Online APPENDIX

This Appendix accompanies Christine Parker and Lucinda Sheedy-Reinhard, ‘Are Banks Responsible for Animals? A Critical Review of Animal Welfare and Climate Disruption in Banks’ Due Diligence Policies for Agribusiness Lending’. It provides further details of methods and sources. All sources are also on file with the first author and available upon request.

Table A1: Banks Operating in Australia and Climate Commitments

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| **Bank** | **Fossil Fuel Lending Commitments** |
| **ANZ** | Will ‘no longer directly finance new assets across the thermal coal value chain’; and ‘will exit all directly financed coal-fired power stations and thermal coal mines by 2030’[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| **Bank Australia** | Does not lend to the fossil fuel industry (incl coal, gas or oil extraction) or fossil fuel electricity generation[[2]](#footnote-2) |
| **BEN** | No direct lending to coal or coal seam gas projects.[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| **CBA** | Will reduce its exposure to thermal coal mining and coal fired power generation with a view to exiting the sector by 2030[[4]](#footnote-4) |
| **NAB** | Will cap thermal mining exposures at 2019 levels and be effectively zero by 2035 apart from residual guarantees to rehabilitate existing coal assets; and  Seeking to decarbonize portfolio by supporting coal fired power generation customers to reach net zero emissions by 2050 aligned with the Paris Agreement.[[5]](#footnote-5) |
| **Rabobank** | Will not directly finance the exploration, extraction, production or refining of coal used for power generation and of shale gas and other non-conventional fossil fuels. Will replace coal with less environmentally harmful energy carriers in all financial dealings as soon as possible…[[6]](#footnote-6) |
| **Westpac** | Will ‘manage our thermal coal mining portfolio in line with a commitment to reduce our exposure to zero by 2030’[[7]](#footnote-7) |

Table A2: Summary of Banks Reviewed Showing Sources

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| **Bank**  **[Ranking in agribusiness lending: 1-7]**[[8]](#footnote-8) | **Market share in Australia** | **Employees in Australia (approx.)** | **Operations** | **Exposure to credit risk for Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining sector in 2020** |
| **[3] ANZ**[[9]](#footnote-9) | 11.7% | 39,060  . | Australian -owned; operating in 33 markets globally including New Zealand, Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America | AUD 54.7 billion;  Approximately 4.2% of total exposure. |
| **[7] Bank Australia**[[10]](#footnote-10) | Unknown | 386[[11]](#footnote-11) | The result of the amalgamation of 73 cooperatives and credit unions; a mutual company, limited by shares, and Australia’s first customer-owned bank (formerly Bankmecu);[[12]](#footnote-12) operates only in Australia, and primarily in Victoria and New South Wales. | AUD 8.4 million;  Approx. 2.3% of total exposure[[13]](#footnote-13) |
| **[6] BEN**[[14]](#footnote-14) |  | 4,530 | Operates only in Australia; has a specialised agribusiness division, Rural Bank, which provides financial services to approximately one in 10 Australian farmers, and to the Federal Regional Investment Corporation, a Commonwealth backed finance provider for farmers and farm-related small businesses. | AUD 6.8 billion;  Approximately 7.3% of total exposure. |
| **[5] CBA**[[15]](#footnote-15) | 17.4% | 45,170 | Australian-owned; Branches in Asia, Europe, New Zealand and North America. | $11,860 million;  Approximately 1.2% of total exposure |
| **[1] NAB**[[16]](#footnote-16) | 15.1% | 34,300 | Largest agribusiness bank in Australia and in 2018, was banking for one in three farmers. | AUD 54.6 billion;  Approximately 6.2% of total exposure. |
| **[2] Rabobank**[[17]](#footnote-17) |  | 43,822 (across 40 countries)  1153 average employees | Owned by Cooperative Rabobank UA, a Netherlands based finance provider; main markets for rural banking are Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Brazil. | Specialist agribusiness lender with loan portfolio in Australia of EUR 11.0 billion in total. Specific credit exposure to agriculture is not provided[[18]](#footnote-18). |
| **[4] Westpac**[[19]](#footnote-19) | 15.6% | 33,288. | Specialise in Australia and New Zealand, which frames their global operations, in America, Europe and Asia. | AUD 12.4 billion;  Approximately 1.3% of total exposure. |

**Table A3: Publicly disclosed corporate reports and policies relied on in this study – all are on file with the first author**

