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“What can be done to prevent the conduct happening again?”

The number one answer to that question is break up the banks! Virtually all of the misconduct examined by the royal commission stems from the banks being too-big-to-fail conglomerates of multiple financial services businesses.

If commercial banks were separated from investment banking, they wouldn't be able to do the trading in securities and derivatives on mortgages which made them lower their lending standards and even commit fraud so they could increase their mortgage lending.

Without the incentives to concentrate most of their lending into speculating on the housing bubble, they would have more interest in lending to, and looking after, their small business and farm customers.

If commercial banks were not “vertically integrated” with wealth management, stock broking, insurance and superannuation, they wouldn't be able to fleece customers with financial advice that lures them into buying products and investments from the other businesses that the banks own.

If the banks were broken up, and commercial banks were only allowed to take deposits and make loans, and kept separated from other financial services and speculation, the financial system would be much simpler, and therefore the regulators would be better able to do their job. The banks would not be too big to fail, so [REDACTED] would not be able to use “financial stability” as the excuse for allowing the banks to get away with financial murder.