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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Level 6, 100 Queen Street Melbourne Victoria Australia

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Australia and New Zealand
Banking Group Limited

(Registrant)

By:

/s/ John Priestley
Company Secretary
(Signature)*

Date 27 April 2004

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2004 Interim Results

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

27 April 2004

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SECTION 1

ANZ Interim Results

John McFarlane

Chief Executive officer

ANZ Interim Results Summary

			v Mar 03	v Sept 03
NPAT				
Headline	\$	1,396m	22%	16%
Excluding significant transactions	\$	1,312m	15%	9%
Underlying(3)	\$	1,241m	10%	4%
EPS				
		76.8cents	11%	5%
Cash EPS(1)		78.9cents	11%	5%
Dividend fully franked(2)		47cents	11%	n/a

(1). *EPS excluding significant transactions and goodwill amortisation*

(2). *March 03 dividend of 44c adjusted for bonus element of rights issue (@0.9597)*

(3). *Excludes significant items, NBNZ and adjusts base for TrUEPrS swap*

ANZ now has a strong foundation

Successful specialist business model

Model now enhanced by clustering around customers;

Personal - Key driver of future growth

Institutional - A leading business with lower risk

Corporate - Strong organic growth

Risk reduced and sustainability improved

Credit concentrations almost to optimal levels

International risk exposure contained

Business mix now more domestic and sustainable

Trading risk modest

NBNZ acquisition brings New Zealand leadership

NBNZ acquisition cash EPS accretive

Two-phase implementation plan

Integration and cost synergies are on track

Revenue attrition better than expected

Customer numbers are now growing

A low risk approach to NBNZ integration

Phase one: quick wins

RBNZ approval expected early May

Legal amalgamation into ANZ National, targeted for 30 June 2004

Maintain both brands to enhance customer retention

Rapidly integrate activities that are not systems dependent

Idea sharing already begun for franchise growth

Phase two: full integration

Full plans already submitted to RBNZ. Discussions well progressed

Systems strategy:

Domestic NZ stand-alone

International Group systems

Common systems suite in both Australia and New Zealand

Full systems integration expected by end 2005

SECTION 2

Results Review

Peter Marriott

Chief Financial Officer

A good underlying result, driven by strong income growth and improved credit quality

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Cash EPS	Cash EPS	EPS growth	EPS
71.0	75.2	11% / 5%	78.9
			Including NBNZ

** Reflects StEPS being reinvested in AUD whereas TrUEPrS was invested in USD*

Reflects loss of earnings on TrUEPrS hedge

Strong balance sheet growth across most businesses

End of period lending assets grew by \$41.4b (25%) for the half. Excluding NBNZ, lending grew \$8.8b (5%)

Excluding NBNZ, growth was largely in Mortgages \$6.8b (10%) and Corporate \$1.7b (11%) for the half, reflecting favourable market conditions for both businesses

Lending Volumes (\$b)

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End of period deposits increased to \$128.4b (29%) for the half. Excluding NBNZ deposits volumes grew to \$104.9b (5%)

Strong growth was seen across the board, with Personal Banking & Wealth up \$1.7b (5.3%), Institutional up \$1.5b (5.8%), and Corporate up \$0.7b (5.5%)

Deposit Volumes (\$b)

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**Other deposits include Esanda retail debentures*

partly offset by margin pressure, particularly in 2nd quarter

Reduction in mortgage margins the key driver of margin decline this reduction driven primarily by interest rate environment

Mix impact of 5bp includes 4bp for increased wholesale funding and 1bp for mortgage mix

Margin Drivers

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Mortgage margins were down 12bp over the half, driven principally by the cyclical impact of wholesale rates moving up ahead of the cash rate during the half

Average spread between Cash rate and rolling 30 day rate: Jun-03 6bp, Sep-03 6bp, Dec-03 8bp, Mar-04 21bp

Mortgage broker costs accounted for just 1bp of the 12bp mortgage margin decline

Interest rate environment adversely impacting mortgage margins

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Growth in underlying non-interest income reflects volume growth

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Expenses well controlled, providing scope for re-investment

Underlying operating expenses increased by 2.8% over the half. Key drivers were:

Operating costs were up 4% in Personal Banking as a result of increased staff training, the cost of rolling out the new telling platform, and increased depreciation resulting from further investment in technology and branch refurbishments

SME expenses up 8% over the half, reflecting substantial investment in this business as we expand the footprint

Volume related costs in the mortgages business drove expenses up 8% over the half

Expenses: Investing for growth

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The cost to income ratio remains comfortably within our stated target range of mid 40 s .

Both the NBNZ acquisition and TrUEPrS redemption impacted the ratio in the half

The ratio was also impacted by investment in the franchise in the first half

Cost to Income within mid 40 s target

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**includes Acquisition, Funding & Integration Costs*

Doubtful Debts Provision reflects improved underlying portfolio

Standard ELP charge (as a % of average lending assets) has remained stable at 31bps (32bps September 2003)

inclusion of higher quality NBNZ portfolio reduces ELP rate by ~1bp

reduction in headline ELP charge due to 4bps reduction in ELP central adjustment

ELP top up is being unwound in line with the improved credit quality of the offshore lending book, driven by the de-risking strategy

ELP Rate Drivers

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ELP Charge

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SECTION 3

Credit Quality

Overall portfolio in good shape

Mortgages portfolio remains healthy

Domestic corporate environment relatively buoyant

Non-core offshore lending has been significantly reduced

Specific Provisions down 27% on 2H03, no large individual losses

Gross Non-Accrual loans down 8% on 2H03, lowest level since 1997

Risk in the business has been significantly reduced

Credit quality the best it has been for some time

Quality of Consumer & SME portfolios again better than expected

Mortgage delinquencies (60 days) improved over the half

Delinquency for customers new to SME since September 2002 is in line with delinquency on legacy SME portfolio

Strong economic conditions and prudent credit practices have continued to see our Retail delinquency and loss rates remain very low

Delinquencies down on March 03

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Delinquency for Mortgage products have flattened over the half

delinquencies on RILs and Broker introduced loans have remained in line with the wider portfolio

Australia's low unemployment rate should continue to help maintain the quality of the portfolio

Mortgage delinquencies remain low across each category*

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SECTION 4

Other Financial Issues

Revenue Hedging

Tax Risk

Capital Position

Dividends

Outlook

Capital position remains strong, and towards the top end of our range

With the acquisition of NBNZ further reducing the risk in the balance sheet, the Group lowered its ACE target range by 50bpts in the half to 4.75% to 5.25%

Capital position is strong, but will be impacted by new APRA treatment of intangibles this is likely to reduce ACE by approximately 20bp from June onwards

Drivers of ACE ratio

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A record interim dividend

The record interim dividend of 47 cents per ordinary share represents an 11.1% increase on the 2003 interim dividend adjusting for the bonus element of the rights issue*

Policy is to increase dividend in line with cash earnings per share growth

Cash payout ratio is calculated against core cash earnings (defined as earnings after hybrid distributions, but before goodwill and significant items)

Expect to sustain full franking capacity for the foreseeable future, despite the lower percentage of Australian profits

