AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LTD Form 6-K May 19, 2006

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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 May 2006

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

ACN 005 357 522

(Translation of registrant s name into English)

Level 6, 100 Queen Street Melbourne Victoria 3000 Australia

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F: ý Form 40-F o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

| | | Yes O | No: ý |
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| If | Yes | is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to t | he registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): |
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This Report on Form 6-K shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement on Form F-3 (No. 333 - 113524) of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and to be part thereof from the date on which this Report is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

This Form 6-K may contain certain forward-looking statements, including statements regarding (i) economic and financial forecasts, (ii) anticipated implementation of certain control systems and programs, (iii) the expected outcomes of legal proceedings and (iv) strategic priorities. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond our control and which may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statement contained in these forward-looking statements. For example, these forward-looking statements may be affected by movements in exchange rates and interest rates, general economic conditions, our ability to acquire or develop necessary technology, our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel, government regulation, the competitive environment and political and regulatory policies. There can be no assurance that actual outcomes will not differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in the Form 6-K.

Signatures

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 authorized.

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (Registrant)

Ву:

/s/ John Priestley Company Secretary (Signature)*

Date 18 May 2006

| New issue announcement |
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| Rule 2.7, 3.10.3, 3.10.4, 3.10.5 |
| Appendix 3B |
| New issue announcement, |
| application for quotation of additional securities |
| and agreement |
| Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX s property and may be made public. |
| Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 5. Amended 1/7/98, 1/9/99, 1/7/2000, 30/9/2001, 11/3/2002, 1/1/2003. |
| Name of entity |
| Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited (ANZ) |
| ABN |
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| We (the entity) give ASX the following information. |
| Part 1 - All issues |
| You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space). |
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Appendix 3B

¹ +Class of +securities issued or to be issued

Transferable Certificates of Deposit

Number of *securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued A\$150,000,000 in aggregate principal amount.

Principal terms of the *securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid *securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if *convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion)

See the Information Memorandum of ANZ dated 23 April 2004 in respect to ANZ $\,$ s AUD Domestic Debt Issue Program and the pricing supplement for the securities.

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⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

4 Do the *securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing *class of quoted *securities?

If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:

the date from which they do

the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment

the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment The securities will rank equally in all respects from date of allotment, and will be fungible with existing Transferable Certificates of Deposit of the March-2009 series issued by ANZ; details of the three tranches of the existing series of Transferable certificates of Deposits which were previously issued are:

A\$675,000,000 (Tranche 1)

A\$100,000,000 (Tranche 2)

A\$100,000,000 (Tranche 3)

Coupon: 6.00% pa

Issue Date (Tranche 1): 2/3/2004

Issue Date (Tranche 2): 28/11/2005

Issue Date (Tranche 3): 14/2/2006

Maturity Date: 2/3/2009

ASX Code: ANZHC

5 Issue price or consideration

Issue price (including accrued interest) for the securities is 100.504% of the aggregate principal amount of the securities. Fixed rate interest of 6.00% is payable on the securities.

6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets) General corporate purposes

Dates of entering *securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates

16 May 2006

Number and *class of all *securities quoted on ASX (including the

securities in clause 2 if applicable)

Number Available on request

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

+Class

| 9 | Number and *class of all *securities not quoted on ASX (<i>including</i> the securities in clause 2 if applicable) | Number Available on request | +Class |
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| 10 | Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests) | N/a | |
| Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata | | | |
| 11 | Is security holder approval required? | | |
| 12 | Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable? | | |
| 13 | Ratio in which the *securities will be offered | | |
| 14 | +Class of +securities to which the offer relates | | |
| 15 | +Record date to determine entitlements | | |
| 16 | Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements? | | |
| 17 | Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions | | |
| 18 | Names of countries in which the entity has *security holders who will not be sent new issue documents | | |
| | Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with. | | |
| | Cross reference: rule 7.7. | | |
| 19 | Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations | | |
| + See chapter 19 for defined term | s. | | |

- 20 Names of any underwriters
- 21 Amount of any underwriting fee or commission
- 22 Names of any brokers to the issue
- 23 Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue
- 24 Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of *security holders
- 25 If the issue is contingent on *security holders approval, the date of the meeting
- 26 Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled
- 27 If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders
- 28 Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)
- 29 Date rights trading will end (if applicable)
- How do +security holders sell their entitlements *in full* through a broker?
- How do +security holders sell *part* of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

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- 32 How do *security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?
- 33 +Despatch date