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## ANZ to deregister from SEC

ANZ today announced its intention to withdraw the listing of its American Depositary Shares (American Depositary Receipts or ADRs) and the underlying ordinary shares from the New York Stock Exchange.

After delisting from the New York Stock Exchange, ANZ intends to fully deregister from the US Securities and Exchange Commission's ongoing reporting obligations.

ANZ Chief Financial Officer Mr Peter Marriott said: "The decision to deregister as a SEC registered and reporting company reduces ANZ's administrative burdens and costs.

"ANZ continues to be committed to best practice in preparing its financial statements. We will maintain the strong control and financial governance frameworks established under Sarbanes-Oxley compliance, tailoring them to the Group's specific processes and procedures," Mr Marriott said.

Following deregistration, ANZ's debt and equity securities will not be listed on any exchange in the United States, however it is expected that the ADRs will trade in the 'over-the-counter' market. ANZ ordinary shares will continue to be listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and New Zealand Stock Exchange.

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