

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

REVIEW OF THE FOUR MAJOR BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERANNUATION SECTOR

NULIS

NU83QW:

Since 12 March 2020, has your fund provided any liquidity to:

- a. REST?
- b. Hostplus?
- c. any other superannuation fund?

If so, for each fund, can you provide details of the amount, the date and the terms?

Answer:

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NULIS confirms it has not provided any liquidity to any superannuation fund.

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NU84QW:

Since 12 March 2020, has your fund loaned any cash to:

- a. REST?
- b. Hostplus?
- c. any other superannuation fund?

If so, for each fund, can you provide details of the amount, the date and the terms?

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NULIS confirms it has not loaned any cash to any superannuation fund.

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Regarding any investments you have with IFM Investors, please provide the following:

- a. The capital invested each year for the past five years.
- b. The accumulated valuation of investments for the past five years.
- c. The dividends received from those investments for the past five years.

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NULIS confirms it does not have any investments with IFM Investors.

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NU86QW:

Regarding any investments you have with ME Bank, please provide the following:

- a. The capital invested each year for the past five years.
- b. The accumulated valuation of investments for the past five years.
- c. The dividends received from those investments for the past five years.

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NULIS does not hold any direct investments with ME Bank. The MSF currently holds less than \$120 million (0.2% of total FUM of the MSF) of ME Bank's Negotiable Certificate of Deposit and Floating Rate Notes indirectly through an enhanced cash investment trust. These instruments are widely used liquid short-term cash securities across the industry.

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NU87QW:

If you are an investor in ME Bank, have you individually (or in collaboration with other funds), ever commissioned reports into its valuation in the past decade?

- a. And if so, how many reports and in what year?
- b. Were any commissioned to be completed by the UK-based group, LEK?
- c. And please provide copies.

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NULIS is not an investor in ME Bank.

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NU88QW:

According to reports in the Australian Financial Review superannuation fund, Hostplus, redefined the definition of 'illiquid assets' ('Hostplus warned of liquidity "perfect storm"', Australian Financial Review, 18 May 2020). Therefore, can you please advise:

- a. How you define 'illiquid assets' within your fund, including details of holdings and timeframes?
- b. How you define 'liquid assets' within your fund, including details of holdings and timeframes?
- c. How long each of these definitions have been used?
- d. What prompted any switch to these definitions?
- e. What the prior definitions were before any switch?

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NULIS' Liquidity Management Plan ('LMP') describes the approach for managing liquidity for each fund; the LMP forms part of NULIS' Investment Governance Framework and has been developed to comply with APRA Prudential Standard SPS530 Investment Governance and the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993.

As defined in NULIS' LMP, an illiquid asset is an investment that cannot be converted to cash in less than 30 days or where converting to cash within 30 days is likely to have a significant adverse impact on its realisable value. Examples of illiquid assets is captured in the LMP and include for example unlisted property, unlisted infrastructure, private equity, and term deposits.

Similarly, a liquid asset is defined in the LMP as an asset that can generally be converted into cash within 30 days without a significant adverse material impact on its realisable value. The LMP provides examples of assets typically classified as liquid.

The definition of 'liquid' and 'illiquid' assets as captured in the NULIS LMP has been in place since 2016 and in line with NULIS' expectation should not be subject to redefinition because of investment market circumstances or behaviour.

For Managed Investment Schemes (externally managed 'MIS') offered to members via the MLC Wrap Funds, any MIS where redemption arrangements have moved outside of the rules stated in the relevant Product Disclosure Statement requires liquidity event related actions as outlined in the LMP.

As part of NULIS' investment and risk governance requirements, the liquidity behaviour (e.g. monitoring of cashflows) and change in asset realisation profile of investment options are observed

regularly and stress tested. This is in addition to considering appropriate asset diversification as part of the Trustee's asset allocation & investment selection process and having regard to establishing member specific diversification limits where appropriate.

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NU89QW:

Have you completed a skills audit in the past five years of the following:

- a. Your board of directors?
- b. Your investment committee?
- c. And if not, why not?
- d. And if so, presently what gaps are identified?

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NULIS completed a skills audit of its board of directors in September 2019, which included the two NULIS investment committees.

There are currently no gaps identified as a result of onboarding four new directors in December 2019.

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NU90QW:

Prior to appointment, have employees fulfilling fiduciary roles had their investment performance track record assessed before fees?

- a. And if not, why not?
- b. And if not prior to appointment, have they following appointment?

And if so, on what timeframe?

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The investment assets of the MSF and the MLC Wrap Funds are not managed by any employees of NULIS. For the MSF, NULIS has outsourced the selection and appointment of investment managers to its Portfolio Manager MLC Asset Management Services Limited with investment performance being monitored on a regular basis by NULIS' Investment committees.

For the MLC Wrap Funds, member directed investments are predominately invested in managed funds (or other similar professionally managed investment product structures) offered by a Responsible Entity other than NULIS with investment performance being monitored on a regular basis by NULIS' Investment committees.

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NU91QW:

Can you please provide data to complete this table for your unlisted asset holdings based on their geographic spread?

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MSF

Country/Region	Share of fund asset value		Share of fund income	
	\$	%	\$	%
North America (inc USA)	4,842,263,412	6.8%		
- United States specifically	4,533,147,362	6.3%		
South America	73,450,677	0.1%		
Asia (inc China)	1,100,463,324	1.5%		
- China specifically	651,287,320	0.9%		
Africa	3,855,159	0.0%		
Europe (not inc UK)	1,207,634,642	1.7%		
Europe (inc UK)	1,943,804,391	2.7%		
- United Kingdom specifically	736,169,749	1.0%		
Australasia (inc Aus)	3,436,394,168	4.8%		
- Australia specifically	3,413,765,942	4.8%		

Notes:

The above table reflects the holdings of Unlisted Assets by MSF.

The holdings in Unlisted Assets consists of indirect holdings in Unlisted Infrastructure, Unlisted Property, Private Equity and Unlisted Alternatives through external vehicles.

The 'Share of fund asset value' is based on 31-Mar-20 data and the percentage share is expressed as a percentage of MSF's total value of investments.

Whilst NULIS is unable to provide the 'Share of fund income' split by geographical region (as holdings in Unlisted Assets are held indirectly through external vehicles and the income received from these is the aggregate of income from multiple assets held within each vehicle spanning multiple geographical regions) the total income for all Unlisted Assets for MSF was \$60,325,560 for the 12-month period to June 2019.

MLC Wrap Funds

The MLC Wrap Funds enable members to invest across a large menu of professionally managed investment funds, including unlisted registered managed investment schemes (MIS) (the majority operated by unrelated entities), listed securities and term deposits. In achieving investment asset and risk diversification, many of these MIS invest in assets that comprise of listed and unlisted assets that provide geographical spread. As these MIS are managed externally to NULIS, underlying MIS portfolio asset information cannot be provided.

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Please provide a copy of your Constitution.

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The Constitution is provided as attachment NU92.1QW.

