

**SUBMISSION ON POLICY ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE INTERIM REPORT**

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To Commissioner Hayne,

I am 64yrs of age, a current retiree, I have been married for 46 years (to the same woman) and represent what would be considered by today's standards to be a large family, 5 sons, 5 daughter in laws or partners and 13 grand children, a total of 25 people all together.

I am an average Australian who has worked hard to make the most of each opportunity that has come my way, I pride myself on my Judeo-Christian heritage and consider myself to be blessed to be an Australian.

For some time now I have had real concerns for our current Banking System and the financial impact it could have on Australia as a Sovereign Nation and for the legacy we, the people of this generation, will leave behind for our children!

Something must be done!!

Following are my responses to the questions that Commissioner Hayne poses at the end of his interim report, on which he is seeking submissions.

**Commissioner Hayne:**

Hence, the first question to be asked and answered is:

- Is the law governing financial services entities and their conduct too complicated?
  - Does it impede effective conduct risk management?
  - Does it impede effective regulatory enforcement?
- ...
- Is the regulatory regime too complex? Should there be radical simplification of the regulatory regime?

**My Response:** Yes! I believe it does impede effective conduct risk management and effective regulatory control, I believe the financial system as it is, has become corrupt and is too complex and urgently needs to be simplified!

I would suggest the separation of Commercial and Investment Banks to be of the highest priority for all Australians, before this present system collapses completely.

**Commissioner Hayne:**

- Are APRA's regulatory practices satisfactory? If not, how should they be changed?
- Are APRA's enforcement practices satisfactory? If not, how should they be changed?
- Does the conduct identified and criticised in this report call for reconsideration of APRA's prudential standards on governance?

**My Response:** APRA's regulatory practices are NOT satisfactory!

In fact responsibility for our current Banking System Crisis and the inflated housing bubble crisis (\$35 trillion + exposure to risky derivatives trades), MUST rest at the feet of our banking regulator APRA.

**My Response:** APRA's enforcement practices are NOT satisfactory!

It is clear from the extensive debt our banks have accumulated that APRA have not been an effective authority in regulating the outrageous, risky and sometimes criminal behaviour of the Banks.

**My Response:** APRA's prudential standards on governance NEED to be reviewed urgently!

Legislation, authorities and emergency powers need to be reviewed urgently, as a sovereign nation the Australian Government needs to stand up and accept full responsibility for this financial mess and make some hard decisions in the best interest of our Nation rather than abdicating their authority and responsibility to APRA our regulatory authority who has international links and obligations to the Bank of International Settlements!

**Commissioner Hayne:**

#### 7.5 Business structures

- Do the events that have happened raise any issue about business structures?
- Do the events that have happened invite consideration of whether structural changes should now be made?
- Do the events that have happened suggest that manufacturers of financial products should not be permitted to provide, whether by employee or authorised representative, personal financial advice in relation to products of a kind it manufactures?

**My Response;** Yes, events have happened that raise issues about the Banking business structure! Vertical integration of banks has created conflicts of interest for the Banks between serving their customers, and exploiting their customers by giving staff target quotas to maximise profits for shareholders.

**My Response;** Yes, events exposed through the Commission on Bank behaviour should be a sure sign that structural changes MUST be made in the best interest of all Australians! Put an end to the conflict of interests by separating commercial banks from all other businesses!

**My Response;** Yes, events indicate that this vertical integration of Banks must stop, Banks cannot be trusted and the manufactures of financial products should NOT be allowed to give financial advice on the products they sell, Stop it, it is so wrong and un-Australian!!

**Commissioner Hayne:**

What responses should be made to the conduct identified and criticised in this report?

- Are changes in law necessary?
  - Should the financial services law be simplified?
  - ...
- Should the regulatory architecture change?
  - ...
- Is structural change in the industry necessary?

**My response is in line with the CEC:** Yes, yes, and yes. The solution is in legislation that is already before Parliament, the Banking System Reform (Separation of Banks) Bill 2018, introduced by the Member for Kennedy Bob Katter on 25 June. It will enact a Glass-Steagall separation of commercial banks from investment banking and all other financial business, and bring APRA under much tighter Parliamentary control.

I don't know if it's too late or not, but the Lucky Country is fast slipping away from us, the Australian dream is fading and the curse of debt and poverty hangs over our heads.

Our Government must act now, make their decisions based on what we know to be true and not abdicate responsibilities to a Regulator who does not appear to have done its job properly.

God and history are watching, waiting for the future to unfold, we need good leadership at the wheel, people who are willing to be accountable, we the people are counting on our elected Government to make decisions in the best interest of all Australians and chose the right direction for our Nation.

**Regards**

