

## APRA's IFRS (AASB) 17 Approach

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### **Outline**



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## **APRA's high level approach\***



- Accounting standards are the starting point from which the existing regulatory capital framework (the framework) is built.
- APRA intends to explore how it can continue to build the framework from the accounting standards and will consider the adjustments needed in the framework to ensure a sound prudential outcome.
- APRA will only move away from the current framework if satisfied that the revised treatment continues to lead to prudent outcomes.
- Structurally, the framework continues to be fit-for-purpose, and its overall calibration is considered appropriate. Hence, APRA does not intend to generally increase or reduce capital levels.
- The future approach needs to result in appropriate treatment for all policyholders under Australian legislation (Life Insurance Act 1995 (Life Act)).
- APRA has committed to consider, consult upon and address issues regarding the operation of the existing regulatory capital framework.
- \* APRA's high level approach was communicated to industry in November 2018. A copy of the letter is available here.

# Insurance liability for regulatory capital



\*The cash flows are a current, unbiased estimate of the future cash flows expected to fulfil the insurance contracts (IFRS 17, BC 19(a)).

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#### **Possible regulatory adjustments**

Regulatory adjustments are to be determined by APRA.





- Contract boundary recognition;
- Separation and Combination;
- ✓ Compliance with prudential and legislative requirements;
- ✓ Reinsurance default risk;
- ✓ Risk premia treatment (e.g. illiquidity);
- ✓ RA & CSM recognition for capital including onerous contracts;
- RA computation choice prescribed v/s IFRS 17 based; and
- ✓ Participation contracts treatment for regulatory purposes.

### Update letter to industry Information request Updates

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### **Next steps**

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