



Risk Committee Charter

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this charter is to set out the authority, role, structure, responsibilities, and general operations and protocols of the Risk Committee (the 'Committee') of the Board of Directors (the 'Board') of Bank Australia Limited (the 'Company').

The purpose of the Committee is to assist the board by providing objective non-executive oversight of the Company's:

- a) implementation and operation of the risk management framework, including the risk appetite and strategy;
- b) risk identification, assessment and control methodologies;
- c) prudential, capital management and statutory requirements in relation to the Company's risk management framework and profile;
- d) compliance with Constitutional, legal, regulatory, outsourcing and policy obligations, excluding reporting requirements covered by the Audit Committee;
- e) compliance with industry standards, codes of practice, public commitments and responsible banking principles; and
- f) insurance cover and the Company's insurance program.

This charter is supported by the charters for the Board and relevant Board Committees, including the Audit Committee and Governance and Remuneration Committee and informed by the Company Constitution and APRA Prudential Standards predominantly through CPS 510 – Governance and CPS 220 – Risk Management.

2. Authority

The Board authorises the Committee to:

- a) exercise any powers of the Board, which the Board has delegated to it in accordance with the Company's Constitution and the Corporations Act;
- b) investigate any matter brought to its attention with full, free and unfettered access to the Chief Risk Officer ("CRO"), other members of the Executive Leadership team, risk and financial control personnel and other parties (internal and external) in carrying out its duties (access is to be coordinated via the CRO or relevant member of the Executive Leadership team);
- c) engage independent counsel and other advisers as it determines necessary to carry out its duties;
- d) take appropriate actions to set the overall corporate 'tone' for compliance with laws, regulations, Prudential Standards, Industry Codes of Practice, stakeholder expectations and Board policies;
- e) in carrying out its responsibilities, ensure its policies and procedures enable it to best react to changing conditions and circumstances; and
- f) have the powers necessary to obtain all information necessary for the performance of its functions.

3. Role

The Committee is a committee of the Board and assists the Board with its allocated workload relating to the oversight of the Company's risk management framework and processes. It will advise the Board on issues requiring attention and review any other matters referred to the Committee by the Board.

The Committee's principal function is one of oversight, monitoring and supervision of the Company's systems of risk management – the Committee does not become involved in day to day operations or management. Without limiting the Committee's duties, neither the Committee, nor any member of the Committee, has the duty to actively seek out activities that are not compliant with policies and procedures, although they have a duty to act promptly if any such activity comes to their attention.

The Board cannot abrogate its overall responsibility for oversight of the Company's risk management framework.

Committee members are entitled to rely on employees of the Company or assurance providers, professional advisors and consultants engaged by the Committee, Board or Company where there are reasonable grounds to believe that the reliance is in good faith and those employees, assurance providers or professional advisors and consultants are reliable and competent.

The Committee will liaise with the Audit Committee to provide assurance that major risk areas are addressed.

4. Structure

The Committee shall comprise at least three members appointed by the Board of Directors. All members of the Committee will be non-executive directors with a majority of independent directors (assessed by reference to the criteria in Prudential Standard CPS 510 – Governance).

Should the Board appoint the minimum number of Directors to the Committee, it should consider appointment of a substitute member to ensure a quorum (3) in the absence of one of its appointees.

The Board of Directors shall appoint the Chair of the Committee. The Committee Chair, who shall not be the Chair of the Board, shall be an independent Director.

5. Responsibilities

The scope of the Committee's responsibilities as authorised by the Board include:

5.1. Risk management framework

Oversee all components of the risk management framework including:

- a) advise the Board on the overall current and future risk appetite and risk management strategy which must address all material risks;
- b) monitor, review and recommend for Board approval the Company's risk management framework and processes including, but not limited to, credit risk, capital management risk, liquidity risk, market risk, interest rate risk, operational risk, large exposure and concentration risk, regulatory compliance risk, and contagion and reputational risk;

- c) establish a Company-wide view of the current and future risk position relative to risk appetite and capital strength;
- d) oversee the Executive Leadership team's implementation of the risk management strategy;
- e) provide constructive challenge to the Executive Leadership team's proposals and decisions on all aspects of risk management arising from the Company's activities and emerging risks;
- f) review and make recommendations to the Strategic Plan on an annual basis;
- g) monitor the Company's operational risk profile through scenario analysis and treatment plans for high residual rated risks and risk events;
- h) ensure a risk reporting structure that provides appropriate information to monitor performance of the risk management framework;
- i) oversee and encourage a sound risk management culture;
- j) oversee and ensure appropriate controls are developed that are consistent with the Company's risk appetite; and
- k) review the adequacy of the Business Continuity Policy and Plan, testing at least quarterly.