Interim Dividends

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**2003 interim dividend discounted by 0.9597 representing the dilution impact of the bonus element of the rights issue*

Short term outlook

We expect ANZ will continue to perform well in 2004

Margin pressures likely to subside in the second half due to lower gap between 90 day rate and cash rate

Lending growth likely to remain robust, but with moderating mortgage growth offset by increased business lending

Expenses will continue to be well managed and focus on growth

Credit quality expected to remain in good shape

Integration costs higher in the second half

SECTION 5

**Business
Performance**

Dr Bob Edgar
Chief Operating Officer

Our consumer and corporate businesses were the key driver of underlying profit growth, offsetting de-risking impact in IFS

Cluster		PCP Growth		Key Drivers
Consumer Businesses	\$	62m*	15%	<p>Personal Banking Australia up 13% due to growth in consumer deposits, lending and sales commissions</p> <p>Consumer Finance up 21%* due to strong customer growth and turnover in the merchant business</p> <p>ING JV up 18%</p>
<i>*after adjusting for cards under accrual in 1H03</i>				
Institutional Financial	\$	(4)m	1%	Fall in NPAT reflects de-risking within the lending portfolio and the impact of the appreciation of the AUD on USD earnings
Corporate	\$	16	12%	<p>Strong lending growth in both Corporate and SME driving profit</p> <p>Revenue offset by the cost of expanding the geographic footprint in SME franchise</p>
New Zealand Business	\$	136m	large	<p>Strong lending growth in NBNZ offset reduced volumes in Corporate & Institutional</p> <p>ANZ (NZ) down largely due to margin pressure and continued investment in the franchise</p>
Other	\$	(1)m		<p>11% growth in Esanda resulting from buoyant new car market and efficiency gains</p> <p>4% contractions in both Asia Pacific and Treasury driven by exchange and interest rate environments respectively</p>

We now have a strong position in the domestic consumer market

We now have a combined retail customer base across Australia & New Zealand of approximately 5.1m customers

We have a scale position

Following the NBNZ integration, all retail customers will be on a Hogan platform

Relative market shares indicate the capacity to derive profit from retail banking

Retail Market Share in Australia & New Zealand*

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Our Australian consumer businesses have improved their position

In 2002, we set out to revitalise our branch network, with the aim of growing our market share and our share of wallet

We have grown market share by more than each of our peers. Specialisation has helped with this.

We have grown our share of wallet, but remain well below peers. Clustering of consumer businesses will help grow share of wallet going forward

**Australian Market Share
Traditional Banking*
Jan 2004**

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**Change in Market Share
Jun 2002 Jan 2004**

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Share of Customer Wallet*

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Change in Share of Wallet

Jun 2002 - Jan 2004

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Source Roy Morgan Research

*traditional consumer banking is defined as transactions, deposits, personal/other loans, mortgages and credit cards, rolling 12 months. Peers include CBA, NAB, WBC

Personal Banking Australia: strong foundation delivering results

A continued commitment to investing in our franchise has seen strong growth in the half with NPAT up 8%. The result was built upon:

Strong revenue growth up 5% on the half driven by robust deposits growth up 5%, solid growth in Rural lending up 8%, and continued growth in our margin lending business up 39%.

Net interest margin increased 4bps following increases in the cash rate, but was partly offset by growth in lower margin deposits

Increase in non interest income reflecting 4% growth in sales and retention payments received from sale of ANZ products.

Expenses increased 4% largely due to our continued investment in the franchise, including:

Continued investment in sales training

The successful roll out of the new telling platform to the entire branch network

Ongoing commitment to branch refurbishments and improving the risk profile of our branch network.

Opening of four new branches in the half

The investment in our franchise is delivering results

Staff satisfaction

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Customer satisfaction

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Driving solid growth in NPAT

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**Peers include CBA, NAB, WBC*

Consumer Finance: interchange impact well managed; offset by growth initiatives

Strong profit growth, up 9% for the half driven by:

Well managed changes to credit card programs following Interchange Reform

Significant reduction in loyalty expense following the restructuring of our product suite

Customer attrition minimised; concentrated in high transacting customers

Leading loyalty product ANZ Frequent Flyer (AFF) -remains attractive

Majority (52%) of customers not impacted

Only Big 4 Bank still offering \$1 spend to earn 1 QFF point on standard and Gold VISA/MasterCards

New products/services Diners; Low Rate MasterCard -have been successful; on-line Personal loan approval

Strong growth in the merchant customer base with 6% increase in the half year

Increased merchant turnover over the Christmas period

Strong expense control: up 1% on prior half

**Our merchant base has grown
Customer numbers (000s)**

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NPAT

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**\$ spend to earn 1 QFF point for
standard and Gold VISA/MasterCards**

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Mortgages: strong volume growth more than offset by interest rate environment

NPAT reduced 7% for the half despite continued strong volume growth, key drivers included:

A 10% increase in mortgage volumes during the half resulting from record sales volumes being written through all key channels was offset by a 12 basis point reduction in margin due to higher funding costs following two interest rate increases.

Sales and retention commissions paid to personal Banking increased due to growth in sales through the branch network

Operating expenses increased 8% largely driven by volume growth, along with costs associated with the business investing for the future

In the half the Mortgages business has significantly improved customer and staff satisfaction, maintained product leadership in Cannex Awards (independent mortgage analysts), and continued to focus on channel diversity, including development of the ANZ Mortgage Solutions franchises

Cannex Product Awards March 2004

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Margin impact on NPAT substantial

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**Australian Retail Mortgage
sales remain strong**

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IFS: subdued result driven by focus upon de-risking

The IFS profit was adversely affected by revenue constraints imposed by the de-risking strategy, and the strength of the AUD affecting offshore earnings. Positive aspects of the result include:

Specific provision charge has decreased A\$32m (34%) to A\$62m for the half, reflecting the improving quality of the portfolio and AUD appreciation

Continued underlying cost discipline was evident across the business with operating expenses up 3% for the half, largely attributable to increased pension costs in the UK and increasing our FX and Capital Markets capabilities in the UK and Asia.

Maintained our leading domestic market position

IFS offshore lending reduced by 47% since September 2001. At March 2004 IFS offshore lending comprise ~ 3% of Group balance sheet

**NPAT composition shifted towards
less volatile and more sustainable
earnings**

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**IFS Offshore assets as % of Group
assets substantially reduced**

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**Reduction in lending assets
is affecting NPAT***

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**End of period NLA s*

Corporate: continued strong growth and investment in the business

Continued growth in Corporate NPAT with the half year result up 5%, key highlights include:

Corporate Banking Australia

4% revenue growth driven by growth in average lending volumes of 10%, coupled with solid growth in average deposit volumes of 8%

Wall St to Main St activity increased, with revenue from these deals up over 50% in the half

46% of total profit generated from Corporate customers is recorded in other business units results

Operating expenses were up 4% as we invested for growth, including increased frontline FTE

Net specific provisions down significantly from 2H03.

