

Appendix 3B

New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

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Name of entity

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ("**Bank**")

ABN

48 123 123 124

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

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| 1 | +Class of +securities issued or to be issued | CommBank Retail Bonds Series 1 Tranche A
Maturity Date 24 December 2015 (" CommBank Retail Bonds Series 1 Tranche A ") |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | 5,700,000 CommBank Retail Bonds Series 1 Tranche A |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid +securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if +convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion) | Refer to the CommBank Retail Bonds Series 1 Tranche A Offer Document lodged with ASX on 18 November 2010 (" Offer Document ") |

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<p>4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?</p> <p>If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the date from which they do • the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment 	<p>CommBank Retail Bonds Series 1 Tranche A will rank equally with all other senior unsubordinated and unsecured debt obligations of the Bank, including but not limited to transferable certificates of deposit and floating rate notes, subject to mandatory statutory priorities.</p> <p>CommBank Retail Bonds Series 1 Tranche A will rank ahead of all holders of the Bank's ordinary shares and subordinated securities including the notes issued by the Bank's New York branch stapled to fully-paid preference shares issued by the Bank called PERLS IV (Perpetual Exchangeable Resaleable Listed Securities issued through the prospectus dated 1 June 2007) and notes stapled to fully-paid preference shares issued by the Bank called PERLS V (Perpetual Exchangeable Resaleable Listed Securities issued through the prospectus dated 7 September 2009).</p> <p>For further details, refer to the Offer Document.</p>
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>\$100 per CommBank Retail Bonds Series 1 Tranche A</p>
<p>6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>	<p>The net proceeds of the offer of CommBank Retail Bonds Series 1 Tranche A will be used for general corporate purposes.</p>
<p>7 Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates</p>	<p>Date of entry of CommBank Retail Bonds Series 1 Tranche A into uncertificated holdings is 24 December 2010.</p> <p>The despatch of holding statements is scheduled to be completed on Thursday 30 December 2010.</p>

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	Number	+Class
8	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	Fully Paid Ordinary Shares
	1,548,882,074	
	5,000,000	Australian Government Guaranteed Floating Rate Transferable Certificates of Deposit Maturity Date 20 February 2014
	20,000,000	Australian Government Guaranteed Fixed Rate Transferable Certificates of Deposit Maturity Date 20 February 2014
	3,000,000	Senior, Unsubordinated, Unsecured Floating Rate Transferable Certificates of Deposit Maturity Date 17 December 2013
	23,600,000	Senior, Unsubordinated, Unsecured Fixed Rate Transferable Certificates of Deposit Maturity Date 17 December 2013
	5,000,000	Senior, Unsubordinated, Unsecured Floating Rate Transferable Certificates of Deposit Maturity Date 16 December 2011
	14,500,000	Senior, Unsubordinated, Unsecured Fixed Rate Medium Term Notes due 21 January 2011
	8,800,000	Senior, Unsubordinated, Unsecured Floating Rate Medium Term Notes due 21 January 2011
7,325,000	Perpetual Exchangeable Resaleable Listed Securities ("PERLS IV"), comprising an unsecured subordinated note issued by the Bank's New York branch and a fully-paid preference share issued by the Bank	

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190,000

Senior, Unsubordinated, Unsecured
Floating Rate Transferable Certificates
of Deposit Maturity Date 24 June 2011

75,000

Senior, Unsubordinated, Unsecured
Fixed Rate Transferable Certificates of
Deposit due 24 June 2011

10,000,000

PERLS V

5,700,000

CommBank Retail Bonds Series 1
Tranche A Maturity Date 24 December
2015

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	Number	+Class	
9	Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	168,600	Options over shares
		1,700,000	Unsecured, unsubordinated convertible note series no. 24, due 9 May 2011 issued under the Commets programme
		1,700,000	Unsecured, unsubordinated convertible note series no. 25, due 16 May 2011 issued under the Commets programme
		1,600,000	Unsecured, unsubordinated convertible note series no. 26, due 23 May 2011 issued under the Commets programme
		2,500,000	Unsecured, unsubordinated convertible note series no. 27, due 6 June 2011 issued under the Commets programme
		1,500,000	Unsecured, unsubordinated convertible note series no. 30, due 6 June 2011 issued under the Commets programme
		550,000	Unsecured, subordinated convertible notes
		700,000	2006 Series 1 preference shares
		Rights to shares to a maximum value of \$34 million for the 2007/2008 financial year	GLSP Rights
		Rights to shares to a maximum value of \$36.1 million for the 2008/2009 financial year.	GLSP Rights

10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	<p>Distributions are based on a floating rate, equal to the sum of the Bank Bill Rate plus the fixed Margin of 1.05% per annum until the Maturity Date for all periods other than the first interest period. For the first interest rate period beginning on the issue date and ending on the day before the first interest payment date, the interest rate will be the higher of 6.00% per annum and the rate calculated in the previous sentence.</p> <p>The Bank's dividend policy in respect of its shares is unchanged.</p> <p>For further details, refer to the Offer Document.</p>
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Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

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11	Is security holder approval required?	Not applicable.
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	Not applicable.
13	Ratio in which the +securities will be offered	Not applicable.
14	+Class of +securities to which the offer relates	Not applicable.
15	+Record date to determine entitlements	Not applicable.
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	Not applicable.
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	Not applicable.
18	Names of countries in which the entity has +security holders who will not be sent new issue documents <small>Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with. Cross reference: rule 7.7.</small>	Not applicable.
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	Not applicable.
20	Names of any underwriters	Not applicable.
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	Not applicable.
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	Not applicable.
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	Not applicable.
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders	Not applicable.
25	If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	Not applicable.

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26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled	Not applicable.
27	If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders	Not applicable.
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	Not applicable.
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	Not applicable.
30	How do ⁺ security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	Not applicable.
31	How do ⁺ security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	Not applicable.
32	How do ⁺ security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?	Not applicable.
33	⁺ Despatch date	Not applicable.

Part 3 - Quotation of securities

You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities

34 Type of securities
(tick one)

(a) Securities described in Part 1

(b) All other securities

Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

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Entities that have ticked box 34(a)

Additional securities forming a new class of securities

Tick to indicate you are providing the information or documents

- 35 If the +securities are +equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional +securities, and the number and percentage of additional +securities held by those holders
- 36 If the +securities are +equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional +securities setting out the number of holders in the categories
1 - 1,000
1,001 - 5,000
5,001 - 10,000
10,001 - 100,000
100,001 and over
- 37 A copy of any trust deed for the additional +securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

- 38 Number of securities for which +quotation is sought
- 39 Class of +securities for which quotation is sought
- 40 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?

If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:
 - the date from which they do
 - the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment
 - the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment

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41 Reason for request for quotation now
 Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period

 (if issued upon conversion of another security, clearly identify that other security)

Not applicable.

42 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (*including* the securities in clause 38)

Number	+Class
Not applicable.	Not applicable.

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Quotation agreement

1 +Quotation of our additional +securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the +securities on any conditions it decides.

2 We warrant the following to ASX.

- The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
- There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
- An offer of the +securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any +securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any +securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the +securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.

3 We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.

4 We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before +quotation of the +securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.



Sign here:
(Director/Company secretary)

Date: 24 December 2010

Print name: John Damien Hatton

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