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Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of September 2005

National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

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Yes

No

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Group Corporate Affairs

National Australia
Bank Limited
ABN 12004044937

ASX Announcement

500 Bourke Street
Melbourne
Victoria 3000
Australia

Melbourne, Thursday 15 September 2005

National announces next stage of new operating model

National Australia Bank Managing Director John Stewart today announced the next stage of the development of a new operating model and changes to the Group Executive Committee.

During the last year we have moved to a regional operating model, in which our businesses would have greater autonomy to improve efficiency, break down bureaucracy and speed up decision making.

In recent months we have reviewed the role of Group Head Office and how it will work with our businesses to be a more nimble, innovative and customer-driven organisation, he said.

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identifying business development opportunities and driving innovation

sharing best practice across the organisation, managing the Group's senior talent and optimising project investment

fulfilling shareholder and prudential activities and obligations, such as regulatory and reporting requirements.

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As a result the Group Executive Committee has also been restructured to align with the regional operating model and the future role of Group Head Office.

The Group Executive Committee will be reduced to eight members:

John Stewart - Managing Director

Michael Ullmer - Director, Finance and Risk

Ahmed Fahour - CEO, Australia

Lynne Peacock - CEO, United Kingdom

Peter Thodey - CEO, New Zealand

John Hooper - Executive General Manager, Institutional Markets & Services

Cameron Clyne - Executive General Manager, Group Development

Mike Hamar - Group Chief Risk Officer

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Cameron Clyne who was previously Executive General Manager, Customer Solutions has been appointed to the new role of Executive General Manager, Group Development and will focus on business development opportunities, project governance and our Six Sigma capability. He will also take responsibility for the activities of the Office of the CEO.

With the move to a smaller head office Ross Pinney, Executive General Manager Office of the CEO, has decided to retire after completing a 15 year career with the National during which time he has played a significant role in leading our businesses in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

There are no other changes in the roles or reporting lines for those people no longer sitting on the Group Executive Committee.

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Group and Regional websites:

ASX Announcements and Group information (www.nabgroup.com)

Australian operations (www.national.com.au)

Clydesdale Bank (www.cbonline.co.uk)

Yorkshire Bank (www.ybonline.co.uk)

Bank of New Zealand (www.bnz.co.nz)

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED

/s/ Brendan Case

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Date: 20 September 2005

Title: *Associate Company Secretary*