

Form G

Commonwealth of Australia
Trade Practices Act 1974 — subsection 93 (1)

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NOTIFICATION OF EXCLUSIVE DEALING

To the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission:

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with subsection 93 (1) of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, of particulars of conduct or of proposed conduct of a kind referred to subsections 47 (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) or (9) of that Act in which the person giving notice engages or proposes to engage.

1. Applicant

(a) Name of person giving notice:

N94244 Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited ABN 11 005 357 522 (ANZ)

(b) Short description of business carried on by that person:

ANZ is in the business of banking and the provision of financial services. In particular, the business division of ANZ relevant in the context of this notification is Retail Products. ANZ's Retail Products division provides prepaid cards to corporate and retail customers in Australia.

(c) Address in Australia for service of documents on that person:

Level 14, 100 Queen Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000

2. Notified arrangement

(a) Description of the goods or services in relation to the supply or acquisition of which this notice relates:

Reloadable prepaid Visa cards offered by ANZ to retail customers.

(b) Description of the conduct or proposed conduct:

ANZ proposes to pilot a reloadable prepaid Visa card (Card) in conjunction with The University of Sydney ABN 15 211 513 464 (the University). Students at the University will be given the opportunity to opt in to the pilot. Under the pilot, the reloadable prepaid Visa functionality of the Card will be added to the existing functionality of the University's student card. Before students can use the Visa functionality of the Card they must register their details at a website and load funds onto the Card.

In order to acquire a Card, consumers must be a current student at the University.

- 3. Persons, or classes of persons, affected or likely to be affected by the notified conduct
 - (a) Class or classes of persons to which the conduct relates:

The class of persons affected or likely to be affected are consumers who wish to receive a Card.

- (b) Number of those persons:
 - (i) At present time:

Nil.

(ii) Estimated within the next year:

Approximately 2,000

(c) Where number of persons stated in item 3 (b) (i) is less than 50, their names and addresses:

N/A

4. Public benefit claims

(a) Arguments in support of notification:

The proposed conduct will be of benefit to the public as it will promote competition amongst competitors of the University and prompt competitors of the University to provide pro-competitive value added benefits to their students.

The proposed conduct will also benefit the public as it will promote competition amongst competitors of ANZ by prompting competitors of ANZ to partner with other product or service providers to provide additional benefits to their customers.

(b) Facts and evidence relied upon in support of these claims:

Students who opt-in to receiving a Card will receive a direct benefit in the form of:

- Visa payment functionality to be added to the existing student card (including the ability to pay for goods and services on and off campus and at online merchants using the Card where Prepaid Visa is accepted electronically);
- the convenience of having one card to use for existing functionality (building access, library functionality, printing and photocopying, travel concession) in addition to new Visa payment functionality; and
- students will be able to load value to their Cards on campus for free.

As a result, competitors of the University may consider offering similar benefits to their students in order to remain competitive.

5. Market definition

Provide a description of the market(s) in which the goods or services described at 2 (a) are supplied or acquired and other affected markets including: significant suppliers and acquirers; substitutes available for the relevant goods or services; any restriction on the supply or acquisition of the relevant goods or services (for example geographic or legal restrictions):

Prepaid cards are issued by a number of issuers in Australia including Heritage Building Society, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Westpac Banking Corporation and Credit Union Services Corporation (Australia). Whilst some of the prepaid card offerings are





co-branded, none of the prepaid card issuers offers the benefits of a prepaid card as one of the features of a university student card. There is a great deal of competition between prepaid card issuers to retain existing customers and attract new customers.

6. Public detriments

(a) Detriments to the public resulting or likely to result from the notification, in particular the likely effect of the notified conduct on the prices of the goods or services described at 2 (a) above and the prices of goods or services in other affected markets:

The proposed conduct will have no public detriment.

(b) Facts and evidence relevant to these detriments:

The proposed conduct will have no public detriment.

7. Further information

(a) Name, postal address and contact telephone details of the person authorised to provide additional information in relation to this notification:

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Dated 5./6

Signed on behalf of the applicant by its duly authorised representative:

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