# **Financing the Transition**

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# CBA is Australia's largest bank, with market leading expertise

Structured Asset Finance (**SAF**) supports CBA's Institutional Banking & Markets and Business Banking (**IB&M**) clients with an extensive suite of products and experience across industries.

As Australia's largest financial institution, CBA and IB&M are well placed to finance the ZEB transition...



...with a global footprint allowing us to utilise those perspectives to bring learnings to Australia.



Source: <sup>1</sup>www.relbanks.com; <sup>2</sup>S&P Global Rankings (2021); <sup>3</sup>Various financial reports (CBA, ANZ, NAB, WBC) (FY: 2021 ).

CBA's purpose is to <u>Build a Brighter Future for All</u>, and with IB&M committed to utilising its global connectivity and capability to help enable that brighter – our purpose and objectives are aligned to help finance and bank the transition.



Source: Extracts from CBA's and IB&M's purpose and division objectives, not a complete list.



# Our clients are featured across the supply chain



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### The Zero Emission Bus Thematic Roadmap



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### The Transition Involves More Than Just ZEBs

As fleets transition away from being primarily diesel powered, the entire public transportation eco-system will need to be modernised, requiring significant capital expenditure across multiple asset classes.



Source: The Australia Institute "Next Stop: Zero Emission Buses by 2030" (2022), assuming ZEB cost of A\$750,000 per bus, base of 130 ZEBs in 2022 assuming all replaced by 2035, graphical increase is for illustrative purposes only, not reflective of uptake modelling; BNEF "Electric Vehicles Public Charging Overview" (2021); ACT Govt. "Electric Bus trial results released" (2019).



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These large capital expenditures across buses, batteries, depots and grid improvements may require an evolved view of risk sharing, which traditional financing models don't provide for.

- The financing and ownership structure, needs to balance the objectives of the government with balance/assign the risks of the project to the appropriate party
- Some of the key risks that will need to be considered under any structure are:
  - **Pre-Commissioning Risk**
  - Technological Obsolescence Risk
  - Performance Risk
  - Residual Value Risk
- A financing structure to appropriately transfers the above risks, and minimises upfront capital costs is not yet widely employed, and may require innovation to be broadly rolled out.



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# **CBA's Green Financing Capability**

CBA has a broad range of Sustainable and Green financing options, in particular SAF has developed a Green, Use of Proceeds, financing product that can provide asset specific Green labelled financing.





### **Concluding Remarks & Next Steps**

#### **Concluding Remarks**



Public transport should be more than just a point to point mode of transport; if revolutionised it has the power to connect communities, and improve the lives of all Australians



However it also contributes to Australia's transport sector emissions and this is leading the states and territories to transition to Zero Emission Buses ("**ZEBs**")

Commonwealth Bank of Australia ("CBA") and Structured Asset Finance ("SAF") have committed to supporting our clients in their transition, and has a deep history in partnering with Commonwealth, and state, governments in delivering innovative ownership and financing structures for critical capital expenditure in the transition to zero emission transport

CBA bring financial, structuring and industry expertise to support clients navigating the journey to electrify Australia's fleet. Our dedicated relationship executives, ESG specialists, asset management and advisory experts are ready to help industry stakeholders seamlessly transition to a net zero economy.

#### Next Steps



Please Reach out to your CBA/SAF contact to discuss how CBA may be able to support your organisation or your clients



Stay tuned for further CBA ESG & ZEB correspondence, including invitations to forums and working groups



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# Thank You

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