

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD  
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## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

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

For the month of August 2006

## National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937  
(Registrant's Name)

Level 13  
140 William Street  
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AUSTRALIA

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**ASX Announcement**

*Monday, 28 August 2006*

**National Australia Bank comment on Non-Operating Holding Company structure**

National Australia Bank continues to consider a range of options to optimize its corporate structure to best support the bank's operations domestically and internationally.

A non-operating holding company structure is one of the options being considered in response to the changing regulatory environment and its impact on capital and for future flexibility to deliver shareholder value.

The National Australia Bank is participating in industry-wide consultation with regulators in relation to the matter.

The non-operating holding company structure is widely used in global banking, and the potential application and benefits of this structure were included in the recommendations of the Wallis inquiry.

Any such company would continue to be regulated by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA).

Consideration of various structural options involves a range of complex issues, the analysis, and any subsequent decision on a particular path, are expected to take some time to complete. Once any proposal is sufficiently advanced stakeholders will be consulted.

As part of any structural review process, National Australia Bank remains committed to retaining the existing level of credit ratings for the Group.

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**SIGNATURE PAGE**

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**

Signature: */s/ Brendan T Case*  
Name: Brendan T Case  
Title: *Company Secretary*

Date: 28 August 2006

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