



# Media Release

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## **ANZ to provide more employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians**

ANZ today joined the Australian Government's Corporate Leaders for Indigenous Employment Project (CLIEP), which will see ANZ provide more employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

The Corporate Leaders for Indigenous Employment Project is part of the Government's Indigenous Economic Development Strategy which encourages private sector companies to develop employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians.

ANZ Group Managing Director Personal Division, Mr Brian Hartzer and the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Mr Kevin Andrews MP, signed the CLIEP Memorandum of Understanding at an Industry and Employer Breakfast in Melbourne today.

Mr Hartzer said: "Employment plays an important and often overlooked role in building communities. As a large employer in major cities and in regional Australia, we recognise we have a role to play in working with Indigenous people to help build the economic and social capabilities of their communities.

"ANZ already supports Indigenous trainees in New South Wales, the Northern Territory, and Victoria.

"ANZ has joined the Corporate Leaders for Indigenous Employment Project to demonstrate our public commitment to helping create sustainable opportunities for Indigenous employment. Our next step is to determine how we can best expand our indigenous employment program, resulting in an enhanced Indigenous employment strategy for ANZ by mid-year," Mr Hartzer said.

ANZ is also involved in other initiatives to build the social and economic capabilities of Indigenous communities through financial literacy education. These programs include the MoneyBusiness partnership with the Australian Government and assistance to the Traditional Credit Union to deliver financial literacy education to its members.

Further information on ANZ's work to build the money management skills and confidence of Indigenous people and their families is available on ANZ's website at <http://www.anz.com/aus/values/moneybusiness/default.asp>.

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