

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LTD

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON DC 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 December 2006**

# **National Australia Bank Limited**



ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

Level 24

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Yes

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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. 333-6632) of National Australia Bank Limited and to be part thereof from the date on which this Report, is filed, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

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**ASX Announcement**

*Wednesday, 13 December 2006*

**NAB completes foreign exchange options trading remedial action program**

National Australia Bank (NAB) today announced the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) has closed the remaining remedial actions associated with the foreign exchange options trading issue.

Following the completion of the remedial action program, APRA has approved NAB's return to the use of the internal model for the calculation of the market risk component of risk weighted assets, from 1 January 2007.

APRA has also removed the regulatory requirement to maintain a capital target of 10%, effective immediately. However, this will have no impact on NAB's capital planning for this financial year, which had assumed a return to the internal model during the first half of 2006/07.

As indicated in the recent 2006 Profit Announcement, had the internal model applied at 30 September 2006, then on a pro-forma basis the effect would be to reduce previously advised risk weighted assets by approximately \$9.9 billion.

National Australia Bank Group Chief Executive Officer, John Stewart, welcomed the closure of the program and thanked APRA for the professional and constructive way in which the program had been undertaken.

Today's outcome is very pleasing, but we recognise that there is more work to be done as part of a continuous improvement program to ensure our risk management framework continues to strengthen. Everyone at the National Australia Bank is looking forward to continuing to develop a business that is well regarded by all our stakeholders and creates sustainable satisfactory returns for shareholders.

Together with the positive assurance from our independent auditors over internal controls that we received as part of our annual financial close, and as published in the annual financial report on 1 December 2006, this marks a major step forward for the organisation, Mr Stewart said.

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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 authorised.

**NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED**

Date: • 13 December 2006

Signature: */s/ Brendan T Case*

Name: Brendan T Case

Title: Associate *Company Secretary*