

27 July 2006

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Dear Sir/Madam

Wide Bay Australia Ltd - Takeover bid for Pioneer Permanent Building Society Limited

Attached is a copy of the initial substantial holder notice of Wide Bay Australia Ltd with respect to Pioneer Permanent Building Society Limited ("**Pioneer**") in accordance with section 671B(1)(c) of *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

The attached has also been provided to Pioneer today.

Yours faithfully



RE HANCOCK
Managing Director

Form 603

Corporations Act 2001
Section 671B

Notice of initial substantial holder

To Company Name/Scheme Pioneer Permanent Building Society Limited

ABN 36 087 652 042

1. Details of substantial holder (1)

Name Wide Bay Australia Ltd (in accordance with the Corporations Act, this notice is required because Wide Bay Australia Ltd has made a takeover bid for Pioneer Permanent Building Society Limited)

ABN 40 087 652 060

The holder became a substantial holder on 26 July 2006

2. Details of voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Number of securities	Person's votes (5)	Voting power (6)
Ordinary shares	0	0	0%

3. Details of relevant interests

The nature of the relevant interest the substantial holder or an associate had in the following voting securities on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Nature of relevant interest (7)	Class and number of securities
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

4. Details of present registered holders

The persons registered as holders of the securities referred to in paragraph 3 above are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder (8)	Class and number of securities
Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

5. Consideration

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the four months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Date of acquisition	Consideration (9)		Class and number of securities
		Cash	Non-Cash	

<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>
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6. Associates

The reasons the persons named in paragraph 3 above are associates of the substantial holder are as follows:

Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association
<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>

7. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
Wide Bay Australia Ltd	Level 5, 16-20 Barolin Street, Bundaberg QLD 4670

Signature

print name Ron Hancock

Capacity Managing Director

sign here



date 27 July 2006

DIRECTIONS

- (1) If there are a number of substantial holders with similar or related relevant interests (eg a corporation and its related corporations, or the manager and trustee of an equity trust), the names could be included in an annexure to the form. If the relevant interests of a group of persons are essentially similar, they may be referred to throughout the form as a specifically named group if the membership of each group, with the names and addresses of members is clearly set out in paragraph 7 of the form.
 - (2) See the definition of "associate" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.
 - (3) See the definition of "relevant interest" in sections 608 and 671B(7) of the Corporations Act 2001.
 - (4) The voting shares of a company constitute one class unless divided into separate classes.
 - (5) The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme (if any) that the person or an associate has a relevant interest in.
 - (6) The person's votes divided by the total votes in the body corporate or scheme multiplied by 100.
 - (7) Include details of:
 - (a) any relevant agreement or other circumstances by which the relevant interest was acquired. If subsection 671B(4) applies, a copy of any document setting out the terms of any relevant agreement, and a statement by the person giving full and accurate details of any contract, scheme or arrangement, must accompany this form, together with a written statement certifying this contract, scheme or arrangement; and
 - (b) any qualification of the power of a person to exercise, control the exercise of, or influence the exercise of, the voting powers or disposal of the securities to which the relevant interest relates (indicating clearly the particular securities to which the qualification applies).
- See the definition of "relevant agreement" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (8) If the substantial holder is unable to determine the identity of the person (eg if the relevant interest arises because of an option) write "unknown".
 - (9) Details of the consideration must include any and all benefits, money and other, that any person from whom a relevant interest was acquired has, or may, become entitled to receive in relation to that acquisition. Details must be included even if the benefit is conditional on the happening or not of a contingency. Details must be included of any benefit paid on behalf of the substantial holder or its associate in relation to the acquisitions, even if they are not paid directly to the person from whom the relevant interest was acquired.