Corporations Act
A Company Limited by Shares
CONSTITUTION
Of
NULIS NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED
(ABN 80 008 515 633)

1 PRELIMINARY

1.1 Definitions

In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:

"Alternate Director" means a person appointed as Alternate Director under Article 16;

"Article" means an Article of this Constitution;

"Auditor" means the auditor for the time being of the Company;

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company and

"Deputy Chairman" means the Deputy Chairman of the Board;

"Charge" includes a mortgage;

"Committee" and **"Committee of Directors"** means any Director or Directors acting as a committee of Directors;

"Company" means NULIS Nominees (Australia) Limited (ABN 38 095 045 784);

"Constitution" means this Constitution as altered or added to from time to time and a reference to an Article of this Constitution is a reference to that Article as altered or added to from time to time;

"Corporations Act" means the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth);

"Director" means a Director of the Company, and where appropriate includes an Alternate Director;

"Directors" means all or some of the Directors acting as a Board;

"Executive Director" means a person appointed as Executive Director under Article 15;

"Managing Director" means a person appointed as Managing Director under Article 15, and where appropriate includes an Assistant Managing Director or an Acting Managing Director;

"Member" means a person for the time being entered in the Register as a member of the Company;

"Paid", in relation to Shares and capital, includes credited as paid;

"Parent Company" means National Australia Bank Limited (ABN 12 004 044 937);

"Register" means the register of Members kept in accordance with the Corporations Act, and where appropriate includes a branch register;

"Registered Office" means the registered office for the time being of the Company;

"Related Body Corporate" and **"Subsidiary"** have the same meanings as in the Corporations Act;

"Representative" means a representative appointed by a Member in accordance with section 250D of the Corporations Act;

"RSE" means a registrable superannuation entity, as that term is defined by the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth);

"Seal" includes the common seal of the Company and duplicate seal of the Company;

"Secretary" means a person appointed as a secretary of the Company, and where appropriate includes an acting secretary and a person appointed by the Directors to perform all or any of the duties of a secretary of the Company;

"Share" means share in the capital of the Company.

"Superannuation Law" means the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth), the Corporations Act, the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Cth), the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth) and any law of Australia or a State or Territory of Australia which:

- (a) must be satisfied for an RSE of which the Company is the trustee to secure or better secure a tax concession or benefit for the RSE or to avoid a penalty, detriment or disadvantage to the RSE or the Company; or
- (b) applies to the Company as a trustee of a RSE.

Interpretation

1.2 In this Constitution unless the contrary intention appears:

- (a) the word person includes a firm, a body corporate, an unincorporated association or an authority;
- (b) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (c) where a word or phrase is given a particular meaning, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of that word or phrase have corresponding meanings;

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- (d) a reference to writing includes typewriting, printing, telegram, facsimile and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form; and
 - (e) a reference to a section is a reference to a section of the Corporations Act; and
 - (f) a reference to legislation or to a provision of legislation, means that legislation or that provision as varied, consolidated or replaced from time to time, or any statute, code or provision enacted in its place, and includes regulations and other instruments under it.

1.3 Headings are inserted for convenience and are not to affect the interpretation of this Constitution.

1.4 Powers conferred on the Parent Company, the Company, the Directors, a Committee of Directors, a Director or a Member may be exercised at any time and from time to time.

1.5 The provisions of the Corporations Act that apply as replaceable rules are displaced by this Constitution and accordingly do not apply to the Company.

Notice from Parent Company

1.6 The Parent Company may exercise a power or give its consent or a direction for a purpose under this Constitution by resolution of its Directors or by notice in writing:

- (a) under its common seal; or
- (b) signed by:
 - (i) the chairman of directors of the Parent Company; or
 - (ii) a managing director of the Parent Company or
 - (iii) a company secretary of the Parent Company; or
 - (iv) any other person authorised in that behalf either generally or in a particular case by notice in writing in accordance with paragraph (a) or subparagraph (b)(i), (ii) or (iii) of Article 1.6,

delivered to or sent by facsimile addressed to the Company at its Registered Office and marked for the attention of the Chairman or the Secretary or handed to the Chairman of a general meeting or a meeting of the Directors.

This Article does not limit the right of the Parent Company to authorise a person to be its representative under the Corporations Act or the actions which a person so authorised may take.

1.7 A notice under Article 1.6 takes effect on and from:

- (a) the time at which it is received at the Registered Office or is handed to the Chairman of the relevant meeting, as the case may be; or
- (b) if a later time is specified in the notice for that purpose, that later time.

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- 1.8 Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 6, 7 and 8, at any time when the Company has only one Member, the Company may pass a resolution in accordance with section 249B of the Corporations Act.

2 SHARES

Issue of Shares and grant of options

- 2.1 Subject to the Corporations Act, this Constitution, any special rights conferred on the holders of any Shares or class of Shares and the prior consent of the Parent Company:
- (a) all unissued Shares are under the control of the Directors;
 - (b) the Directors may allot or otherwise dispose of them with such preferred, deferred or other rights and subject to such restrictions as to dividends, voting, return of capital, payment of calls or otherwise to such persons, on such terms and at such issue price as they think fit;
 - (c) the Directors may on the issue of Shares differentiate between the holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the times of payment; and
 - (d) the Directors may grant to any person an option over Shares on such terms and during such time and for such consideration as they think fit.

Preference Shares

- 2.2 The Company may not issue any preference Shares nor may any issued Shares be converted into preference Shares unless the rights of the holders of the preference Shares with respect to repayment of capital, participation in surplus assets and profits, cumulative or non-cumulative dividends, voting, and priority of payment of capital and dividends in relation to other Shares or other classes of preference Shares are set out in this Constitution.
- 2.3 Subject to the Corporations Act and the prior consent of the Parent Company, the Company may issue preference Shares which are, or at the option of the Company are, liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as set out in Article 2A.

2A REDEEMABLE PREFERENCE SHARES

- 2A.1 In this Article the following definitions apply despite any other provision in these Articles unless the context requires otherwise.

Dividend means a non-cumulative, preferential dividend of such amount as the Directors may from time to time declare or determine is payable in respect of Redeemable Preference Shares.

Dividend Payment Date means the dividend payment date or dates determined from time to time by the Directors.

Holder means the holder of a Redeemable Preference Share.

Redeemable Preference Share means a non-cumulative, non-participating redeemable preference share allotted on the terms set out in this Article 2A.

Redemption Date means, in relation to a Redeemable Preference Share, the redemption date determined at any time by the Directors.

Redemption Amount means the aggregate of the following amounts calculated in relation to any Redeemable Preference Share at the Redemption Date or on a winding up of the Company:

- (a) the issue price of the Redeemable Preference Share; and
 - (b) any Dividend due and payable in accordance with this Article.
- 2A.2 Upon the Directors, in respect of ordinary Shares, declaring a dividend or determining that a dividend is payable, fixing the amount and the time for payment and authorising the payment or crediting of the dividend in accordance with Article 20, the Directors may (but are not required to) declare a Dividend or determine that a Dividend is payable, fix the amount and the time for payment and authorise the payment or crediting by the Company to, or at the direction of, each Holder entitled thereto of that Dividend in respect of Redeemable Preference Shares (which for the avoidance of doubt, may occur at the same time as Directors are making similar declarations or determinations in relation to shares issued as contemplated by Article 2B).
- 2A.3 A Holder will rank *pari passu* with the holders of all other preference shares issued by the Company, but in priority to all other Members, in respect of payment of all unpaid Dividends. A Holder will not further participate in the profits or assets of the Company except as provided in Article 2A.4.
- 2A.4 If the Company is wound up, a Holder will be paid the Redemption Amount in cash for each Redeemable Preference Share, equally in ranking to the holders of all other preference shares issued by the Company, but in priority to all other Members.
- 2A.5 A Holder is entitled to receive a copy of any report or accounts (including balance sheets and profit and loss accounts) prepared in compliance with the Corporations Act and receive notice of and attend, in person or by proxy or Representative, any general meeting of the Company.
- 2A.6 The voting rights of Holders are as follows:
- (a) on a show of hands, each Holder present in person or by proxy or Representative has one vote; and
 - (b) on a poll, each Holder present in person has one vote for each Redeemable Preference Share held by the Holder and each person present as proxy or Representative of a Holder has one vote for each Redeemable Preference Share held by the Holder that the person represents.
- 2A.7 Subject to the Corporations Act, each Redeemable Preference Share shall be redeemed by payment in cash to the Holder of the Redemption Amount by the Company on the Redemption Date.
- 2A.8 On redemption of the Redeemable Preference Share, the Holder shall deliver concurrently to the Company the share certificate. If the share certificate has been lost or destroyed the Holder shall deliver concurrently to the Company a statement in writing by the Holder that:

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- (a) the certificate has been lost or destroyed;
 - (b) the certificate has not been pledged, sold or otherwise disposed of; and
 - (c) if lost, that proper searches have been made.

