Stakeholder engagement approach

As part of our purpose to build a brighter future for all, we aim to provide balanced outcomes for our stakeholders. Engaging with our stakeholders meaningfully helps us understand their needs and expectations, allowing us to respond in a way that considers their different views.

Proactive engagement with our diverse stakeholders and seeking their different perspectives provides valuable insight for CBA's decision making. Our Code of Conduct incorporates our Values and guides how we interact with our stakeholders. By consistently improving our understanding of our customers' and other stakeholders' expectations, we are better equipped to address their needs and concerns and deliver on our purpose and strategy.

This document outlines CBA's stakeholder engagement objectives, approach and principles, as well as our key stakeholder groups and how we engage with them.

Objective of stakeholder engagement

We are committed to engaging with key stakeholders who have the ability to materially impact or be impacted by our activities. Effective engagement with key stakeholders enables us to:

- build relationships with our stakeholders and enhance our community participation;
- listen, understand and respond to stakeholder perspectives including those from groups who are underrepresented and cohorts of the community experiencing vulnerability – and share the views across the Bank; and
- use insights from our stakeholders to understand material topics, risks and opportunities that inform our operational and strategic improvements, including products and services.

Our approach to stakeholder engagement

We understand it can be difficult to engage with a large organisation. Our approach will continue to evolve for stakeholders to access and engage with us. We seek to be consistent and transparent in our engagement and engage for a clear purpose.

Engagement occurs through a number of identified channels and by teams who manage relationships with stakeholders. Guidelines and policies for engagement with specific groups of stakeholders supplement our engagement principles, ensuring that the right group representatives have appropriate mandates for engagement. Engagement and communication with external stakeholders must be aligned with our purpose, strategy and Code of Conduct.

The way we engage reflects an appropriate approach for different groups. The table that follows summarises our key stakeholder groups, why and how we engage.

Our stakeholders can initiate engagements with us through different channels allowing us to consider the issues they raise and respond, where relevant.



Key principles informing our approach

Our stakeholder engagement approach is informed by best practice and allows us to adapt to meet the needs of our stakeholders and our business. Our principles provide guidelines for our engagements with key stakeholders.

In our engagement, we aim to be:



Measuring and reporting our engagement

Stakeholder priorities and issues are reported to relevant CBA forums or committees for consideration.

For customers, we use regular surveys looking at customer satisfaction, advocacy, brand perceptions as well as reviews of complaints and feedback. For other stakeholder groups we conduct regular tracking to understand their views.

We recognise that material topics will continue to evolve in line with expectations and global trends, and we incorporate stakeholder view of material topics in regular materiality assessments. These are disclosed in our annual reports.

Our key stakeholder groups and how we engage

Stakeholder group	Why these stakeholders matter	What informs our engagement	How we engage and collaborate
Customers	We regularly connect with our customers to understand their needs and obtain feedback on our products and services. This helps us uncover opportunities to improve the customer experience and inform changes to build a better bank.	 Customer feedback is collected through CommBank channels or approved third- party suppliers, who are onboarded per the Supplier Life Cycle Policy with all required risk assessments completed. Customers have given consent to receive surveys by agreeing to the Group Privacy Statement and are excluded from them if they have opted out by unsubscribing. 	 Social media Complaints and compliments Face to face engagement in branches and with relationship managers Customer contact centres Customer satisfaction surveys Customer focus groups on our strategy and activities to ensure they align with customer priorities CEO, Board and Executive team ad-hoc engagements
Community, industry groups and civil society	We seek to engage regularly with members and representatives of the diverse communities we represent. Listening, understanding and responding to community stakeholders' perspectives helps us understand risks and opportunities, measure impact and make more informed decisions, including for our product and service design and delivery.	 We undertake regular and ongoing engagement with community organisations and advocacy body representatives in line with good practice. We supplement this ongoing engagement with additional ad-hoc engagement with industry and community bodies to further inform our approach to key issues, such as financial abuse, payments, fraud and scams, climate and agriculture. 	 Ad-hoc meetings with industry and community groups and members Community visits Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community of Practice CBA Community Council Participation in and sponsorship of community events Support of community groups, non-government organisations and charities Partnerships with peak community and academic organisations, and industry groups



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Our people	Engaged employees improve work culture and increase productivity, building better work and customer relationships. We regularly engage with our people to understand how they are feeling about work and assess their overall wellbeing.	 Our engagement is informed by relevant HR policies, including the Group Privacy Policy, Group Inclusion and Diversity Policy, and Code of Conduct. 	 Group-wide surveys Employee forums Town halls Indigenous Advisory Council and Indigenous Leadership Team Employee-led networks for diverse communities
Government and Regulators	We engage with Australian governments (at local, state and federal levels) and Regulators, to build trust and exchange views and insights on a range of economic, financial industry and social issues that impact our customers, communities and operations.	 We engage with government agencies, politicians and regulators in compliance with legal requirements and our internal group policies. 	 Regulatory financial reporting Regular meetings with government Regular meetings with key regulators Submissions to government Feedback on government and regulator proposals Participation in government body and regulator commissions and inquiries Ad hoc engagement with specific departments and agencies, relating to issues such as climate change and biodiversity
Investors	We share key information to all investors, via the ASX Announcement Platform on the Bank's strategy and performance, to make informed investment decisions. We also engage to understand our investors' requirements and meet their expectations. This helps strengthen our access to capital.	• We conduct engagement with investors, analysts and related entities in compliance with the ASX Listing Rules and <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth).	 Financial disclosures and other reporting (including Annual Report, Investor Presentation, Climate Report) Annual General Meetings ASX Announcements and media releases Investor and analyst meetings with Investor Relations, Executives or Board members Financial and strategic briefings Writing or responding to shareholders by letter or email
Suppliers	We work with suppliers and contractors to obtain products and services that help us to meet our business needs. Our engagement seeks to identify and manage the impacts on businesses and communities from an environmental, social and human rights perspective, to minimise negative impacts and optimise positive outcomes.	 Our engagement and interaction with suppliers is conducted in a manner which upholds the commitments made in our Supplier Code of Conduct. All relationships with suppliers are managed by a Supplier Agreement which sets expectations and requirements for CBA and the supplier. 	 Supplier Agreements Supplier Code of Conduct Supplier governance meetings Supplier assessments Supplier audits Supplier questionnaires Ad-hoc engagement

