

INFORMATION ABOUT ANZ'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY

OVERVIEW

ANZ is committed to sustainable development and to supporting customers that share our values.

Our Military Equipment policy guides decision-making relating to transactions and relationships with the manufacturers, distributors and sellers of military equipment.

The policy confirms that we do - and will continue to - provide financial services to defence sector customers, including the provision of general corporate facilities. We recognise that military equipment has a role to play in ensuring that governments are able to defend their citizens and territories.

However, we acknowledge that some defence sector customers have been the subject of claims about involvement in the manufacture of controversial weapons such as cluster munitions.

Our policy states that we do not wish to be involved with customers that are involved in the sale or manufacturing of controversial weapons as defined in our policy, or the production of components designed for specific use in controversial weapons.

Our policy has been developed in consultation with our customers, NGOs, governments, industry and sector experts.

We have developed this policy to meet our objectives of being a responsible business and to support our customers to continuously improve their social and environmental performance.

ANZ'S APPROACH

Our commitment to sustainable development involves evaluating the economic, social and environmental impacts of decisions we make. Accordingly ANZ requires its decision makers to actively assess environmental and social issues associated with customers they are considering.

Our Military Equipment policy adopts a principles-based risk framework which is applied to decision-making in related transactions and relationships. The following principles help inform our decision-making on customers, transactions and business strategies:

- *ANZ supports customers that demonstrate a balanced approach to social, environmental and economic impacts*
- *ANZ supports and encourages customers to adopt management practices to continuously improve their social and environmental performance*
- *ANZ supports customers that use internationally accepted industry management practices to manage social, environmental and economic impacts (including affects on human rights, biodiversity, cultural heritage, Indigenous rights, health and safety, governance and environmental sustainability)*
- *ANZ's approach to decision-making on military equipment issues is based on avoiding any association with controversial weapons (anti personnel mines and cluster munitions, as defined in the 'Convention on Cluster Munitions' and the international 'Mine Ban Treaty')*

In the first instance we will work to ensure our customers are compliant with relevant host country laws, regulations and permits that pertain to environmental and social issues.

ANZ requires compliance with all relevant sovereign and international treaty legislation and frameworks regarding the development, export and transfer of military technology and equipment, sanctions and anti-bribery and corruption. ANZ expects customers to use, or migrate towards, internationally accepted and best practice management techniques and technologies.

ANZ expects customers to manage and engage with all their stakeholders by implementing appropriate stakeholder engagement strategies and plans.

Our Military Equipment applies in all jurisdictions in which we and our customers operate and covers all products and services that we provide to business customers.

Our super-regional strategy commits us to growth in countries with varied government policies which may establish different economic, social and environmental objectives. We take these objectives into account when applying our policy.

CONCLUSION

As a leading financial institution in Australia, New Zealand and Asia Pacific, we recognise the importance of sustainable development. Through the application of our Military Equipment policy, our aim is to work closely with our customers to help them to meet or transition towards best practice and to ensure that we are not associated with any support for the proliferation of controversial weapons as defined in our policy.

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