5.2. Risk limits, trigger points, key risk indicators, tolerances and trends

- a) Recommend risk limits and trigger point limits.
- b) Review and recommend Key Risk Indicators (KRIs) and risk appetite tolerances for all major risk categories.
- c) Monitor performance against KRIs and tolerances for all major risk categories and management actions to address breaches and near-tolerance incidences.

5.3. Liquidity Management

Oversee, review and monitor the Company's liquidity management and funding strategies, liquidity risk tolerance and contingency funding plan.

5.4. Credit Quality

- a) Monitor processes for the maintenance of credit quality; and
- b) Advise the Board on the approval of:
 - the criteria established by the Company for identifying and reporting to the Executive and the Board those credit exposures deemed to be a source of concern;
 - the documented analytical framework included in the policies (incorporating, as appropriate, the exercise of experienced credit judgement) necessary to ensure the timely and reliable recognition of impaired facilities;

- policies which provide for prudent and realistic measures of the impairment of facilities (incorporating, as appropriate, the exercise of experienced credit judgements and valuation of collateral) consistent with requirements for reporting to APRA and relevant accounting standards; and
- periodic review and monitoring processes for the documentation, regular review and updating of the Company's credit risk profile.

5.5. Write-offs

- a) Review write-offs for loans, clearing account discrepancies and complaints/disputes approval as per Board Delegations Register contained within the Board Charter.
- b) Recommend for Board approval write-offs for loans, clearing account discrepancies and complaints/disputes as per Board Delegations Register contained within the Board Charter.

5.6. Company insurance cover

Review and ratify the Company's insurer and adequacy of the Company's insurance cover.

5.7. Chief Risk Officer (CRO)

- a) Provide input to the objectives of the CRO.
- b) Endorse the appointment and removal of the CRO.
- c) Ensure the CRO has unfettered access to the Board and the Committee.
- d) Provide input to the performance Review of the CRO.

If the CRO is removed from their position, the Chair of the Committee or MD will discuss the reasons for removal with APRA as soon as practicable, and no more than 10 business days, after the Committee's endorsement is agreed upon.

5.8. Policy reviews

- a) Review the Board risk management strategy, risk appetite and recovery plan annually and recommend updates to the Board.
- b) Conduct a review at least every three years and recommend for Board approval the following Board policies:
 - Compliance Policy
 - Risk Management
 - Capital Management
 - Liquidity Risk Management

- Securitisation Policy
- Contingency Funding Plan
- Credit Risk Policy
- Large Exposures Policy
- Non-Traded Market Risk Policy
- AML.CTF Program Part A
- Information Security Policy
- Privacy

5.9. Business Continuity Compliance

- a) Promote compliance with legal and regulatory obligations, codes of conduct, agreements, policies, procedures and the Company Constitution.
- b) Obtain regular reports from management to monitor and assess the effectiveness of compliance structures.
- c) Monitor compliance with public and contractual commitments including marketing promises, United Nations Agreements, Reconciliation Action Plan, APRA Prudential Standards, Codes of Conduct and terms and conditions for the provision of products and services.
- d) Receive reports from APRA on the outcomes of prudential risk reviews and monitor the progress of management to address recommendations from these reviews.
- e) Recommend material outsourcing agreements and receive regular reporting on the performance of all material outsourced business activities which should report on any substantive non-compliance issues (excluding the Internal Audit agreement monitored by the Board Audit Committee).
- f) Review management representations to the Board on compliance or other issues.

5.10. Compliance breaches, complaints and disputes

Ensure adequate policies and procedures operate for the receipt, retention, and treatment of breaches, complaints or disputes and receive reports and evidence of all significant breaches and disputes and act appropriately on a case by case basis.

6. Protocols

6.1. Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least six times each year, plus such additional meetings as the Chair of the Committee shall decide. The Company Secretary is required to call a meeting of the Committee if requested to do so by the Committee Chair, by any Committee member, by the Chair of the Board of Directors or by the MD.