Small to Medium Enterprises Australia

7% revenue growth driven by 14% average lending growth, and 9% increase in average deposit volumes

Continued growth reflecting effective investment in the business and a focus on delivering a superior customer proposition, including;

expanding our geographic business footprint: frontline FTE up ~ 200 in last two years

more FTE committed to industry specialisation

effective use of 3rd party originated loans to ensure full capacity utilization of relationship teams and continuing introduction of quality customers to ANZ

Operating expenses up 8% reflecting the above mentioned investments and on-going business infrastructure

Sound credit quality, which is closely monitored

Strong, low risk lending growth

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**Price is not a key driver in customers
using brokers in SME market**

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ANZ New Zealand (ex NBNZ): result affected by inclusion of mortgage business, margin pressure and exchange rates

ANZ (NZ) result was adversely affected by reduced net interest income from mortgages business (mortgage business included for the first time which was previously reported in ANZ's specialist Mortgages business) and exchange rates. As a result, NPAT was down 3% for the half, however excluding Mortgages, NPAT increased 1%

Personal - strong growth in deposit FUM offset by a decline in fee income, due partly to the removal of non-ANZ ATM fee for NBNZ customers, and lower punitive fee income. The half also saw continued re-investment in the franchise, with the opening of two branches and increased spend on brand image. This increased investment offset net interest income growth of 2% resulting in a flat profit for Personal in the half.

Mortgages after several halves of stable margins, an adverse yield curve in the current half resulted in a 13bp margin contraction in the mortgages business, more than offsetting the good volume growth.

Other solid performance principally from Corporate, driven largely by strong interest income from robust lending and deposit growth and growth in fee income

**ANZ (NZ) NPAT adversely impacted by
Mortgages**

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**Interest rate environment adversely
impacting mortgage margins**

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Integration update

1. Integration Planning

Detailed integration planning for 41 workstreams virtually completed, common management structure in place

Integration is on track; an integration timetable is included in the appendix (refer page [71])

2. Systems

ANZ National to adopt common systems largely based around ANZ's core systems with selected best of breed front office NBNZ applications

3. Synergies

To meet RBNZ requirements, more technology processing than expected will be undertaken in NZ. The cost of this has been offset by the identification of additional synergies, with overall cost synergies in line with prior forecast of A\$110m pa (within 3 years)

RBNZ focus is industry wide not ANZ and NBNZ specific

Customer attrition rate is better than originally forecast, and expected revenue synergies have been upgraded

4. Integration Costs

Integration costs remain in line with prior estimate of A\$230m.

Net customer acquisition rebounding well

NBNZ Personal

acquisition of customers continues to rebound from 2003, and continues to be a net acquirer

ANZ Personal

net outflow continues, but at a much lower level in March compared to February 2004 and March 2003

NBNZ Business & Rural

net acquisitions remain positive, however down on year earlier levels

ANZ Business & Rural

net outflow continues but at a substantially reduced rate compared to twelve months prior

ANZ Corporate

maintains a net inflow

**Personal Net Customer
Acquisition rebounding well**

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** 3 month moving average removes impact of monthly volatility*

Current integration plans project a positive outcome from 2006

Net Integration Position (pre-tax)

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Cost synergies in line with business case, however newly identified synergies offset by increased processing costs in NZ

Revenue attrition improved modestly on business case

Revenue synergies substantially upgraded from business case

Integration costs \$230m

~10% will be met by restructuring charge included in the calculation of goodwill

~10% relates to equipment that will be capitalised

~10%-15% relates to the cost of existing resources

**Integration Costs: where
we will spend \$230m**

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**Cost Synergies* : where
we will save \$110m p.a.**

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**Revenue Synergies* : where
we will create revenue
benefits**

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**Synergies are based on percentage of 2007 benefits*

Integration timetable*

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**selected business units*

Business summary

Consumer & Corporate businesses performing well

Institutional Financial Services de-risking strategy progressing well

New Zealand business and integration on track

A strong foundation for growth

SECTION 6

CEO Review

John McFarlane
Chief Executive Officer

ANZ systematically optimises variables to create value

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After six years of risk reduction we are now approaching optimal levels

Offshore exposure

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**excludes significant and abnormal items*

Trading Value at Risk[#]

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Average daily Value at Risk at 97.5% confidence interval

Our strategy is to grow sustainable earnings at low volatility

NZ makes our earnings less volatile

Although NZ alone is more volatile than group, diversification results in NZ creating lower overall volatility at a group level

**Volatility in ANZ 6 monthly NPAT growth
over past 10 years***

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Wealth management is susceptible to globalisation and rapid fade likely to impact future returns

Wealth management earnings are more volatile than banking

Global scale base is important to develop systems, platforms, and brands

The ING JV delivers a sustainable position with scale, with low volatility to ANZ, particularly with equity risk hedged

**Volatility in 6 monthly NPAT growth
significantly higher in Wealth Management#**

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**as measured by one standard deviation from mean half yearly profit growth (or exchange rate movement) over past 10 years # Wealth management includes listed wealth management companies and WM operations of major banks, and excludes AV uplift and goodwill*

We have transformed ANZ into a more sustainable, lower risk business

**Reduction in risk and movement towards
domestic consumer businesses**

**Has significantly reduced earnings
volatility**

**And has not had a material impact on
earnings**

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** Standard deviation in six monthly NPAT growth for ANZ, excluding abnormal/significant items*

Value of focus and specialisation

Specialisation and focus yields better return than generalisation from the perspective of individual challenges and tasks, as this Olympic example demonstrates

[GRAPHIC]

The Generalist Mens Decathlon Gold Medal Winner Sydney 2000	65.8m Specialist premium 37%
The Specialist Mens Individual Event Gold Medal Winner Sydney 2000	90.2m

Event	The Specialists	The Generalists	Specialist Premium	
100m	9.87 s	10.68 s	8%	Average out-performance 23%
110m Hurdle	13.00 s	14.48 s	10%	
400m	42.84 s	46.71 s	8%	
1500m	3 m 32.07 s	4 m 29.48 s	21%	
Discus	69.3 m	43.66 m	59%	
Shotput	21.29 m	15.11 m	41%	
Long Jump	8.55 m	7.76 m	10%	
High Jump	2.35 m	2.00 m	18%	
Pole Vault	5.90 m	5.00 m	18%	

Coherence already achieved in Institutional by clustering businesses

Businesses established as distinct units to unleash energy & innovation

In 2002, businesses brought together under Institutional

Very high levels of cross sell achieved, with deep engagement with the customer

Low reliance on trading income

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as it has been in both our Corporate and New Zealand businesses

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now our focus is on building coherence with personal customers

Retail not a traditional strength for ANZ. Creation of specialist businesses necessary:

brought focus to this area

unleashed energy and innovation

prevented smaller network constraining growth through third-party and specialist distribution

Product businesses have grown strongly and achieved scale

Businesses now have sufficient strength and momentum that synergies and growth are possible, but coherence against customer now vital

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ANZ has successfully mastered each stage from performance through to specialisation. Focus now on coherence, growth and sustainability

THE ANZ JOURNEY

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A solid result with good foundation and prospects

Solid first half, clean result

Accretive New Zealand acquisition. Market leadership in all segments. Integration and synergies on track

Business mix inherently domestic, more sustainable

Economic environment positive with global upturn. Housing and consumer segments softer, institutional, corporate and SME stronger

Risk radically reduced towards optimal

ANZ's execution capability a strength

Businesses now clustered around customers for revenue enhancement with emphasis on growth

**We remain
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our prospects
for the year as a
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Cash Dividend (EPS impact only)	(35)

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Impact of unwinding TrUEPrS and issuing StEPS

	TrUEPrS	StEPS
Background		
Issued	Sept/Nov 1998	27 Sep 2003
Amount	USD0.775b	AUD1b
Cost of dividend	8% Fixed	BBSW Floating
Called	1H04	
P&L impact		
Income	Swap (<i>difference between 8% fixed and BBSW plus margin</i>)	No impact
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Mortgages portfolio remains sound

Mortgages Portfolio continues to experience strong growth.