The Holder shall also deliver an undertaking in writing that if the share certificate is found or received by the Holder it will be returned to the Company.

2A.9 If a Holder does not deliver the share certificate or a statement and undertaking as provided in Article 2A.8 on redemption of a Redeemable Preference Share, the redemption of the Redeemable Preference Share will not be prejudiced or affected. In that event the Company shall pay the Redemption Amount into a bank account established solely for the purpose of holding those moneys. The moneys will be held by the Company on trust for that Holder and paid (without interest) to the Holder immediately after the share certificate or statement and undertaking, as provided in Article 2A.8, is delivered.

2A.10 Until all the Redeemable Preference Shares have been redeemed no further shares may be issued ranking in any respect in priority to or equally with the Redeemable Preference Shares unless all the Holders of the Redeemable Preference Shares in each class consent in writing.

2B NON-REDEEMABLE PREFERENCE SHARES

2B.1 In this Article the following definitions apply despite any other provision in these Articles unless the context requires otherwise.

Dividend means a non-cumulative, preferential dividend of such amount as the Directors may from time to time declare or determine is payable in respect of Non-Redeemable Preference Shares.

Dividend Payment Date means the dividend payment date or dates determined from time to time by the Directors.

Non-Redeemable Preference Share means a non-cumulative, non-participating non-redeemable preference share allotted on the terms set out in this Article 2B.

Preference Share Holder means the holder of a Non-Redeemable Preference Share.

Winding Up Amount means the aggregate of the following amounts calculated in relation to any Non-Redeemable Preference Share on a winding up of the Company:

- (a) the issue price of the Non-Redeemable Preference Share; and
- (b) any Dividend due and payable in accordance with this Article.

2B.2 Upon the Directors, in respect of ordinary Shares, declaring a dividend or determining that a dividend is payable, fixing the amount and the time for payment and authorising the payment or crediting of the dividend in accordance with Article 20, the Directors may (but

are not required to) declare a Dividend or determine that a Dividend is payable, fix the amount and the time for payment and authorise the payment or crediting by the Company to, or at the direction of, each Preference Share Holder entitled thereto of that Dividend in respect of Non-Redeemable Preference Shares (which for the avoidance of doubt, may occur at the same time as Directors are making similar declarations or determinations in relation to shares issued as contemplated by Article 2A).

- 2B.3 A Preference Share Holder will rank *pari passu* with the holders of all other preference shares issued by the Company, but in priority to all other Members, in respect of payment of all unpaid Dividends. A Preference Share Holder will not further participate in the profits or assets of the Company except as provided in Article 2B.4.
- 2B.4 If the Company is wound up, a Preference Share Holder will be paid the Winding Up Amount in cash for each Non-Redeemable Preference Share, equally in ranking to the holders of all other preference shares issued by the Company, but in priority to all other Members.
- 2B.5 A Preference Share Holder is entitled to receive a copy of any report or accounts (including balance sheets and profit and loss accounts) prepared in compliance with the Corporations Act and receive notice of and attend, in person or by proxy or Representative, any general meeting of the Company.
- 2B.6 The voting rights of Preference Share Holders are as follows:
- (a) on a show of hands, each Preference Share Holder present in person or by proxy or Representative has one vote; and
 - (b) on a poll, each Preference Share Holder present in person has one vote for each Non-Redeemable Preference Share held by the Preference Share Holder and each person present as proxy or Representative of a Preference Share Holder has one vote for each Non-Redeemable Preference Share held by the Preference Share Holder that the person represents.
- 2B.7 No further Shares may be issued ranking in any respect in priority to or equally with the Non-Redeemable Preference Shares unless all the Preference Share Holders of the Non-Redeemable Preference Shares in each class consent in writing.

3 TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 3.1 A transfer of Shares must not be registered unless there has been lodged with the Company a proper instrument of transfer duly stamped if necessary, executed by the transferor and by the transferee.
- 3.2 The transferor remains the holder of the Shares and the Member in respect of them until the name of the transferee is entered in the Register.

Instruments of transfer

- 3.3 Subject to any applicable law an instrument of transfer must be in a usual or common form or in any other form acceptable to the Directors and must be delivered to the Company for registration accompanied by the certificate for the Shares to be transferred.

Restrictions on transfer

- 3.4 The Directors may not register a transfer of Shares except with the prior consent of the Parent Company and shall register a transfer of Shares if required to do so in writing by the Parent Company.

4 AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

- 4.1 The Company in general meeting may alter the provisions of this Constitution in accordance with the Corporations Act.

5 BORROWING POWERS

- 5.1 The Directors may exercise all the Company's powers to borrow and raise money and secure any debts, liabilities, contracts or obligations incurred or undertaken by the Company in such manner and on such terms as they think fit and in particular may accept deposits, issue perpetual or redeemable debentures and give a Charge or other security over the whole or any part of the Company's undertaking and property (present and future) including its uncalled and called but unpaid capital for the time being.
- 5.2 Debentures and other securities may be made assignable free from any equities between the Company and the holder for the time being and may be issued at a discount, premium or otherwise and with any special rights as to redemption, surrender, drawings, allotment of Shares, attending and voting at general meetings of the Company, appointment of Directors or otherwise.

6 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 6.1 The Directors may convene a general meeting whenever they think fit and shall do so whenever requested by the Parent Company.

Notice of general meeting

- 6.2 Subject to the provisions of the Corporations Act as to short notice, not less than 21 days' notice of a general meeting must be given in writing to each Member entitled to vote at the meeting and each Director.
- 6.3 A notice convening a meeting of the Company or of any class of Members must specify such matters as are required by the Corporations Act.

Auditor's and Directors' rights to attend general meetings

- 6.4 The Auditor or an agent authorised by the Auditor in writing for the purpose is entitled to attend any general meeting, to receive all notices of and other communications relating to any general meeting which a Member is entitled to receive and to be heard at any general meeting on any part of the business of the meeting which concerns the Auditor in that capacity, and is entitled to be heard notwithstanding that the Auditor retires at that meeting or a resolution to remove the Auditor from office is passed at that meeting.
- 6.5 A Director is entitled to attend any general meeting and any separate meeting of the holders of any class of Shares, to receive all notices of and other communications relating to any such meeting which a Member or the holder of any class of Shares is entitled to receive and to be heard at any such meeting on any part of the business of the meeting.

Cancellation or postponement of general meeting

- 6.6 Where a general meeting (including an annual general meeting but excluding a meeting convened on a requisition or by requisitionists in accordance with the Corporations Act) is convened by the Directors, they may, whenever they think fit cancel the meeting or postpone the holding of the meeting to a date and time determined by them.
- 6.7 Written notice of postponement of a general meeting must be given to all persons entitled to receive notices of general meetings from the Company at least three days before the date for which the meeting is convened and must specify the reason for postponement.

