

# Commonwealth Bank

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Dear Sir

## **Section 708A Notice – Issue of CBA Securities without a prospectus**

As contemplated by its announcement of the \$357million element of its capital raising on 17 December 2008, Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 (**CBA**) has today issued 12,572,765 shares in CBA at \$28.37 a share under its arrangements with Merrill Lynch International (Australia) Limited.

CBA gives notice under section 708A(5)(e) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (**Act**) that:

- 1 CBA issued 12,572,765 ordinary shares in CBA without disclosure to investors under Part 6D.2 of the Act;
- 2 as a disclosing entity, CBA is subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations;
- 3 as at the date of this notice, CBA has complied with the provisions of Chapter 2M and section 674 of the Act as they apply to CBA; and
- 4 as at the date of this notice, there is no information that is 'excluded information' within the meaning of section 708A(7) of the Act.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J D Hatton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J D Hatton  
Company Secretary