ANZ Lo Doc policy requires a maximum LVR of 60%, maximum loan size \$450k and is only available for standard residential and minimum credit standards.

Strong growth in the mortgage portfolio

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Strong LVR profile

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Portfolio by product

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Specific provisions down 27% on 2H03 no large single provisions

Specific Provisions

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1H04 Specific Provisions by size

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Offshore power exposure reducing, with markets showing signs of improvement

Total Limits Split by Geography

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KMV Median Expected Default Frequency

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ANZ's exposure to offshore Power companies has reduced by 23% in the past six months, with the portfolio becoming increasingly Australasian-centric. Domestic markets will continue to be buoyed by traditional non-diversified, regulated, investor-owned businesses.

Furthermore, KMV Median Expected Default Frequencies indicate that offshore power markets are recovering. Credit quality erosion is now abating, with the liquidity crunch faced by merchant energy companies in 2002/03 from the backlog of debt rescheduling now largely alleviated.

The quality of the Telcos book continues to improve

Total Telcos Limits(1)

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March 2004

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Uncommitted: \$\$0.78bn (22%)

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Group risk grade profile

ANZ Group - Outstandings

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Total investment grade as at Mar 04: \$136.6bn or 65.9% of the portfolio

	Mar-02	Sep-02	Mar-03	Sep-03	Mar-04
B+ to CCC	2.8%	2.5%	2.5%	2.3%	1.9%
Non Accrual	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.4%

Geographic risk profiles

Australia & New Zealand

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International

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	Sep-02	Mar-03	Sep-03	Mar-04	Sep-02	Mar-03	Sep-03	Mar-04
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Non Accrual	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	2.4%	4.6%	4.6%	3.3%

Existing and future problem loans are well provided for

The period 1998 through March 2004 has seen Group GP trend down to 98bps, consistent with the sustained de-risking of the Group lending book.

As at March 2004, gross non-accrual loans were 45bps of GLAs. Of this, 44% was covered by specific provisioning.

Group levels of general provisioning and specific provision cover compare favorably with Australian banking peer group.

Note:

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**Specific Provision/Non-Accrual
Loans**

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General Provision/RWAs

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Proactive reduction in volume of Top 10 client committed exposures

Implementation of credit management policies to diversify the loan book exposure, has resulted in reducing the client concentration risk, despite the inclusion of NBNZ exposures. This has been achieved through reducing the volume of Top 10 client committed lending.

Sustained management of client exposures has reduced the sensitivity of the capital base of Top 10 clients (to 68% of ACE in March 2004 from 75% of ACE September 2003).

Top 10 Committed Exposures Rating

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Top 10 Lending Exposures as % of ACE(1)

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Note:

(1). March 2004 derivative exposures were calculated using a Monte Carlo model to calculate ANZ's potential credit loss. The impact in moving to this methodology reduced the above ratio by 4.4 percentage points in comparison to ANZ's previous methodology.

Concentration risk addressed in business and corporate lending book through management cap on industry exposure

Management has reduced concentration risk in ANZ's business/corporate loan book by limiting industry exposure to 10% of ANZ Group GLAs

Increased diversification of business/corporate lending portfolio across industry segments since 1993 has been accompanied by reallocation of business/corporate lending capacity to retail lines of business

% of ANZ Group Lending Assets

(Australia and New Zealand)

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Industry exposures Australia & NZ (excl. NBNZ)

Health & Community Services

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Cultural & Recreational Services

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Mining

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Personal & Other Services

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Communication Services

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Finance - Other

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Transport & Storage

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Finance Banks, Building Soc etc.

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ANZ Group Structure 2004

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ANZ Specialist Business Structure 2004

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Esanda: operational excellence and improved business economics, partly offset by margins pressure

Esanda's profit grew 3% for the half, key drivers and initiatives included;

Operational excellence and improved economics

Esanda has made substantial progress in improving the efficiency of its business

Expenses continue to be well managed, CTI down to 40%

Other operating income increased by 9% due mainly to changes in the fee structure for business lending

Our Australian debenture portfolio grew by 5% in 1H04, reaching \$7b

Signed an alliance with Pratt Water, allowing Esanda to provide funding for irrigators seeking to convert to water saving drip and sprinkler irrigation valued at \$10m per year for 10 years

Strong growth in the equipment leasing segment in particular in IT and mining equipment

Interest Margin

Net Interest Margin declined by 4 basis points due to run off of higher yielding loans during the half

Branding & Advertising

Esanda promoted as easy to deal with, progressive and forward thinking

New ad campaign launched in March 2004 to position Esanda = Car Finance

3 year sponsorship deal agreed with *Wheels Magazine* Car of The Year

New Business Writings per FTE (\$m)

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Cost to Income Ratio

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Debentures on issue - \$m

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Pacific & Personal Banking Asia: a strong franchise adversely affected by strengthening AUD

Solid underlying NPAT performance up 3% (pre exchange rates) reflective of our strength in the region:

ANZ holds either number 1 or 2 market position in all the Pacific markets in which we operate

The Pacific's income is dominated by our Fiji and PNG businesses.

Notwithstanding our dominant position growth opportunities remain in existing and new markets

Our centralised Pacific processing hub in Fiji, Quest, continues to develop its capacity and provision of services to the region.

The strengthening AUD reduced NPAT by \$A4m over the half, key drivers included:

Panin has strong momentum in Indonesia.

Solid growth in Personal Banking Asia due to strong focus on customers requiring Australia and New Zealand related transactions.

Strong NPAT growth in PNG due to increase in foreign exchange earnings

Fiji earnings adversely affected by the suspension of forward foreign exchange trading by the Reserve Bank of Fiji

Pacific Market Share

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1H04 NPAT impacted by strengthening AUD

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ING JV benefits from markets upturn

NPAT increased 5% over the half driven by:

Higher fee income arising from growth in funds under management (FUM)

Higher capital investment earnings, up 7% due to strong equity markets and rising interest rates. These were partially offset by ANZ s capital hedge losses.

Costs remained flat due to tight expense control

INGA maintained its number four Retail FUM position as measured by ASSIRT

Most recent review of valuation model and assumptions performed by Ernst & Young at September 2003 confirmed current carrying value.

