

Submission to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee supporting the 'Banking Amendment (Deposits) Bill 2020' which, if passed, will amend the Crisis Management Act (2018) to explicitly exclude deposits from any 'bail-in' in the event of banking failure.

As it stands the Crisis Management Act (2018) does not clearly exclude deposits from being taken to prop up failing banks, and a potential loophole in the wording of the legislation may put depositor's funds at risk. The government has verbally indicated that deposits would not be included in any bail-in. However, this protection of deposits should be explicitly stated within the legislation to protect deposits and to allay depositor's concerns about the ambiguity of the current legislation.

Therefore, I am writing to urge the Senate Economics Legislation Committee to support the 'Banking Amendment (Deposits) Bill 2020' which will amend the Crisis Management Act (2018) to clearly state that deposits will not be included in any 'bail-in' ordered by APRA to resolve a banking crisis.

Yours sincerely

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