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| Australia and New Zealand Bank, *2015 Annual Report,* available at: <https://www.anz.com/content/dam/anzcom/shareholder/2015_annual_report.pdf> |
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| Bank Australia, *2015 Corporate Report,* available at: <https://www.bankaust.com.au/support/corporate-report-2015> |
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| Commonwealth Bank of Australia, *2013 Annual Report,* available at: <https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/investors/annual-reports.html> |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia, *2015 Climate Disclosure Project Submission,* available at: <https://www.commbank.com.au/content/dam/commbank/about-us/docs/sustainability-2015-CBA-CDP-submission.pdf> |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia, *2018 Annual Report,* available at: <https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/investors/annual-reports.html> |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia, *2019 Annual Report,* available at: <https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/investors/annual-reports.html> |
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**Table A4: Searches and Keywords Used**

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| Source | Documents | Keyword searches |
| Publicly available information from the respective banks’ websites | Annual Report;  Financial Report; ESG Supplements;  Industry Publications | * ‘animal’; ‘livestock’; ‘meat’ ‘fish’ ‘wild’ * ‘welfare’ * ‘forest’ ‘drought’ ‘water’ ‘scarcity’ * ‘Agriculture’; ‘Ag’; ‘Agribusiness’ * ‘Committee’ ‘board’ * ‘ESG’; ‘Ethical’ ‘reputation’ * ‘united nations’; ‘UN’; * ‘commitment’; ‘initiative’; ‘panel’ * ‘training’ ’compliance’ ‘non-compliance’ ‘education’ |
| IBISWorld | Company Profiles; Industry/Sector Profiles | * Agriculture; * Finance Sector; * Bank |
| Desktop internet search | Business Benchmark on Farm Animal Welfare | Soft commodities  Animal welfare initiatives  Financial sector AND animal welfare |

**Table A4 Criteria (Based on BBFAW) and Scoring**[[20]](#footnote-20)

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| **BBFAW Question Number**[[21]](#footnote-21) | **Criteria** | **Description of scoring (including adjustments made)** | **Scoring** |
| 1 | The bank has identified animal welfare as a relevant business issue | This question was binary. Companies received a full score or nothing at all. | 0 or 10 |
| 2 | Does the bank publish an overarching policy on animal welfare? | Only scored if Q1 received a score. This question does not differentiate between stand alone policies or statements made within broader sustainability policies | 0, 5, 10 |
| 3 | Does the policy scope cover geography or species? | Only scored if Q1 received a score. If companies used words such as ‘all’ they were awarded a full score, but asked to provide further detail.  5 = universal application.  Part 3, Product Scope was not assessed in our study. | 0, 2, 5 |
| 4 | Does the policy address close confinement and intensive systems? | Confinement – clear position needed. | 1, 3, 5 |
| 11 | Does the Bank have a position on long distance live transport? | Live export - scope of application needs to be provided | 1, 3, 5 |
| 12.1 | Has the bank assigned management responsibility of farm animal welfare to employees? | All or nothing. Policy that discussed general information on management or oversight of CSR only credited if it was clear animal welfare was integral part. | 0, 2, 5 |
| 12.2 | Has the bank assigned management responsibility of farm animal welfare to the Board or senior management? | The score of 2 was introduced to tailor BBFAW to Banks. 2 was awarded if the bank provided information on responsibility regarding ESG policies that could cover animal welfare but doesn’t necessarily say so explicitly. | 0, 2, 5 |
| 15.1 | Does the bank publish information on employee training to effectively implement its animal welfare policy? | Employee training; | 0, 5 |
| 15.2 | Does the bank provide for action to be taken in the event of non-compliance with its animal welfare policy? | The score of 2 was introduced to tailor BBFAW. 2 was awarded if the bank made general statements about non-compliance. | 0, 2, 5 |
| 17 | Does the bank commit to enforcing relevant assurance schemes and or standards of good animal welfare? | Q17 was amended to include a score of 1 if Banks identified relevant standards and conventions but did not commit to them.  Note that Q17 is aimed at identifying companies that are assuring their standards to a higher welfare potential than basic legislative requirements. | 0, 1, 3,6,10, 15, 20. |
| 19 | Does the bank promote higher animal welfare to consumers through education and/ or awareness raising activities? | Promotion:  5 – one example; 10 – multiple examples | 0, 5, 10 |

1. *2020 Annual Review*, p. 7. Full citation details of each corporate document are given below in Table A3. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *2020 Impact Statement*, p. 85. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *2020 Annual Review*, p. 29. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *Environmental and Social Framework*, p. 8. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. *2020 Annual Review*, p. 28. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
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7. ’Climate Action Plan’, *2020 Sustainability Performance Report,* p. 31. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
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21. There were 37 questions in the BBFAW but the other questions were judged as to be not applicable to banks or in the case of most of the later questions the banks did not provide any information to answer them, do they have been omitted from this evaluation. [↑](#footnote-ref-21)