Valuation will be performed at least once a year and more often if there is a significant change in circumstances that is likely to impact the value

Current JV Valuation

	\$m
ANZ Contribution to JV	879
Equalisation payment	960
Unrecognised profit on sale of ANZ FM	(248)
Equity accounted profit since inception	100
Carrying value ay Mar-04	1,691

**Strong Retail FUM growth
since JV inception**

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**INGA NPAT and ANZ net return
improving with market conditions**

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SECTION 1

ANZ 2004 Interim Results

John McFarlane
Chief Executive Officer

ANZ Interim Results Summary

			v Mar 03	v Sept 03
NPAT				
Headline	\$	1,396m	22%	16%
Excluding significant transactions	\$	1,312m	15%	9%
Underlying(3)	\$	1,241m	10%	4%
EPS				
		76.8cents	11%	5%
Cash EPS(1)		78.9cents	11%	5%
Dividend fully franked(2)		47cents	11%	n/a

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1. *EPS excluding significant transactions and goodwill amortisation*
 2. *March 03 dividend of 44c adjusted for bonus element of rights issue (@0.9597)*
 3. *Excludes significant items, NBNZ and adjusts base for TrUEPrS swap*

ANZ now has a strong foundation

Successful specialist business model

Model now enhanced by clustering around customers;

Personal - Key driver of future growth

Institutional - A leading business with lower risk

Corporate - Strong organic growth

Risk reduced and sustainability improved

Credit concentrations almost to optimal levels

International risk exposure contained

Business mix now more domestic and sustainable

Trading risk modest

NBNZ acquisition brings New Zealand leadership

NBNZ acquisition cash EPS accretive

Two-phase implementation plan

Integration and cost synergies are on track

Revenue attrition better than expected

Customer numbers are now growing

A low risk approach to NBNZ integration

Phase one: quick wins

RBNZ approval expected early May

Legal amalgamation into ANZ National, targeted for 30 June 2004

Maintain both brands to enhance customer retention

Rapidly integrate activities that are not systems dependent

Idea sharing already begun for franchise growth

Phase two: full integration

Full plans already submitted to RBNZ. Discussions well progressed

Systems strategy:

Domestic NZ stand-alone

International Group systems

Common systems suite in both Australia and New Zealand

Full systems integration expected by end 2005

SECTION 2

Results Review

Peter Marriott

Chief Financial Officer

A good underlying result, driven by strong income growth and improved credit quality

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Cash EPS	Cash EPS	EPS growth	EPS
71.0	75.2	11% / 5%	78.9
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Excluding NBNZ, growth was largely in Mortgages \$6.8b (10%) and Corporate \$1.7b (11%) for the half, reflecting favourable market conditions for both businesses

Lending Volumes (\$b)

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End of period deposits increased to \$128.4b (29%) for the half. Excluding NBNZ deposits volumes grew to \$104.9b (5%)

Strong growth was seen across the board, with Personal Banking & Wealth up \$1.7b (5.3%), Institutional up \$1.5b (5.8%), and Corporate up \$0.7b (5.5%)

Deposit Volumes (\$b)

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* Other deposits include Esanda retail debentures

partly offset by margin pressure, particularly in 2nd quarter

Reduction in mortgage margins the key driver of margin decline this reduction driven primarily by interest rate environment

Mix impact of 5bp includes 4bp for increased wholesale funding and 1bp for mortgage mix

Margin Drivers

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Mortgage margins were down 12bp over the half, driven principally by the cyclical impact of wholesale rates moving up ahead of the cash rate during the half

Average spread between Cash rate and rolling 30 day rate: Jun-03 6bp, Sep-03 6bp, Dec-03 8bp, Mar-04 21bp

Mortgage broker costs accounted for just 1bp of the 12bp mortgage margin decline

Interest rate environment adversely impacting mortgage margins

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Growth in underlying non-interest income reflects volume growth

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Expenses well controlled, providing scope for re-investment

Underlying operating expenses increased by 2.8% over the half. Key drivers were:

Operating costs were up 4% in Personal Banking as a result of increased staff training, the cost of rolling out the new telling platform, and increased depreciation resulting from further investment in technology and branch refurbishments

SME expenses up 8% over the half, reflecting substantial investment in this business as we expand the footprint

Volume related costs in the mortgages business drove expenses up 8% over the half

Expenses: Investing for growth

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The cost to income ratio remains comfortably within our stated target range of mid 40 s .

Both the NBNZ acquisition and TrUEPrS redemption impacted the ratio in the half

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Cost to Income within mid 40 s target

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Doubtful Debts Provision reflects improved underlying portfolio

Standard ELP charge (as a % of average lending assets) has remained stable at 31bps (32bps September 2003)

inclusion of higher quality NBNZ portfolio reduces ELP rate by ~1bp

reduction in headline ELP charge due to 4bps reduction in ELP central adjustment

ELP top up is being unwound in line with the improved credit quality of the offshore lending book, driven by the de-risking strategy

ELP Rate Drivers

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ELP Charge

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Quality of Consumer & SME portfolios again better than expected

Mortgage delinquencies (60 days) improved over the half

Delinquency for customers new to SME since September 2002 is in line with delinquency on legacy SME portfolio

Strong economic conditions and prudent credit practices have continued to see our Retail delinquency and loss rates remain very low

Delinquencies down on March 03

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Delinquency for Mortgage products have flattened over the half

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Capital position remains strong, and towards the top end of our range

With the acquisition of NBNZ further reducing the risk in the balance sheet, the Group lowered its ACE target range by 50bpts in the half to 4.75% to 5.25%

Capital position is strong, but will be impacted by new APRA treatment of intangibles

this is likely to reduce ACE by approximately 20bp from June onwards

Drivers of ACE ratio

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A record interim dividend

The record interim dividend of 47 cents per ordinary share represents an 11.1% increase on the 2003 interim dividend adjusting for the bonus element of the rights issue*

Policy is to increase dividend in line with cash earnings per share growth

Cash payout ratio is calculated against core cash earnings (defined as earnings after hybrid distributions, but before goodwill and significant items)

Expect to sustain full franking capacity for the foreseeable future, despite the lower percentage of Australian profits

Interim Dividends

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* 2003 interim dividend discounted by 0.9597 representing the dilution impact of the bonus element of the rights issue

Short term outlook

We expect ANZ will continue to perform well in 2004

Margin pressures likely to subside in the second half due to lower gap between 90 day rate and cash rate

Lending growth likely to remain robust, but with moderating mortgage growth offset by increased business lending

Expenses will continue to be well managed and focus on growth

Credit quality expected to remain in good shape

Integration costs higher in the second half

SECTION 5

Business Performance

Dr Bob Edgar

Chief Operating Officer

Our consumer and corporate businesses were the key driver of underlying profit growth, offsetting de-risking impact in IFS