7 PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Business of annual general meeting

- 7.1 Where the Corporations Act requires an annual general meeting, the annual general meeting of the Company is to be held in accordance with the Corporations Act and may include, as ordinary business, the business referred to in section 250R of the Corporations Act.
- 7.2 The Directors shall lay before the annual general meeting the accounts of the Company made up to the end of the financial year next before such annual general meeting. The accounts shall be prepared in conformity with the applicable laws and regulations in force from time to time.

Special business

- 7.3 All business other than that referred to in Article 7.2 which is transacted at an annual general meeting and all business transacted at any other general meeting is special business.

Quorum

- 7.4 Subject to Article 7.7, one Member present in person or by proxy or Representative is a quorum at a general meeting.
- 7.5 An item of business may not be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to consider it, but if a quorum is present at the beginning of a meeting it is to be deemed present throughout the meeting unless the Chairman of the meeting of the Chairman's own motion or at the instance of a Member, proxy or Representative who is present otherwise declares.
- 7.6 If within 15 minutes after the time appointed for a meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting stands adjourned to the same day in the next week and the same time and place, or to such other day, time and place as the Directors appoint by notice to the Members and others entitled to notice of the meeting.
- 7.7 At any such adjourned meeting one Member present in person or by proxy or Representative is a quorum and, if a quorum is not present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for the adjourned meeting, the meeting is dissolved.

Chairman

- 7.8 The Chairman is entitled to preside at general meetings, but if the Chairman is not present and able and willing to act within 15 minutes after the time appointed for a meeting or has signified an intention not to be present and able and willing to act, the following may preside (in order of entitlement): the Deputy Chairman, a Director chosen by a majority of the Directors present, the only Director present, a Member, proxy or Representative chosen by a majority of the Members, proxies and Representatives present.
- 7.9 If there is an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting has both on a show of hands and at a poll, a casting vote in addition to any votes to which the Chairman is entitled as a Member or proxy or Representative of a Member. The Chairman has a discretion both as to whether or not to use the casting vote and as to the way in which it is used.

How questions decided

- 7.10 Every question submitted to a meeting is to be decided by a show of hands, unless before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands a poll is demanded by the Chairman of the meeting or any Member present in person or by proxy or Representative and having the right to vote at the meeting, and the demand for the poll is not withdrawn.
- 7.11 Unless a poll is so demanded and the demand is not withdrawn, a declaration by the Chairman of the meeting that the motion has been carried or carried unanimously or without dissent or by a particular majority or lost and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting are conclusive evidence of that and it is not necessary to prove the number or proportion of votes cast in favour of or against the motion.

Adjournment

- 7.12 The Chairman of a meeting may with the consent of the meeting adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but the only business that may be transacted at an adjourned meeting is the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place and section 249W applies.

8 VOTES OF MEMBERS

Number of votes

- 8.1 Subject to the rights and any restrictions attached to or affecting any Shares:
- (a) on a show of hands, each Member present in person or by proxy or Representative has one vote; and
 - (b) on a poll, each Member present in person has one vote for each Share held by the Member and each person present as proxy or Representative of a Member has one vote for each Share held by the Member that the person represents.

Right to appoint proxy

- 8.2 A Member entitled to attend at a meeting of the Company or of any class of Members is entitled to appoint not more than two other persons (whether Members or not) as proxy or proxies to attend in the Member's place at the meeting and a proxy has the same right as the Member to speak and vote at the meeting, and if a Member appoints two proxies:

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- (a) the appointment is of no effect unless each proxy is appointed to represent a specified proportion or number of the Member's voting rights; and
 - (b) neither proxy is entitled to vote on a show of hands.

Instrument of proxy

- 8.3 An instrument appointing a proxy must be in writing under the hand of the appointor or of the appointor's attorney duly authorised in writing or if the appointor is a body corporate under its common or official seal or the hand of its attorney so authorised and, if and to the extent that the Directors permit, may be in respect of more than one meeting.
- 8.4 An instrument appointing a proxy must be in a form acceptable to the Directors generally or in a particular case.

Written resolutions

- 8.5 A resolution in writing signed or approved by letter or facsimile transmission by or on behalf of all the Members or all the holders of a class of Shares (as the case may be) for the time being entitled to vote on the relevant resolution shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a general meeting of the Company or a separate meeting of such class (as the case may be) duly convened and held and when signed or approved may consist of several documents each signed or approved by one or more of the persons aforesaid and shall be deemed to have been passed at the time the resolution was last signed or approved as aforesaid.
- 8.6 In the case of a Member which is a corporation the signature of any Director or the secretary of that corporation or, in the case of a Share registered in the name of joint holders, the signature of any one or more of them, shall be deemed to be and shall be accepted as the signature of the Member concerned for all purposes including the signature of any form of proxy and the signature of any resolution in writing or other document signed or approved pursuant to Article 8.5.

9 DIRECTORS

Number of Directors

- 9.1 The number of Directors must not be less than three.

No share qualification

- 9.2 A Director does not require a share qualification.

Appointment

- 9.3 The Parent Company may by notice to the Company appoint a person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director. Subject to Articles 9.6 and 12.1, a person appointed as a Director under this Article 9.3 or Article 9.5 who is not a full-time employee of the Parent Company or of a subsidiary of the Parent Company holds that office for the term of three years from the date of appointment, or such other term that may be determined by the Directors, but is eligible for re-appointment under this Constitution from the expiration of that term.

9.4 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Constitution, Articles 9.3 and 12.1(a) are not to apply to Directors already holding office as Directors at the date on which this Constitution comes into operation.

9.5 The Directors may with the approval of the Parent Company appoint a person as a Director to fill a casual vacancy.

Removal

9.6 The Parent Company may by notice to the Company remove any Director from office.

10 REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

10.1 A Director is entitled to be paid out of the funds of the Company as remuneration for services as a Director such sum accruing from day to day as the Parent Company determines.

10.2 If a Director, at the request of the Directors or of the Parent Company, performs additional or special duties for the Company, the Company may remunerate that Director by payment of a fixed sum or salary to be determined by the Parent Company and that remuneration may be either in addition to or in substitution for that Director's remuneration under Article 10.1.

10.3 A Director is also entitled to be reimbursed out of the funds of the Company such reasonable travelling, accommodation and other expenses as the Director may incur when travelling to or from meetings of the Directors or a Committee or when otherwise engaged on the business of the Company.

10.4 Notwithstanding Article 10.1 or 10.2, unless otherwise determined by the Parent Company, no remuneration is to be paid by the Company to a Director who is a Director of the Parent Company.

11 RETIREMENT BENEFIT

11.1 A Director or former Director may with the prior consent of the Parent Company be paid a retirement benefit, as determined by the Directors, in accordance with the Corporations Act.

11.2 A retirement benefit includes any pension, gratuity or other benefit paid in consequence of or in connection with the death of the Director or loss by the Director of, or resignation by the Director from, the office of Director, or the termination of the Director's employment by the Company or any Related Body Corporate of the Company.

11.3 Where a retirement benefit is payable in consequence of the death of a Director the payment may be made to the Director's widow, widower or children or other person or persons who, in the opinion of the Directors, is or are at the time of the Director's death financially dependent on the Director, or to such of them and in such shares as the Directors determine.

11.4 The Company and the Director may enter into a contract for the purpose of providing for or giving effect to the payment of a retirement benefit in accordance with Article 11. The Directors may contribute to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such retirement benefit.

