

## News Release

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### **ANZ comments on News Corp story about Netball NZ sponsorship and Maria Folau**

ANZ today commented on a News Corp story about our sponsorship of Netball NZ and claims we tried to influence its dealings with netball player Maria Folau.

The following statement is attributable to an ANZ spokesman:

"We value our partnership with Netball NZ and any suggestion we have tried to pressure them is absolutely incorrect.

"ANZ NZ believes in diversity and inclusion. We're very proud we have a rainbow tick as an employer and over the years have supported rainbow activities in the community.

"We do not support any views or actions that can be interpreted as supporting homophobia.

"We will continue to support Netball NZ and the tens of thousands of participants and supporters of the game."

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