Cluster		PCP Growth		Key Drivers
Consumer Businesses	\$	62m*	15%	<p>Personal Banking Australia up 13% due to growth in consumer deposits, lending and sales commissions</p> <p>Consumer Finance up 21%* due to strong customer growth and turnover in the merchant business</p> <p>ING JV up 18%</p>
<i>*after adjusting for cards under accrual in 1H03</i>				
Institutional Financial Services	\$	(4)m	1%	Fall in NPAT reflects de-risking within the lending portfolio and the impact of the appreciation of the AUD on USD earnings
Corporate	\$	16	12%	<p>Strong lending growth in both Corporate and SME driving profit</p> <p>Revenue offset by the cost of expanding the geographic footprint in SME franchise</p>
New Zealand Business	\$	136m	large	<p>Strong lending growth in NBNZ offset reduced volumes in Corporate & Institutional</p> <p>ANZ (NZ) down largely due to margin pressure and continued investment in the franchise</p>
Other	\$	(1)m		<p>11% growth in Esanda resulting from buoyant new car market and efficiency gains</p> <p>4% contractions in both Asia Pacific and Treasury</p>

driven by exchange and interest rate environments respectively

We now have a strong position in the domestic consumer market

We now have a combined retail customer base across Australia & New Zealand of approximately 5.1m customers

We have a scale position

Following the NBNZ integration, all retail customers will be on a Hogan platform

Relative market shares indicate the capacity to derive profit from retail banking

Retail Market Share in Australia & New Zealand*

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** source: ANZ - weighted average of Australian and New Zealand market shares, based on Roy Morgan data in Australia (share of traditional banking) and ACNeilson data in NZ (share of main bank customers)*

Our Australian consumer businesses have improved their position

In 2002, we set out to revitalise our branch network, with the aim of growing our market share and our share of wallet

We have grown market share by more than each of our peers. Specialisation has helped with this.

We have grown our share of wallet, but remain well below peers. Clustering of consumer businesses will help grow share of wallet going forward

Australian Market Share Traditional Banking*

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Change in Market Share Jun 2002 - Jan 2004

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Share of Customer Wallet*

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Change in Share of Wallet Jun 2002 - Jan 2004

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Source - Roy Morgan Research

* traditional consumer banking is defined as transactions, deposits, personal/other loans, mortgages and credit cards, rolling 12 months. Peers include CBA, NAB, WBC

Personal Banking Australia: strong foundation delivering results

A continued commitment to investing in our franchise has seen strong growth in the half with NPAT up 8%. The result was built upon:

Strong revenue growth up 5% on the half driven by robust deposits growth up 5%, solid growth in Rural lending up 8%, and continued growth in our margin lending business up 39%.

Net interest margin increased 4bps following increases in the cash rate, but was partly offset by growth in lower margin deposits

Increase in non interest income reflecting 4% growth in sales and retention payments received from sale of ANZ products.

Expenses increased 4% largely due to our continued investment in the franchise, including:

Continued investment in sales training

The successful roll out of the new telling platform to the entire branch network

Ongoing commitment to branch refurbishments and improving the risk profile of our branch network.

Opening of four new branches in the half

The investment in our franchise is delivering results

Staff satisfaction

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Customer satisfaction

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Source: Roy Morgan Research very or fairl satisfied

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Source: Nielsen Media Research overall satisfaction

Driving solid growth in NPAT

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** Peers include CBA, NAB, WBC*

Consumer Finance: interchange impact well managed; offset by growth initiatives

Strong profit growth, up 9% for the half driven by:

Well managed changes to credit card programs following Interchange Reform

Significant reduction in loyalty expense following the restructuring of our product suite

Customer attrition minimised; concentrated in high transacting customers

Leading loyalty product - ANZ Frequent Flyer (AFF) -remains attractive

Majority (52%) of customers not impacted

Only Big 4 Bank still offering \$1 spend to earn 1 QFF point on standard and Gold VISA/MasterCards

New products/services- Diners; Low Rate MasterCard -have been successful; on-line Personal loan approval

Strong growth in the merchant customer base with 6% increase in the half year

Increased merchant turnover over the Christmas period

Strong expense control: up 1% on prior half

Our merchant base has grown Customer numbers (000s)

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NPAT

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\$ spend to earn 1 QFF point for standard and Gold VISA/MasterCards

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Mortgages: strong volume growth more than offset by interest rate environment

NPAT reduced 7% for the half despite continued strong volume growth, key drivers included:

A 10% increase in mortgage volumes during the half resulting from record sales volumes being written through all key channels was offset by a 12 basis point reduction in margin due to higher funding costs following two interest rate increases.

Sales and retention commissions paid to personal Banking increased due to growth in sales through the branch network

Operating expenses increased 8% largely driven by volume growth, along with costs associated with the business investing for the future

In the half the Mortgages business has significantly improved customer and staff satisfaction, maintained product leadership in Cannex Awards (independent mortgage analysts), and continued to focus on channel diversity, including development of the ANZ Mortgage Solutions franchises

Cannex Product Awards March 2004

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Margin impact on NPAT substantial

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Australian Retail Mortgage sales remain strong

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IFS: subdued result driven by focus upon de-risking

The IFS profit was adversely affected by revenue constraints imposed by the de-risking strategy, and the strength of the AUD affecting offshore earnings. Positive aspects of the result include:

Specific provision charge has decreased A\$32m (34%) to A\$62m for the half, reflecting the improving quality of the portfolio and AUD appreciation

Continued underlying cost discipline was evident across the business with operating expenses up 3% for the half, largely attributable to increased pension costs in the UK and increasing our FX and Capital Markets capabilities in the UK and Asia.

Maintained our leading domestic market position

IFS offshore lending reduced by 47% since September 2001. At March 2004 IFS offshore lending comprise ~ 3% of Group balance sheet

NPAT composition shifted towards less volatile and more sustainable earnings

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IFS Offshore assets as % of Group assets substantially reduced

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Reduction in lending assets is affecting NPAT*

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Corporate: continued strong growth and investment in the business

Continued growth in Corporate NPAT with the half year result up 5%, key highlights include:

Corporate Banking Australia

4% revenue growth driven by growth in average lending volumes of 10%, coupled with solid growth in average deposit volumes of 8%

Wall St to Main St activity increased, with revenue from these deals up over 50% in the half

46% of total profit generated from Corporate customers is recorded in other business units results

Operating expenses were up 4% as we invested for growth, including increased frontline FTE

Net specific provisions down significantly from 2H03.

Small to Medium Enterprises Australia

7% revenue growth driven by 14% average lending growth, and 9% increase in average deposit volumes

Continued growth reflecting effective investment in the business and a focus on delivering a superior customer proposition, including:

expanding our geographic business footprint: frontline FTE up ~ 200 in last two years

more FTE committed to industry specialisation

effective use of 3rd party originated loans to ensure full capacity utilization of relationship teams and continuing introduction of quality customers to ANZ

Operating expenses up 8% reflecting the above mentioned investments and on-going business infrastructure

Sound credit quality, which is closely monitored

Strong, low risk lending growth

Corporate

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SME

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** Non accrual loans as % of net loans and advances*

Price is not a key driver in customers using brokers in SME market

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Esanda: operational excellence and improved business economics, partly offset by margins pressure

Esanda's profit grew 3% for the half, key drivers and initiatives included;

Operational excellence and improved economics

Esanda has made substantial progress in improving the efficiency of its business

Expenses continue to be well managed, CTI down to 40%

Other operating income increased by 9% due mainly to changes in the fee structure for business lending

Our Australian debenture portfolio grew by 5% in 1H04, reaching \$7b

Signed an alliance with Pratt Water, allowing Esanda to provide funding for irrigators seeking to convert to water saving drip and sprinkler irrigation - valued at \$10m per year for 10 years

Strong growth in the equipment leasing segment in particular in IT and mining equipment

Interest Margin

Net Interest Margin declined by 4 basis points due to run off of higher yielding loans during the half

Branding & Advertising

Esanda promoted as easy to deal with, progressive and forward thinking

New ad campaign launched in March 2004 to position Esanda = Car Finance

3 year sponsorship deal agreed with *Wheels Magazine* Car of The Year

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New Business Writings per FTE (\$m)

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Cost to Income Ratio

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Debentures on issue - \$m ^{Up} (20)%

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Pacific & Personal Banking Asia: a strong franchise adversely affected by strengthening AUD

Solid underlying NPAT performance up 3% (pre exchange rates) reflective of our strength in the region:

ANZ holds either number 1 or 2 market position in all the Pacific markets in which we operate

The Pacific's income is dominated by our Fiji and PNG businesses.

