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COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA Dividend Reinvestment Plan Information

SYDNEY, 15 AUGUST 2012: The Directors of Commonwealth Bank of Australia declared a final dividend of \$1.97 per share - an increase of 5 per cent on the 2011 final dividend. The dividend payout ratio (cash basis) is 75 per cent. This dividend will be fully franked and will be paid on 5 October 2012. The ex-dividend date will be 20 August 2012.

Attached to the 2012 final dividend will be New Zealand imputation credits of NZ\$0.12 per share.

The Directors have determined that the Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) will remain active for the 2012 final dividend. It will not be underwritten.

Shares issued to participating shareholders under the DRP will rank equally with existing fully paid ordinary shares. The price per share will be determined according to the DRP rules. The period used to determine the price will be the 10 trading day period commencing on 27 August 2012.

The Directors have determined that no discount will apply to the price of the shares issued pursuant to the DRP.

The last date for receipt of DRP Notices for election to participate in the DRP (including any variation) is 5.00pm (Sydney time) on 24 August 2012.

John Hatton
Company Secretary