The MD, Chief Risk Officer and Company Secretary shall be invited attendees of the Committee with no voting rights. Other members of the Executive Leadership team or other officers of the Company may attend by invitation which may be a standing invitation.

A quorum shall consist of at least three Director Committee members.

Each year the Committee approves a meeting planner setting out the standing and strategic items and reports to be considered throughout the year.

The Company Secretary shall be responsible, in conjunction with the Chair, for preparing the meeting agenda and circulating it to Committee members prior to each meeting, supported by explanatory documentation.

Committee meetings may be called or held using any technology consented to by all members.

The Company Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes of meetings of the Committee and circulating copies as soon as practicable after the meeting to all members of the Board of Directors.

6.2. Reporting

The Chair of the Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Board at the next Board meeting. Meeting papers requiring Board approval and minutes will be distributed to the full Board.

The Committee will refer to the Board or the appropriate Board Committee any matters that have come to the attention of the Committee that are relevant to the responsibilities of those bodies.

The Committee will ensure that APRA is informed of all material changes to risk management systems.

On or before the day the Company's annual information is required to be submitted to APRA, the Committee will ensure APRA is provided with a declaration from the Committee Chair and Chair of the Board of Directors, regarding the adequacy of risk management systems in accordance with Prudential Standard CPS 220 Risk Management.

6.3. Access

Members of the Committee shall be available to meet with APRA or any other regulator on request.

The Chair of the Committee will provide for the internal auditor to meet privately with the members of the Committee as required to review with them any internal audit issues or difficulties and management's response.

6.4. Performance assessment and review

The Committee shall perform an evaluation of its performance at least annually to determine whether it is functioning effectively by reference to current best practice and report its findings to the Board.

7. Review

This Charter may only be amended by the Board. The Committee will review this Charter at least every three years or as necessary in the light of changes to the external environment, the Committee’s operating activities or the risk profile of the Company. Any material changes are to be submitted to the Committee for final review and recommended to the Board for approval. Minor and administrative updates to this Charter (including changes to position titles) may be made without reference to the Committee or Board for approval but notification of the change will be brought to the next Board meeting for noting.

8. Document history

Date	Details
9/11/2011	New Charter replacing Finance Committee Charter
20/12/2012	Amended Charter approved by the Board of Directors.
23/05/2013	New section 8.8 for Write-offs inserted and approved by the Board of Directors
28/11/2013	Amended charter incorporating requirements of the draft standard CPS 220 <i>Risk Management</i> and amended standard CPS 510 <i>Governance</i> adopted by resolution the Board.
29/05/2014	Amended charter adopted by resolution of the Board
26/06/2014	Section 8.8 Write Offs updated with new limits as per Board resolution at the June Board meeting.
18/12/2014	Amended charter adopted by resolution of the Board
17/12/2015	Compliance responsibilities moved from Audit and Compliance Committee to Risk Committee. Amendments reviewed by the Committee and approved by the Board
23/06/2016	Amended charter adopted by resolution of the Board
27/06/2019	Amended charter adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors following the Board and Committee Charter Simplification Review
30/06/2022	Amended charter reviewed by Risk Committee and recommended to the Board for approval
29/09/2022	Amended charter adopted by resolution of the Board
29/06/2023	Amended Charter adopted by resolution of the Board
23/11/2023	Amended charter adopted by resolution of the Board, reflecting the frequency of meetings outlined in Section 6.1

Appendix 1. Risk categories

Risk categories to be overseen include:

- Strategic Risk
 - Reputation
 - Purpose
 - Business planning
 - Sustainable Growth
 - Climate
- Credit Risk
 - Large or concentration exposures
 - Loans Default
 - Commercial loans default
 - Liquid investments default
- Financial Risk
 - Liquidity
 - Capital
 - Market risk
- Governance Risk
 - Corporate governance
 - Regulation and legislation
 - Risk management, including insurance risk
 - Culture

- Operational Risk
 - Cyber
 - Business disruption
 - Physical assets damage
 - Processing, execution and delivery
 - Products, Services & Disclosure
 - Project Management
 - Employment practices and workplace safety
 - Data
 - Financial Governance
 - Fraud (internal and external)