12 VACATION OF OFFICE AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Vacation of office

12.1 The office of a Director is automatically vacated:

- (a) in the case of a Director who is not a full-time employee of the Parent Company or of a Subsidiary of the Parent Company (other than a Director covered by Article 9.4), on the expiration of three years from the date of the Director's appointment unless:
 - (i) the office of that Director has been vacated beforehand by the operation of Article 12.1(c); or
 - (ii) on or before the expiration of that period that Director has been reappointed under Article 9.3 or 9.5;
- (b) in the case of a Director who is a full-time employee of the Parent Company or of a Subsidiary of the Parent Company, on the termination of that full-time employment, unless:
 - (i) the office of that Director has been vacated beforehand by the operation of Article 12.1(c); or
 - (ii) on or before the termination of that full-time employment, that Director has been reappointed under Article 9.3 or 9.5 for the period referred to in Article 12.1(a);
- (c) if the Director:
 - (i) ceases to be a Director by virtue of, or becomes prohibited from being a Director because of an order made under, the Corporations Act or Superannuation Law;
 - (ii) becomes bankrupt or insolvent or makes an arrangement or composition with creditors of the Director's joint or separate estate generally;
 - (iii) becomes of unsound mind or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with in any way under a law relating to mental health;
 - (iv) resigns office by notice in writing to the Company;
 - (v) without the prior written consent of the Parent Company accepts or holds office in a corporation which carries on banking, superannuation or a related business and is not the Parent Company or a Related Body Corporate of the Parent Company; or
 - (vi) is removed from office by the Parent Company in accordance with Article 9.6.

Director's interests

12.2 A Director may not be present during the consideration of, and may not vote in respect of, any contract or other matter in which the Director has a material personal interest, unless a resolution is passed by Directors who do not have a material personal interest in the matter:

- (a) identifying the Director, the nature and extent of the Director's interest in the matter and its relation to the affairs of the Company; and
- (b) stating that those Directors are satisfied that the interest should not disqualify the Director from voting or being present.

12.3 No Director is disqualified by the Director's office and the fiduciary relationship established by it from holding any office or place of profit, other than that of Auditor, in the Company (or in any Related Body Corporate). Any Director may, subject to the Corporations Act:

- (a) be or become a director of or otherwise hold office or a place of profit in any other company promoted by the Company (or by any Related Body Corporate) or in which the Company (or any Related Body Corporate) may be interested as vendor, shareholder or otherwise;
- (b) contract or make any arrangement with the Company (or with any Related Body Corporate) whether as vendor, purchaser, broker, solicitor or accountant or other professional person or otherwise and any contract or arrangement entered or to be entered into by or on behalf of the Company (or any Related Body Corporate) in which any Director is in any way interested is not avoided for that reason; and
- (c) participate in any association, institution, fund, trust or scheme for past or present employees or Directors of the Company (or of any Related Body Corporate) or any of their respective predecessors in business or their dependants or persons connected with them.

12.4 Any Director who:

- (a) holds any office or place of profit under the Company (or under any Related Body Corporate);
- (b) holds any office or place of profit referred to in Article 12.3(a);
- (c) is involved in a contract or arrangement referred to in Article 12.3(b); or
- (d) participates in an association or otherwise under Article 12.3(c),

is not by reason only of any of those facts or any interest resulting from it or the fiduciary relationship established by it liable to account to the Company for any remuneration or other benefits accruing from it.

12.5 A Director or a Director's firm may act in a professional capacity, other than as Auditor, for the Company (or for any Related Body Corporate) and a Director or a Director's firm is entitled to remuneration for professional services as if the relevant Director was not a Director.

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- 12.6 Each Director must disclose that Director's interests to the Company.
- 12.7 Directors may vote in respect of a contract for insurance of the Company or its officers against a liability incurred by officers as officers of the Company (or any Related Body Corporate).
- 12.8 For the purposes of Article 12.6:
- (a) a general notice given to the Directors that a Director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the Director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified; and
 - (b) an interest of which a Director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect the Director to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of the Director.
- 12.9 An interested Director may attest the affixing of the Seal to a contract or any other document or, as a Director, sign any contract or other document which is executed by the Company as a Deed or otherwise.
- 12.10 In Article 12, where the context admits, "contract" includes an arrangement and a proposed contract or arrangement.

13 POWERS OF DIRECTORS

- 13.1 The management of the business of the Company is vested in the Directors and they may exercise all such powers and do all such things as the Company is by its Constitution or otherwise authorised to exercise and do and are not by this Constitution or by statute required to be exercised or done by the Company in general meeting, subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Corporations Act and of this Constitution, but the Directors may not sell or dispose of the Company's main undertaking without the prior written consent of the Parent Company.
- 13.2 In the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their duties (including in the implementation of the Company's policies and plans) the Directors shall have regard to:
- (a) policies in the areas of accounting, human resources, information technology, treasury operations, risk management and compliance ; and
 - (b) strategic plans and operational plans,
- notified to the Company by the Parent Company from time to time (to the extent that taking account of those policies and plans would not be inconsistent with any legal obligations applicable to the Company or the Directors in their capacity as directors of the Company).
- 13.3 For as long as the Company is a trustee of a RSE:
- (a) neither the Company nor the Directors may be subject to direction by the Parent Company in relation to matters which are being decided by the Company in its capacity as a trustee;

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- (b) the Directors in the exercise of their powers and discharge of their duties (including their duty under section 181 of the Corporations Act), are authorised to determine that the Company charge fees to beneficiaries of the RSE:
- (i) provided that the amount of the fee charged is consistent with the governing rules of the RSE; and
 - (ii) subject to the Directors being able to, following consultation in accordance with Article 13.3(c)(ii), determine that the Company will not charge all or part of a fee if the charging of all or part of a fee would reduce or adversely affect the Company's superannuation business; and
- (c) upon reasonable request by the Parent Company, the Directors must consult with the Parent Company in relation to:
- (i) the business plan of the Company;
 - (ii) the exercise of any power held by the Company under the governing rules of the RSE to adjust any fee charged by the Company;
 - (iii) the Company's strategy concerning the funding, management and ongoing replenishment of the operational risk financial reserve that is held as capital of the Company; and
 - (iv) the policies or plans referred to in Article 13.2 that are inconsistent with any legal obligations applicable to the Company or the Directors in their capacity as directors of the Company.
- 13.4 A person dealing with the Company is not to be concerned to see or enquire as to whether the powers of the Directors have been in any way restricted hereunder or as to whether any requisite consent of the Parent Company has been obtained and no obligation incurred or security given or transaction effected by the Company to or with any third party is invalid or ineffectual unless the third party had at the time express notice that the incurring of such obligation or the giving of such security or the effecting of such transaction was in excess of the powers of the Directors.
- 13.5 A Director, in discharging his or her duties or exercising his or her powers as a Director, is authorised to act in the best interests of each holding company of the Company as contemplated by section 187 of the Corporations Act (except to the extent that this would be inconsistent with any other legal obligation binding on the Company or the Directors in their capacity as directors of the Company).
- 13.6 For as long as the Company is a trustee of a RSE, this Constitution is subject to Superannuation Law and to the extent that there is any inconsistency between Superannuation Law and a provision of this Constitution:
- (a) the requirement of Superannuation Law prevails;
 - (b) to the extent possible, the inconsistent provision of this Constitution must be read down, changed, construed or severed to avoid the inconsistency; and

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- (c) to the extent that the inconsistency cannot be avoided, the inconsistent provision of this Constitution will be of no effect and will not affect the remainder of the Constitution.

