



ATTENTION ALL ANZ SHAREHOLDERS

WARNING: UNSOLICITED OFFERS FOR ANZ SHARES

The purpose of this note is to **warn all ANZ shareholders** about unsolicited offers from a company called Hassle Free Share Sales Pty Ltd ('HFSS') to purchase ANZ shares.

ANZ was requested recently by HFSS to provide it with details of all ANZ shareholders (including the number of shares held by, and the address details for, each shareholder). As a listed public company, ANZ was obliged under the Corporations Act to provide these details to HFSS.

ANZ is aware that HFSS has used these details to make unsolicited offers to some ANZ shareholders to purchase their ANZ shares at a price of \$7.01 per share – this is very significantly below what a shareholder could receive if they sold their ANZ shares on market.

ANZ does not endorse these unsolicited offers by HFSS, and is not associated with any such offers.

If you have received, or you receive in the future, a letter from HFSS offering to buy your ANZ shares, we stress that you are under no obligation to accept it and **we strongly recommend** that you seek independent financial advice **before** taking any steps in relation to the HFSS offer.

We repeat there is **no compulsion** for you to accept any such offer.

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) has previously advised shareholders to be aware of the pitfalls associated with unsolicited offers to purchase shares, and has provided a 'safety checklist' to assist shareholders in assessing such offers. This checklist is available at www.fido.gov.au > About financial products > Shares > Buying and selling shares > Unexpected offers to buy your shares. Further details on dealing with unsolicited share purchase offers can also be obtained from ASIC on 1300 300 630.

If any shareholder has any query regarding an offer received from HFSS to purchase their ANZ shares, please contact ANZ's Share Registrar, Computershare Investor Services Pty Ltd on 1800 11 33 99 or +61 3 9415 4010.

Yours sincerely

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