

INQUIRY INTO PROPERTY TAX (FIRST HOME BUYER CHOICE) BILL 2022

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Dear Ms Moriarty

[ABA Submission: Property Tax \(First Home Buyer Choice\) Bill 2022](#)

The Australian Banking Association (**ABA**) welcomes the *Property Tax (First Home Buyer Choice) Bill 2022* in its current form.

We support proposals that assist first home buyers to enter the housing market. The policy will remove a barrier to home ownership by providing the option to reduce up-front costs for certain first home buyers at the time of purchase. It should encourage greater social mobility by removing a hurdle to some property transactions in NSW.

The intended date of implementation of 16 January 2023 is ambitious given that implementation requirements of this scale usually take six months. Banks will need to make changes to their loan application and management systems to support the taxation reform. Other implementation requirements include updating training and materials for front-line lenders and mortgage brokers to support customers through this substantive policy reform.

The ABA is concerned that, if further substantive policy changes were made at this stage without a change to the implementation date, there may be insufficient time to introduce the reform.

Yours sincerely

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