Notwithstanding our dominant position growth opportunities remain in existing and new markets

Our centralised Pacific processing hub in Fiji, Quest, continues to develop its capacity and provision of services to the region.

The strengthening AUD reduced NPAT by \$A4m over the half, key drivers included:

Panin has strong momentum in Indonesia.

Solid growth in Personal Banking Asia due to strong focus on customers requiring Australia and New Zealand related transactions.

Strong NPAT growth in PNG due to increase in foreign exchange earnings

Fiji earnings adversely affected by the suspension of forward foreign exchange trading by the Reserve Bank of Fiji

Pacific Market Share

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1H04 NPAT impacted by strengthening AUD

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ANZ New Zealand (ex NBNZ): result affected by inclusion of mortgage business, margin pressure and exchange rates

ANZ (NZ) result was adversely affected by reduced net interest income from mortgages business (mortgage business included for the first time which was previously reported in ANZ's specialist Mortgages business) and exchange rates. As a result, NPAT was down 3% for the half, however excluding Mortgages, NPAT increased 1%

Personal - strong growth in deposit FUM offset by a decline in fee income, due partly to the removal of non-ANZ ATM fee for NBNZ customers, and lower punitive fee income. The half also saw continued re-investment in the franchise, with the opening of two branches and increased spend on brand image. This increased investment offset net interest income growth of 2% resulting in a flat profit for Personal in the half.

Mortgages - after several halves of stable margins, an adverse yield curve in the current half resulted in a 13bp margin contraction in the mortgages business, more than offsetting the good volume growth.

Other - solid performance principally from Corporate, driven largely by strong interest income from robust lending and deposit growth and growth in fee income

ANZ (NZ) NPAT adversely impacted by Mortgages

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**includes Business, Rural and Corporate Banking*

Interest rate environment adversely impacting mortgage margins

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Integration update

1. Integration Planning

Detailed integration planning for 41 workstreams virtually completed, common management structure in place

Integration is on track

2. Systems

ANZ National to adopt common systems largely based around ANZ's core systems with selected best of breed front office NBNZ applications

3. Synergies

To meet RBNZ requirements, more technology processing than expected will be undertaken in NZ. The cost of this has been offset by the identification of additional synergies, with overall cost synergies in line with prior forecast of A\$110m pa (within 3 years)

RBNZ focus is industry wide not ANZ and NBNZ specific

Customer attrition rate is better than originally forecast, and expected revenue synergies have been upgraded

4. Integration Costs

Integration costs remain in line with prior estimate of A\$230m.

Net customer acquisition rebounding well

NBNZ Personal

acquisition of customers continues to rebound from 2003, and continues to be a net acquirer

ANZ Personal

net outflow continues, but at a much lower level in March compared to February 2004 and March 2003

NBNZ Business & Rural

net acquisitions remain positive, however down on year earlier levels

ANZ Business & Rural

net outflow continues but at a substantially reduced rate compared to twelve months prior

ANZ Corporate

maintains a net inflow

Personal Net Customer Acquisition rebounding well

3 month moving average*

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* 3 month moving average removes impact of monthly volatility

Current integration plans project a positive outcome from 2006

Net Integration Position (pre-tax)

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Cost synergies in line with business case, however newly identified synergies offset by increased processing costs in NZ

Revenue attrition improved modestly on business case

Revenue synergies substantially upgraded from business case

Integration costs \$230m

~10% will be met by restructuring charge included in the calculation of goodwill

~10% relates to equipment that will be capitalised

~10%-15% relates to the cost of existing resources

Integration Costs: where we will spend \$230m

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Cost Synergies*: where we will save \$110m p.a.

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Revenue Synergies*: where we will create revenue benefits

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* Synergies are based on percentage of 2007 benefits

Integration timetable*

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* selected business units

Business summary

Consumer & Corporate businesses performing well

Institutional Financial Services de-risking strategy progressing well

New Zealand business and integration on track

A strong foundation for growth

SECTION 6

CEO Review

John McFarlane
Chief Executive Officer

ANZ systematically optimises variables to create value

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After six years of risk reduction we are now approaching optimal levels

Offshore exposure

International Asset to Group Assets

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International NPAT to Group NPAT*

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** excludes significant and abnormal items*

Trading Value at Risk#

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Average daily Value at Risk at 97.5% confidence interval

Our strategy is to grow sustainable earnings at low volatility

NZ makes our earnings less volatile

Although NZ alone is more volatile than group, diversification results in NZ creating lower overall volatility at a group level

Volatility in ANZ 6 monthly NPAT growth over past 10 years*

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Wealth management's susceptibility to globalisation and rapid fade likely to impact future returns

Wealth management earnings are more volatile than banking

Global scale base is important to develop systems, platforms, and brands

The ING JV delivers a sustainable position with scale, with low volatility to ANZ, particularly with equity risk hedged

Volatility in 6 monthly NPAT growth significantly higher in Wealth Management#

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**as measured by one standard deviation from mean half yearly profit growth (or exchange rate movement) over past 10 years*

Wealth management includes listed wealth management companies and WM operations of major banks, and excludes AV uplift and goodwill

We have transformed ANZ into a more sustainable, lower risk business

**Reduction in risk and movement
towards domestic consumer businesses**

**Has significantly reduced earnings
volatility**

**And has not had a material impact on
earnings**

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** Standard deviation in six monthly NPAT growth for ANZ, excluding abnormal/significant items*

Value of focus and specialisation

Specialisation and focus yields better return than generalisation from the perspective of individual challenges and tasks, as this Olympic example demonstrates

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The Generalist Mens Decathlon Gold Medal Winner Sydney 2000	65.8m	Specialist premium 37%
The Specialist Mens Individual Event Gold Medal Winner Sydney 2000		90.2m

Event	The Specialists	The Generalists	Specialist Premium
100m	9.87 s	10.68 s	8%
110m Hurdle	13.00 s	14.48 s	10%
400m	42.84 s	46.71 s	8%
1500m	3 m 32.07 s	4 m 29.48 s	21% Average out-performance
Discus	69.3 m	43.66 m	59%
Shotput	21.29 m	15.11 m	41% 23%
Long Jump	8.55 m	7.76 m	10%
High Jump	2.35 m	2.00 m	18%
Pole Vault	5.90 m	5.00 m	18%

