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Changes to ANZ deposit and lending rates

ANZ today announced it would increase interest rates for a range of home and residential investment loans by 0.25%pa, following the decision by the Reserve Bank of Australia to increase the Official Cash Rate earlier this week.

Effective Monday, 8 May 2006, the interest rate on ANZ's standard variable home loan will increase by 0.25% to 7.57%pa (7.62%pa Comparison Rate*) for new and existing customers.

The rise in the standard variable rate will increase repayments on an average \$150,000, 25-year loan by \$24.37 per month. ANZ customers with standard variable rate loans will continue to benefit from features such as no monthly fees and 100% offset facility.

ANZ's other variable rate mortgage products will also increase by 0.25% effective 8 May. The new rates are - Money Saver – 6.97%; Equity Manager – 7.57%; Home Equity – 8.07%. Fixed rate loans have also increased as follows: 1 Year – 6.99%; 2 Year and 3 Year – 7.09%; 4 Year and 5 Year – 7.19%; and 7 and 10 Year – 7.49%.

ANZ Managing Director Mortgages Mr Chris Cooper said: "There is always an impact on household budgets when repayments rise but indications are that customers are managing repayments reasonably comfortably at present. Home loan arrears continue to be historic lows and around two-thirds of customers are currently ahead in their repayments."

Following rises in wholesale interest rates in recent weeks, rates on ANZ Term Deposit products have also risen by up to 1.0%. The new rates* effective Monday, 8 May include: 4 Month Term Deposit - 5.50% (up 1.0% since early April); 12 Month Term Deposit - 5.70% (up 0.70% since early April); 24 Month Term Deposit - 5.80% (up 0.70% since early April).

Interest rates on ANZ Premium Cash Management Account (balances \$10,000-\$250,000) will increase by 0.25% and ANZ Progress Saver will increase by 0.25% effective 15 May.

The ANZ Personal Lending Index rate, ANZ Retail Index rate and ANZ's Business Lending rates will also increase by 0.25% on 8 May.

The increase in the Official Cash Rate has also resulted in increases in interest rates for credit cards for new and existing customers effective Wednesday, 10 May. The new rates include: ANZ Low Rate MasterCard – 11.99% and ANZ First – 17.25%.

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* Comparison Rate calculated on a loan amount of \$150,000 over a term of 25 years with monthly repayments. Term Deposit rates are for balances \$25,000-\$50,000.