# 2024 Voluntary Tax Transparency Report



## **Tax Strategy and Governance**

#### **Our Business**

Bank Australia started in 1957 as the CSIRO Cooperative Credit Society and has grown and evolved, adding 72 credit unions and cooperatives to become Australia's first customer owned bank. In 2015 we changed our name to Bank Australia (the Company).

#### **Our Culture**

Through engagement with customers and staff using a human-centered design approach, the bank has adopted a set of values more closely aligned to the values of our customers and employees.

### Honesty and Integrity

Walk the talk

# **Future and Generational Thinking**

Enrich the future

# **Care and Empathy**

Nurture people

#### **Authenticity and Transparency**

Be true to yourself and clear to others

#### **Belonging and Community**

Build togetherness and shared purpose

# Our Approach to Tax

Bank Australia implements its Tax Strategy and Governance approach through its Tax Policy. This Policy is approved by the Board and is in line with the Company's Risk Management Framework.

As part of our Tax Policy, we maintain a Tax Risk Management and Governance Framework which covers: code of practice, roles and responsibilities, reporting requirements, policies and procedures, approach to significant and material transactions, internal controls and record keeping and control monitoring and testing

The Tax Policy states that the Company will act ethically and responsibly in its management of tax requirements, and will maintain an open and transparent relationship with revenue authorities. In ensuring an ethical and responsible approach, the Company has no appetite for any transaction that is motivated by the avoidance of tax. In the event of doubt regarding application of tax law, the Company will engage with revenue authorities and seek appropriate tax advice.

In supporting an open and transparent relationship, the Company's commitment to revenue authorities is to ensure compliance with laws and regulations and to behave in a way the maintains trust. In doing this, commitment has been made to complete Voluntary Tax Transparency Reporting.

## **International Related Party Dealings**

Bank Australia is a 100% customer-owned bank, with operations only in Australia, it has no international related party details.

#### **Tax Contribution Paid**

The following chart illustrates the Company's tax contributions paid to Australian tax authorities for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Tax Item	The Company 2024 \$m	The Company 2023 \$m
Corporate income tax	3.3	40.1
Employer Payroll Tax/ Other Taxes (including Land Tax and FBT)	4.5	3.4
Employer PAYG witheld	18.8	15.1
GST not recovered	3.8	4.1

# **Contingent tax risk**

The tax affairs of the Company are subject to reviews by the ATO and Revenue Offices of various Australian States and Territories. These reviews cover all facets of tax affairs including prior tax returns lodged and compliance with various customer data reporting regimes, and may result in additional tax-related liabilities and payments (including interest and penalties). Where appropriate, provisions have been made. The potential outcome and total costs associated with these activities remain uncertain.

# Reconciliation of accounting profit to tax expense and income tax payable and effective tax rate (ETR)

	The Company 2024 \$m	The Company 2023 \$m
Profit before income tax (PBT)	37.4	86.7
Prima Facie income tax expense based on local statutory tax rate	11.2	26.0
Permanent differences		
Dividends – franking credits	(0.6)	(0.5)
Other assessable income	-	(3.2)
Under/(over) provision of income tax in prior years	-	0.3
Income tax expense relating to current year liability	10.6	22.6
Temporary differences (movement)		
Provision for impaired loans	(0.3)	_
Other provisions	0.6	0.4
Property, plant and equipment & leases	0.8	(0.5)
Derivative financial instruments	(0.2)	1.7
Other	-	(2.1)
Under/(over) provision of income tax in prior years	-	(0.3)
Total temporary differences (movement)	0.9	(0.9)
Other adjustments impacting current tax payable	-	-
Current year income tax payable from continuing operations	11.5	21.8
Total income tax expense (ITE)		
Income tax expense relating to current year liability	10.6	22.3
Prior year adjustments to amounts provided	-	0.3
Other	-	-
Total income tax expense from continuing operations	10.6	22.6
Effective tax rate (ITE/PBT)	28%	26%
Statutory tax rate	30%	30%

# Reconciliation of taxes payable

	The Company 2024 \$m	The Company 2023 \$m
Tax payable / (refundable) at the beginning of the period	(10.4)	8.5
Prior period adjustments	0.1	(0.6)
Less: income taxes paid during the year	(3.3)	(40.1)
Income tax payable for current financial year	11.6	21.8
Tax payable / (refundable) at the end of the period	(2.0)	(10.4)