Coherence already achieved in Institutional by clustering businesses

Businesses established as distinct units to unleash energy & innovation

In 2002, businesses brought together under Institutional

Very high levels of cross sell achieved, with deep engagement with the customer

Low reliance on trading income

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as it has been in both our Corporate and New Zealand businesses

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now our focus is on building coherence with personal customers

Retail not a traditional strength for ANZ. Creation of specialist businesses necessary:

brought focus to this area

unleashed energy and innovation

prevented smaller network constraining growth through third-party and specialist distribution

Product businesses have grown strongly and achieved scale

Businesses now have sufficient strength and momentum that synergies and growth are possible, but coherence against customer now vital

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ANZ has successfully mastered each stage from performance through to specialisation. Focus now on coherence, growth and sustainability

THE ANZ JOURNEY

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A solid result with good foundation and prospects

Solid first half, clean result

Accretive New Zealand acquisition. Market leadership in all segments. Integration and synergies on track

Business mix inherently domestic, more sustainable

Businesses now clustered around customers for revenue enhancement with emphasis on growthEconomic environment positive with global upturn. Housing and consumer segments softer, institutional, corporate and SME stronger

Businesses now clustered around customers for revenue enhancement with emphasis on growthRisk radically reduced towards optimal

Businesses now clustered around customers for revenue enhancement with emphasis on growthANZ's execution capability a strength

Businesses now clustered around customers for revenue enhancement with emphasis on growth

**We remain
confident about
our prospects
for the year as a
whole**

SECTION 7

Supplementary Information

Impact of unwinding TrUEPrS and issuing StEPS

	TrUEPrS	StEPS
Background		
Issued	Sept/Nov 1998	27 Sep 2003
Amount	USD0.775b	AUD1b
Cost of dividend	8% Fixed	BBSW Floating
Called	1H04	
P&L impact		
Income	Swap (<i>difference between 8% fixed and BBSW plus margin</i>)	No impact
Tax	Tax on swap income Credit for dividend paid	Credit for dividend paid
NPAT	Net swap income	No impact
EPS Impact		
Preference Dividend	8% Fixed	BBSW
Net Cost	BBSW + Margin	BBSW + Margin

Mortgages portfolio remains sound

Mortgages Portfolio continues to experience strong growth.

ANZ Lo Doc policy requires a maximum LVR of 60%, maximum loan size \$450k and is only available for standard residential and minimum credit standards.

Strong growth in the mortgage portfolio

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Strong LVR profile

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Portfolio by product

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Specific provisions down 27% on 2H03 - no large single provisions

Specific Provisions

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1H04 Specific Provisions by size

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Offshore power exposure reducing, with markets showing signs of improvement

Total Limits Split by Geography

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KMV Median Expected Default Frequency

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ANZ's exposure to offshore Power companies has reduced by 23% in the past six months, with the portfolio becoming increasingly Australasian-centric. Domestic markets will continue to be buoyed by traditional non-diversified, regulated, investor-owned businesses.

Furthermore, KMV Median Expected Default Frequencies indicate that offshore power markets are recovering. Credit quality erosion is now abating, with the liquidity crunch faced by merchant energy companies in 2002/03 from the backlog of debt rescheduling now largely alleviated.

The quality of the Telcos book continues to improve

Total Telcos Limits(1)

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March 2004

Outstandings: \$1.69bn (49%)

Other Committed: \$1.01bn (29%)

Uncommitted: \$0.78bn (22%)

KMV Median Expected Default Frequency

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Note:

1. *Excludes Settlement Limits but includes Contingent and Market-Related products.*

Group risk grade profile

ANZ Group - Outstandings

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Geographic risk profiles

Australia & New Zealand

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International

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	Sep-02	Mar-03	Sep-03	Mar-04	Sep-02	Mar-03	Sep-03	Mar-04
B+ to CCC	2.8%	2.3%	2.3%	1.7%	4.3%	4.9%	6.0%	4.1%
Non Accrual	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	2.4%	4.6%	4.6%	3.3%

Existing and future problem loans are well provided for

The period 1998 through March 2004 has seen Group GP trend down to 98bps, consistent with the sustained de-risking of the Group lending book.

As at March 2004, gross non-accrual loans were 45bps of GLAs. Of this, 44% was covered by specific provisioning.

Group levels of general provisioning and specific provision cover compare favorably with Australian banking peer group.

Specific Provision/Non-Accrual Loans

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General Provision/RWAs

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Note:

1. *As per most recent company financial reports for CBA, NAB and WBC*

Proactive reduction in volume of Top 10 client committed exposures

Implementation of credit management policies to diversify the loan book exposure, has resulted in reducing the client concentration risk, despite the inclusion of NBNZ exposures. This has been achieved through reducing the volume of Top 10 client committed lending.

Sustained management of client exposures has reduced the sensitivity of the capital base of Top 10 clients (to 68% of ACE in March 2004 from 75% of ACE September 2003).

Top 10 Committed Exposures

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Top 10 Lending Exposures as % of ACE(1)

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Note:

(1). March 2004 derivative exposures were calculated using a Monte Carlo model to calculate ANZ's potential credit loss. The impact in moving to this methodology reduced the above ratio by 4.4 percentage points in comparison to ANZ's previous methodology.

Concentration risk addressed in business and corporate lending book through management cap on industry exposure

Management has reduced concentration risk in ANZ's business/corporate loan book by limiting industry exposure to 10% of ANZ Group GLAs

Increased diversification of business/corporate lending portfolio across industry segments since 1993 has been accompanied by reallocation of business/corporate lending capacity to retail lines of business

% of ANZ Group Lending Assets

(Australia and New Zealand)

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Industry exposures Australia & NZ (excl. NBNZ)

Health & Community Services

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Cultural & Recreational Services

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Forestry & Fishing

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Mining

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Personal & Other Services

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Communication Services

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Finance - Other

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Transport & Storage

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Utilities

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Finance Banks, Building Soc etc.

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Accommodation, Clubs, Pubs etc.

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Construction

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**Real Estate
Operators & Dev.**

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Retail Trade

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Agriculture

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Manufacturing

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Wholesale Trade

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Business Services

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ANZ Group Structure 2004

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ANZ Specialist Business Structure 2004

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**Matrix*

ING JV benefits from markets upturn

NPAT increased 5% over the half driven by:

Higher fee income arising from growth in funds under management (FUM)

Higher capital investment earnings, up 7% due to strong equity markets and rising interest rates. These were partially offset by ANZ s capital hedge losses.

Costs remained flat due to tight expense control

INGA maintained its number four Retail FUM position as measured by ASSIRT

Most recent review of valuation model and assumptions performed by Ernst & Young at September 2003 confirmed current carrying value.

Valuation will be performed at least once a year and more often if there is a significant change in circumstances that is likely to impact the value

Current JV Valuation

	\$m
ANZ Contribution to JV	879
Equalisation payment	960
Unrecognised profit on sale of ANZ FM	(248)
Equity accounted profit since inception	100
Carrying value ay Mar-04	1,691

**Strong Retail FUM growth
since JV inception**

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**INGA NPAT and ANZ net return
improving with market conditions**

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