

## Independent Reasonable Assurance Report to the Management and Directors of National Australia Bank Limited

### Our Opinion

Ernst & Young ('EY', 'we') were engaged by National Australia Bank Limited ('NAB') to undertake a reasonable assurance engagement as defined by Australian Auditing Standards, hereafter referred to as the 'assurance procedures', to report on the Subject Matter defined below for the year ended 30 June 2024. In our opinion, the Subject Matter for the year ended 30 June 2024 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria defined below.

### What we assured

We undertook reasonable assurance procedures on the following Subject Matter as shown in the table below and as reported in NAB's Energy and Emissions Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 (the 'Report'):

| Subject Matter   | Value                      | Criteria  | Period                     |
|--|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Scope 1 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, expressed in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e) | 4,329 tCO <sub>2</sub> -e  | Section 19 of the <i>National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007</i> ("NGER Act")<br><br><i>National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Regulations 2008</i> ("NGER Regulations")<br><br><i>National Greenhouse and Energy (Measurement) Determination 2008</i> ("NGER (Measurement) Determination") applicable for the reporting period | 1 July 2023 - 30 June 2024 |
| Scope 2 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, expressed in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO <sub>2</sub> -e) | 47,165 tCO <sub>2</sub> -e |   |                            |
| Total Energy consumption, expressed in gigajoules (GJ)   | 300,139 GJ                 |   |                            |
| Net Energy consumption, expressed in gigajoules (GJ)   | 297,880 GJ                 |   |                            |
| Energy production, expressed in gigajoules (GJ)  | 2,259 GJ                   |   |                            |

Other than as described in the preceding paragraphs, which set out the scope of our engagement, we did not perform assurance procedures on the remaining information included in the Report, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion on this information.

### Key responsibilities

#### NAB's responsibility

NAB's management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Subject Matter in accordance with the Criteria, and in compliance with Section 19 of the NGER Act. This includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Subject Matter that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

NAB's management is responsible for the interpretation and application of the requirements of the NGER Act and the NGER (Measurement) Determination in determining operational control and quantifying emissions and energy, which are reflected in NAB's "Environmental Reporting Process Notes - NGERs" which has been provided to us.

#### **EY's responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a reasonable assurance opinion as to whether the Subject Matter has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria.

We have conducted our reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with:

- ▶ National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Audit) Determination 2009 ("NGER (Audit) Determination")
- ▶ ASAE 3000 Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information
- ▶ ASAE 3410 Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements
- ▶ ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements.

The NGER (Audit) Determination and above noted national legislation and standards require that we plan and perform this engagement to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Energy and Emissions Report is free from material misstatement.

A reasonable assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain assurance evidence about the Subject Matter being assured. The procedures selected depend on the audit Partner's judgement, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement or material non-compliance of the matter being audited, whether due to fraud or error. We did not consider internal controls for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NAB's internal controls or performing procedures relating to assessing aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems. A reasonable assurance engagement also includes evaluating the reasonableness of emissions and energy estimates made by management of the company as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Subject Matter.

We believe that the assurance evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Independence and quality management**

We have complied with the independence and relevant ethical requirements, which are founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. These include all of the requirements defined in the NGER Regulations regarding the Code of Conduct, independence and quality control. We have the required competencies and experience to conduct this assurance engagement.

The firm applies Auditing Standard ASQM 1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements*, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

## Our approach to conducting the assurance procedures

We conducted our assurance procedures in accordance with the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board's Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information ('ASAE3000') and the terms of reference for this engagement as agreed with NAB. That standard requires that we plan and perform our engagement to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, the Subject Matter is presented in accordance with the Criteria, and to issue a report.

## Summary of assurance procedures performed

The procedures we conducted in our reasonable assurance engagement included, but were not limited to the following:

- ▶ Obtaining an understanding of the greenhouse gas and energy reporting processes supporting the business activities of NAB.
- ▶ Conducting visits to selected sites to confirm the existence of and identify sources of greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption and energy production and understand the basis for measurement and preparation of the Report.
- ▶ Conducting interviews and collating evidence to understand processes and controls supporting preparation and presentation of the Report.
- ▶ Assessing documentation in support of operational control decisions.
- ▶ Assessing that methodologies have been correctly applied in accordance with the requirements in the NGER (Measurement) Determination.
- ▶ Testing the aggregation of applicable data by emission stream and disaggregation of data by reporting category.
- ▶ Undertaking analytical review procedures to consider any anomalies in data presented.
- ▶ Identifying and testing assumptions supporting the calculations.
- ▶ Testing reported data, on a sample basis, to underlying source information to check completeness and accuracy of the Report.
- ▶ Reviewing the presentation of the Subject Matter within the Report.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

## Inherent Limitations

There are inherent limitations in performing assurance engagements; for example, assurance engagements are based on selective testing of the information being examined. It is possible that fraud, error, or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. A reasonable assurance engagement is not designed to detect all instances of non-compliance with the Criteria, as a reasonable assurance engagement is not performed continuously throughout the period and the procedures performed in respect of compliance with the Criteria are undertaken on a test basis. The opinion expressed in this Report has been formed on the above basis.

Additionally, non-financial data may be subject to more inherent limitations than financial data, given both its nature and the methods used for determining, calculating and sampling or estimating such data. We specifically note that NAB has used estimates or extrapolated underlying information to calculate certain amounts included within the greenhouse gas and energy information.

The GHG quantification process is subject to scientific uncertainty, which arises because of incomplete scientific knowledge about the measurement of GHGs. Additionally, GHG procedures are subject to estimation and measurement uncertainty resulting from the measurement and calculation processes used to quantify emissions within the bounds of existing scientific knowledge.


### Other matters

We have not performed assurance procedures in respect of any information relating to prior reporting periods, including those presented in the Subject Matter. Nor does our report extend to any disclosures or assertions made by NAB relating to future performance plans and/or strategies disclosed in the Report and supporting disclosures online.

### Use of our Assurance Statement

This Report has been prepared for the management and Directors of NAB, for the sole purpose of reporting on NAB's Energy and Emissions Report and its compliance with the NGER Act. Accordingly, we disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this Report to any persons or users other than the intended users, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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