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## **WESTPAC SELLS NEW ZEALAND LIFE INSURANCE BUSINESS TO FIDELITY LIFE AND ENTERS 15-YEAR DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

Westpac today announced it has agreed with Fidelity Life Assurance Company Limited to sell Westpac Life-NZ- Limited and enter into an exclusive 15-year agreement for the distribution of life insurance products to Westpac's New Zealand customers.

The sale price of NZ\$400m (approximately A\$373m<sup>1</sup>) is expected to result in a post-tax gain on sale and add approximately 7bps to Westpac Group's common equity tier 1 capital ratio. The transaction will also include ongoing payments from the distribution agreement to Westpac New Zealand Limited<sup>2</sup>.

Fidelity Life Assurance Company Limited is New Zealand's largest locally owned life insurer, backed by cornerstone investor the NZ Super Fund.

Westpac Chief Executive Officer, Peter King, said the sale was a further milestone in building a simpler bank. "This transaction is the latest step in simplifying our business while continuing to help customers with their life insurance needs.

"Life insurance products are important for many New Zealanders and we are pleased to be entering a long-term partnership with a life insurance specialist to continue to help our customers protect themselves and their loved ones," Mr King said.

Westpac Life-NZ- Limited is part of Westpac's New Zealand operations. At 31 March 2021, the business had annual inforce premiums of NZ\$149 million (A\$139m<sup>1</sup>). Completion of the transaction is subject to various approvals and is expected to occur by the end of 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> Translated using a year-to-date average NZD/AUD exchange rate.

<sup>2</sup> The sale price excludes ongoing payments.