14 PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

Meetings

- 14.1 The Directors may meet for the dispatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings as they think fit.

Quorum

- 14.2 Until otherwise determined by the Directors two Directors are a quorum.
- 14.3 A Director who has a material personal interest in respect of any contract or other matter to be considered at a meeting of Directors is not to be counted in a quorum for the meeting of Directors which will consider that contract or matter, unless the Director is entitled to be present and vote in respect of the contract or matter in which they have a material personal interest pursuant to Article 12.2.

Effect of vacancy

- 14.4 The continuing Directors may act notwithstanding a vacancy in their number but, if and so long as their number is reduced below the minimum fixed by Article 9.1, the continuing Directors may, except in an emergency, act only for the purpose of filling vacancies in accordance with Article 9.5 to the extent necessary to bring their number up to that minimum or of summoning a general meeting.

Convening meetings

- 14.5 A Director may whenever the Director considers fit, and the Secretary on the request of a Director shall, convene a meeting of the Directors by giving reasonable notice to each person who is at the time of giving the notice a Director, other than a Director who is not within a reasonable period (having regard to the circumstances) reasonably contactable.

Appointment of proxy

- 14.6 A Director may attend and vote by proxy at a meeting of the Directors if the proxy is a Director and has been appointed by writing under the hand of the appointor or by telegram, facsimile transmission or other form of visible communication from the appointor. Such an appointment may be general or for any particular meeting or meetings.

Chairman and Deputy Chairman

- 14.7 The Directors shall elect a Chairman and may elect a Deputy Chairman and may determine the period during which each is to hold office.
- 14.8 The Chairman or Deputy Chairman may be removed from that office by a resolution of the Directors of which not less than 14 days' notice has been given to all the Directors other than a Director who is not within a reasonable period (having regard to the circumstances) reasonably contactable.

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- 14.9 The Chairman is entitled to preside at meetings of the Directors but, if the Chairman is not present and able and willing to act within 15 minutes after the time appointed for a meeting or has signified an intention not to be present and able and willing to act, the following may preside (in order of entitlement): the Deputy Chairman, a Director chosen by a majority of the Directors present.

How questions decided

- 14.10 Questions arising at a meeting of the Directors are to be decided by a majority of votes.

Committees

- 14.11 The Directors may delegate any of their powers to Committees consisting of such Director or Directors as they think fit and may revoke that delegation.
- 14.12 A Committee in the exercise of the powers so delegated is to conform to any regulations imposed by the Directors.
- 14.13 Subject to Article 14.12, the meetings and proceedings of a Committee consisting of two or more Directors are governed by the provisions of this Constitution as to the meetings and proceedings of the Directors so far as they are applicable.

Delegation of powers

- 14.14 The Directors may from time to time and at any time delegate to any person or persons any of the powers, authorities and discretions for the time being vested in the Directors and the Directors may at any time annul or vary any delegation.

Written resolutions

- 14.15 A resolution in writing signed or approved by letter or facsimile transmission by all the Directors or all the members of a Committee in either case being at least a quorum:
- (a) other than a Director or member of a Committee who is not within a reasonable period (having regard to the circumstances) reasonably contactable;
 - (b) other than any Director who disqualifies himself or herself from considering the resolution in question on the grounds that he or she is not entitled at law to do so or has a conflict of interest; and
 - (c) other than any Director who the Directors reasonably believe is not entitled at law to consider the resolution in question,

is as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors or of that Committee duly called and constituted at the time the resolution was last signed and may consist of several documents in like form each signed or approved by one or more of the Directors or members of that Committee.

Use of Technology

- 14.16 A Directors' meeting or a meeting of a Committee may be called or held by telephone or video conference or by using any other electronic means or technology consented to by

each Director. The consent may be a standing one. A Director may only withdraw consent within a reasonable time before the meeting.

- 14.17 The contemporaneous linking together by telephone or video conference or by any other electronic means or technology, of a number of the Directors sufficient to constitute a quorum, constitutes a meeting of the Directors and the rules relating to meetings of the Directors apply, so far as they can and with such changes as are necessary.
- 14.18 A Director participating in a meeting by telephone or video conference or by any other electronic means or technology is to be taken to be present in person at the meeting.
- 14.19 A meeting by telephone or video conference or by any other electronic means or technology is to be taken to be held at the place determined by the Chairman of the meeting provided that at least 1 of the Directors involved was at that place for the duration of the meeting.

Validity of acts of Directors

- 14.20 All acts of the Directors, a Committee or a person acting as a Director or Committee or member of a Committee are valid notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment, election or qualification of them or any of them or that they or any of them were disqualified or had vacated office.

15 MANAGING AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Appointment and removal

- 15.1 The Directors may with the prior approval of the Parent Company appoint one or more of their number to the office of Managing Director or Executive Director either for a fixed term or without limitation as to period of appointment but not for life, and may with like approval remove a person so appointed and appoint another instead.
- 15.2 A Managing Director or Executive Director, subject to the provisions of any contract with the Company and/or the Parent Company, is subject to the same provisions as to resignation and removal as the other Directors and automatically ceases to be a Managing Director or Executive Director on ceasing to be a Director.

Remuneration

- 15.3 The Directors may with the prior approval of the Parent Company determine the remuneration of a Managing Director or Executive Director.

Powers

- 15.4 The Directors may with the prior approval of the Parent Company confer on a Managing Director or Executive Director such of the powers conferred on the Directors by this Constitution, for such time, to be exercised for such purposes, on such terms and with such restrictions as they think fit and all or any of those powers may be conferred collaterally with but not to the exclusion of the powers of the Directors and may with the like approval be revoked or varied by the Directors.

15A AVOIDANCE OF CONFLICTS OF DUTIES FOR COMMON DIRECTORS

15A.1 The Directors may take the steps set out in Article 15A.2, on a reciprocal basis in respect of the Company and a Related Body Corporate within the NAB Group that is the trustee of a superannuation entity ("**Other Company**"), if:

- (a) the Company and the Other Company have the same Directors;
- (b) the Other Company's Constitution contains provisions identical to this Article 15A ("**Equivalent Provisions**");
- (c) the Directors owe duties to:
 - (i) the Company ("**First Duties**");
 - (ii) the Other Company ("**Second Duties**");
 - (iii) the beneficiaries of a superannuation entity of which the Company is trustee ("**Third Duties**"); and
 - (iv) the beneficiaries of a superannuation entity of which the Other Company is trustee ("**Fourth Duties**");
- (d) the Directors believe in good faith that, in relation to a transaction or circumstances or a class of transactions or circumstances concerning the Company and Other Company ("**Conflict Occasion**"), there is an actual conflict, or a real sensible possibility of a conflict, between:
 - (i) the First Duties and either the Second Duties or the Fourth Duties; or
 - (ii) the Third Duties and the Fourth Duties;
- (e) the Directors believe in good faith that, in order to ensure that the Company's decisions in relation to the Conflict Occasion are not tainted by any conflict:
 - (i) it is in the best interests of the Company, the Other Company and each holding company of the Company (including the Company's ultimate holding company) to take those steps; and
 - (ii) it is also in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the superannuation entities of which the Company and the Other Company are trustees to take those steps; and
- (f) the Equivalent Provision corresponding to paragraphs 15A.1(d) and (e) of this Article are satisfied.

