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## WESTPAC GROUP ANNOUNCES PENDAL GROUP LIMITED INSTITUTIONAL OFFER

Westpac Banking Corporation announces a fully-underwritten offer of approximately 31 million Pendal Group Limited (ASX:PDL) (Pendal) shares (which is circa 9.5% of Pendal's shares on issue) (the Offer) to institutional investors domiciled in Australia and other relevant jurisdictions<sup>1</sup>. This announcement is consistent with Westpac's disclosures since the time of its previous sell-down of Pendal shares in 2017 in which Westpac has indicated that it would sell its remaining stake in Pendal at some future date.

The Offer price for the shares has been set at \$5.98 per share, which is a discount of 4% to Pendal's last closing price of \$6.23 on 17 June 2020 and a 5.1% discount to the 30-day VWAP of \$6.30.

Finalisation of the Offer will complete the divestment of Westpac's proprietary shareholding in Pendal, following earlier share sales in 2007, 2015, and 2017.

Acting Chief Financial Officer, Westpac Banking Corporation, Gary Thursby said: "Pendal is a highly regarded, independent business, and given Westpac's commitment to simplify its operations and focus on banking in Australia and New Zealand, now is the right time to complete our divestment".

Completion of the Offer is expected to add approximately 2 basis points to Westpac's Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio and will result in a post-tax accounting gain for Second Half 2020 of \$32m that will be included in Westpac's Full Year 2020 statutory result. Consistent with past practice, the gain will be excluded from the calculation of Westpac's cash earnings<sup>2</sup>.

UBS is acting as Sole Lead Manager, Underwriter and Bookrunner of the offer.

Settlement of the transaction is expected to occur on 22 June 2020.

## Westpac funds managed by Pendal

Post the sell-down of its shares in Pendal in 2007, 2015 and 2017, Westpac has had an ongoing business relationship with Pendal, including Pendal managing some assets within Westpac's superannuation business. Following a program of consolidating superannuation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For a definition of cash earnings see Westpac's First Half 2020 Result Announcement.















<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See the Annexure for the applicable selling restrictions.



products, approximately \$1.5 billion in funds under management (FUM) was withdrawn from Pendal in April 2019 and approximately \$1.0 billion was withdrawn in February 2020. A further withdrawal is expected to occur in two tranches, with the first tranche of approximately \$1.0 billion to occur later this calendar year (2020) and an anticipated further tranche (amount to be determined) of up to \$0.08 billion to occur later in the calendar year 2021.

## Strategic review of BT Wealth

Westpac's strategic review of its wealth businesses (including superannuation, platforms and investments) will occur as part of the newly formed Specialist Businesses division announced with the Group's First Half 2020 results on 4 May 2020. Following this review, there may be a loss of some or all of the funds that Pendal manages on behalf of the Westpac Group. As these businesses are currently undergoing a strategic review, it is too early to determine if there will be any impact on the Westpac Group funds managed by Pendal. Excluding the expected FUM which is the subject of the FUM withdrawals referred to above and FUM originating from BT platforms, Pendal currently manages approximately \$14 billion (as at 31 March 2020) for the Westpac Group.

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