and express conclusions in relation to whether the issuing ADI and the trust did not maintain, in all material aspects:

- Part A – keeping of an accurate register of the assets in the cover pool for the period 23 November 2023 to 22 May 2024; and
- Part B – compliance with the requirements of sections 31 and 31A of the Act during the period 23 November 2023 to 22 May 2024.

## Our Independence and Quality Management

We have complied with our independence and other relevant ethical requirements of the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* issued by the Australian Professional and Ethical Standards Board, and complied with the applicable requirements of Australian Standard on Quality Management to design, implement and operate a system of quality management.

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Melbourne

22 May 2024