15A.2 If the conditions in this Article 15A are satisfied, the Directors may:

- (a) constitute a Committee of the Board composed of Directors who are not members of the corresponding committee of the directors of the Other Company ("**Conflicted Matter Committee**");
- (b) delegate all or any of their powers in relation to the Conflict Occasion, to the exclusion of the board of Directors as a whole (but subject to the Board's power to revoke the delegation), to the Conflicted Matter Committee;

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- (c) give directions to the Conflicted Matter Committee that:
- (i) subject to sub-paragraphs 15A.2(c)(ii) and (iii) of this Article, they are to act in relation to the Conflict Occasion in the best interests of the Company and its holding companies and the NAB Group; and
 - (ii) they are to exercise a reasonable degree of care and diligence for the purpose of ensuring that the Company carries out its duties with respect to beneficiaries of superannuation entities of which the Company is trustee; and
 - (iii) if and to the extent that the interests of the beneficiaries of superannuation entities of which the Company is trustee are inconsistent or in conflict with the best interests of the Company, they are to give priority to the interests of the beneficiaries.

15A.3 If the conditions of the Equivalent Provision corresponding to Article 15A.1 are satisfied and the steps set out in the Equivalent Provision corresponding to Article 15A.2 are taken, then the Directors who are the members of the Conflicted Matter Committee of the Other Company will be taken to have discharged their duty to:

- (a) act in good faith in the best interests of the Company; and
- (b) avoid a conflict between their duty to act in good faith in the best interests of the Company and any duty they may owe to any other person.

15A.4 A decision of the Conflicted Matter Committee is taken to be made if it is made with unanimous approval of the members of the Conflicted Matter Committee.

15A.5 In this Article, ("**NAB Group**") means the Parent Company and those of its subsidiaries in which the Parent Company holds, whether directly or through one or more interposed entities, 100% of the issued share capital.

16 ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

16.1 Subject to the Corporations Act, a Director ("**appointor**") may by writing under the appointor's hand or by telegram, facsimile or other form of visible communication, appoint a person approved by the Parent Company to act as an Alternate Director in the appointor's place whether for a stated period or periods or until the happening of a specified event or from time to time.

16.2 An Alternate Director:

- (a) may be removed or suspended from office by the Parent Company by notice in writing under Article 1.6 or by writing under the appointor's hand or by telegram, facsimile or other form of visible communication;
- (b) subject to this Constitution is entitled to receive notice of meetings of the Directors and to attend and vote if the appointor is not present and, if also a Director, in the Alternate Director's own right or Alternate Director for another Director as well, to have a separate vote on behalf of the appointor in addition to the Alternate Director's own or that other Director's vote;

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- (c) may exercise all the powers and, subject to the Corporations Act, perform all the duties of the appointor (other than the power to appoint an Alternate Director and any additional powers and duties specifically vested in or delegated to a Managing Director or Executive Director in his capacity as such) in so far as the appointor has not exercised or performed them;
 - (d) automatically ceases to be an Alternate Director if the appointor ceases to be a Director;
 - (e) whilst acting as a Director is responsible to the Company for the Alternate Director's own acts and defaults and the appointor is not responsible for them;
 - (f) may not receive any remuneration from the Company as a Director except for any special services which in the opinion of the Directors are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a Director; and
 - (g) may not be taken into account separately from the appointor in determining the number of Directors.

17 POWERS OF ATTORNEY

- 17.1 The Directors may by revocable or irrevocable power of attorney appoint a person to be the attorney of the Company for such purposes and with such powers (not exceeding those conferred on the Directors by this Constitution) and for such period and subject to such conditions as the Directors think fit.
- 17.2 Any such appointment may be made in favour of a body corporate or of the members, Directors, nominees or managers of a body corporate or firm or in favour of any person or a fluctuating body of persons whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Directors and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection or convenience of persons dealing with the attorney as the Directors think fit.
- 17.3 Any such attorney may be authorised to sub-delegate all or any of the powers vested in that person.

18 SECRETARY

- 18.1 The Directors must appoint at least 1 Secretary and may appoint additional Secretaries.
- 18.2 A Secretary holds office on such terms and conditions, as to remuneration and otherwise, as the Directors determine.

19 AUTHENTICATION OF DOCUMENTS

Common seal

- 19.1 The Company may have a common seal.
- 19.2 If the Company has a common seal, the Directors must provide for its safe custody.

Use of common seal

- 19.3 The common seal may be used only by the authority of the Directors, or of a committee of the Directors authorised by the Directors to authorise the use of the common seal, and every document to which the common seal is affixed must be signed by a Director and be countersigned by another Director, a Secretary or another person appointed by the Directors to countersign that document or a class of documents in which that document is included.

20 DIVIDENDS AND RESERVES

Payment of dividend

- 20.1 Subject to the Corporations Act, this Constitution and the rights of persons (if any) entitled to shares with special rights to dividends, the Directors may, with the prior consent of the Parent Company, declare a dividend or determine that a dividend is payable, fix the amount and the time for payment and authorise the payment or crediting by the Company to, or at the direction of, each Member entitled thereto of that dividend.

No interest on dividends

- 20.2 Interest is not payable by the Company on a dividend.

Reserves and profits carried forward

- 20.3 The Directors may with the prior consent of the Parent Company, before declaring or paying any dividend, set aside out of the profits of the Company such sums as they think proper as reserves, to be applied, at the discretion of the Directors, for any purpose for which the profits of the Company may be properly applied.
- 20.4 Pending any such application, the reserves may, at the discretion of the Directors, be used in the business of the Company or be invested in such investments as the Directors think fit.
- 20.5 The Directors may carry forward so much of the profits remaining as they consider ought not to be distributed as dividends without transferring those profits to a reserve.

Distribution of specific assets

- 20.6 The Directors, when paying or declaring a dividend, may with the prior consent of the Parent Company direct payment of the dividend wholly or partly by distribution of specific assets, including fully paid shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other corporation.

21 CAPITALISATION

Capitalisation of reserves and profits

- 21.1 With the prior consent of the Parent Company, and subject to this Constitution, the Directors:

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- (a) may resolve to capitalise any sum, being the whole or a part of the amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve account or the profit and loss account or otherwise available for distribution to Members; and
- (b) may, but need not, resolve to apply the sum in any of the ways mentioned in Article 21.2, for the benefit of Members in the proportions to which those Members would have been entitled in a distribution of that sum by way of dividend.
- 21.2 The ways in which a sum may be applied for the benefit of Members under Article 21.1 are:
- (a) in paying up any amounts unpaid on shares held by Members;
- (b) in paying up in full unissued shares or debentures to be issued to Members as fully paid; or
- (c) partly as mentioned in paragraph (a) and partly as mentioned in paragraph (b).
- 21.3 The Directors may do all things necessary to give effect to a resolution under Article 21.1.

22 INSPECTION OF BOOKS

- 22.1 Any person authorised by the Parent Company may at any time inspect the books and documents of the Company or any of them.
- 22.2 For the avoidance of doubt, a Director may access and inspect the books of the Company as contemplated by the Corporations Act.

23 MINUTES

- 23.1 The Directors shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:
- (a) of all appointments of officers made by the Directors;
- (b) of all proceedings at meetings of the Company, of the holders of any class of shares in the Company, and of the Directors, and of Committees of Directors, including the names of the Directors present at each such meeting; and
- (c) of all resolutions of the Company.
- 23.2 The minutes of a meeting must be signed within a reasonable time by the Chairman of the meeting or the Chairman of the next meeting.
- 23.3 A minute that is recorded and signed is evidence of the proceeding or resolution to which it relates unless the contrary is proved.

24 SERVICE OF NOTICES

- 24.1 The Company may give a document to a Member or Director:
- (a) personally;

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- (b) in the case of a Member by sending it by post or by courier to the address for the Member in the Register or an alternative address nominated by the Member;
 - (c) in the case of a Director by sending it by post or by courier to the Director's usual residential or business address; or
 - (d) by sending it to a fax number or electronic address nominated by the Member or Director.
- 24.2 If a document is sent by post, delivery of the document is deemed to be effected by properly addressing, prepaying and posting a letter containing the document, and the document is deemed to have been delivered on the day after the date of its posting. If a document is sent by courier, delivery of the document is deemed to be effected by properly addressing a letter containing the document and giving that letter to a courier for immediate delivery, and the document is deemed to have been delivered on the day after it is given to the courier.
- 24.3 If a document is sent by facsimile or electronic transmission, delivery of the document is to be deemed:
- (a) to be effected by properly addressing and transmitting the facsimile or electronic transmission, and
 - (b) to have been delivered on the day following its despatch.

25 WINDING UP

Distribution of assets

- 25.1 If the Company is wound up and the assets available for distribution among the Members as such are insufficient to repay the whole of the Paid up capital, the assets must be distributed so that as nearly as may be the losses are borne by the Members in proportion to the capital Paid up or which ought to have been Paid up at the commencement of the winding up on the Shares held by them respectively.
- 25.2 If in a winding up the assets available for distribution among the Members as such are more than sufficient to repay the whole of the capital Paid up at the commencement of the winding up, the excess must be distributed among the Members in proportion to the capital Paid up or which ought to have been Paid up at the commencement of the winding up on the Shares held by them respectively.
- 25.3 Articles 25.1 and 25.2 do not add to or detract from the rights of the holders of preference Shares or other Shares issued on special terms.
- 25.4 When the Company is wound up the liquidator may with the approval of a special resolution:
- (a) distribute the whole or any part of the Company's assets (whether consisting of property of the same sort or not) in kind among some or all of the Members and for that purpose set such value as the liquidator considers fair on the property so distributed and determine how the distribution is to be carried out as between different Members or different classes of Members; and

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- (b) vest the whole or any part of the Company's assets (whether consisting of property of the same sort or not) in trustees on such trusts for the benefit of some or all of the Members or some or all of any class of Members as are sanctioned by the special resolution,

but a Member may not be compelled to accept any shares in a body corporate or other securities in respect of which there is a liability.

26 INDEMNITY

Indemnity of Directors and Secretaries

26.1 Every person who is or has been:

- (a) a Director of the Company; or
- (b) a Secretary of the Company;

is entitled to be indemnified out of the property of the Company against:

- (c) every liability incurred by the person in that capacity including, without limitation, a liability for negligence (except a liability for legal costs); and
- (d) all legal costs incurred in defending or resisting (or otherwise in connection with) proceedings, whether civil or criminal or of an administrative or investigatory nature, in which the person becomes involved because of that capacity,

unless:

- (e) the Company is forbidden by statute to indemnify the person against the liability or legal costs; or
- (f) an indemnity by the Company of the person against the liability or legal costs would, if given, be made void by statute.

Insurance

26.2 The Company may purchase and maintain insurance and may pay or agree to pay, whether directly or through an interposed entity, a premium for insurance for any person who has or has had a capacity mentioned in paragraphs (a) or (b) of Article 26.1 against liability, including, without limitation, a liability for negligence, incurred by the person in that capacity, including a liability for legal costs, unless:

- (a) the Company is forbidden by statute to pay or agree to pay the premium; or
- (b) the contract would, if the Company paid the premium, be made void by statute.

Deeds of indemnity, insurance and access to records

26.3 Without limiting an officer's rights under this Article 26, the Company may enter into a deed with a Director to give effect to the rights of the Director conferred by this Article 26 and to give a Director access to certain papers, including those documents provided from or on behalf of the Company to the Director during his appointment and those

documents which were referred to in such documents or were made available to the Director for the purpose of carrying out his or her duties or functions as a Director.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

REVIEW OF THE FOUR MAJOR BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERANNUATION SECTOR

NULIS

NU93QW:

Please provide details, including the event name, organising entity, ticket price and attendee(s) for the past decade of the tickets purchased for events and/or fundraisers for political parties or related entities, individual MPs and individual candidates for political office or the associated fundraising entities of political parties, individual MPs and individual candidates for political office.

Answer:

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NULIS has not purchased tickets for events and/or fundraisers for political parties or related entities, individual MPs and individual candidates for political office or the associated fundraising entities of political parties, individual MPs and individual candidates for political office.

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NULIS

NU94QW:

Do you currently have an art collection?

- a. If so, can you advise its current valuation?
- b. If so, can you advise where it is stored and/or exhibited?

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NULIS does not have an art collection.

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NULIS

NU95QW:

Do you engage proxy advisers?

- a. What are the terms of engagement for proxy advisers?
- b. To what extent are they empowered to act on behalf of the entity?
- c. Does their advice get provided to the board?
- d. How often is advice submitted to the board?
- e. Is their advice formally adopted by the board?
- f. Are their positions publicly stated?
- g. How does the board assess these positions concurrent with their duties as trustees and the sole purpose test?

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MSF

MSF currently acquires its listed equity asset exposure via investing in registered and unregistered unit trust vehicles where MLC Investments Limited ('MLCI') is the Responsible Entity or Trustee. As such decisions on proxy voting for listed equity assets are currently made by MLCI. NULIS is aware that MLCI votes on all listed Australian equity resolutions (except on NAB as the ultimate holding company of NULIS and MLCI) and that this is undertaken in accordance with MLCI's proxy voting policy. NULIS is aware that CGI Glass Lewis Pty Ltd ("Glass Lewis") has been appointed as MLCI's Proxy Adviser. Also in accordance with MLCI's proxy voting policy, voting of international holdings (where practicable) is delegated to MLCI's international equity managers.

MLC Wrap Funds

In relation to shares held directly by NULIS as Trustee for the MLC Wrap funds, NULIS assesses and votes on all listed Australian equity resolutions (except on NAB) in accordance with its proxy voting policy with Glass Lewis appointed as the Proxy Adviser. The terms of this engagement include the provision of proxy research services covering listed companies included in the S&P/ASX300 index.

Contentious resolutions for material holdings are referred to NULIS' Investment Committee who exercise voting rights after considering advice from NULIS' investment adviser (Three Sixty Research), including advice from Glass Lewis. For all other resolutions (immaterial & contentious and non-contentious), voting rights are exercised in line with the recommendations of Glass Lewis (for companies in the S&P/ASX 300), or the recommendations of the respective company's management (for all other ASX listed securities).

Decisions on proxy voting are made having regard to the best interest of members. A summary of all proxy voting decisions is published annually on the website.

In the event of potential conflicts of interest that may arise in exercising proxy voting responsibilities, potential conflicts will be disclosed to the NULIS Board subcommittee; in accordance with its Charter responsibilities NULIS will consider the potential conflicts and determine the appropriate response. NULIS will make appropriate disclosures to the members in accordance with its proxy voting policy. Only non-executive directors of the NULIS board may vote on the proposals that confer a financial benefit to the NAB Group or on entities controlled by the Group.

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NULIS

NU96QW:

Are you currently, or have you previously been, a member or subscriber of the ACTU Members Connect Program?

- a. If so, what is the timeframe of your membership?
- b. What has been the annual fee year-on-year?

How have you assessed its value to your members?

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NULIS is not a member or a subscriber to the ACTU Members Connect Program.