



## Media Release

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### **Hundreds of ANZ staff heading back to CBD**

In a major boost to the Christchurch rebuild, ANZ today announced it would locate its Canterbury Corporate Office in the heart of the CBD.

ANZ will be the key tenant in a new multi-million dollar development at the corner of Cashel and Colombo Streets. The project, which will be named the ANZ Centre, is due for completion in late 2016 with the ANZ Corporate Office opening in early 2017.

"The new ANZ Centre is a vote of confidence in the future of the Christchurch CBD and the Christchurch recovery as a whole," said David Hisco, ANZ NZ CEO.

"We have around 200 corporate staff working at four sites across the city. This facility will bring them all together under one roof, in a spacious, modern office in the centre of the CBD.

"We're proud to put a stake in the ground and commit to a substantial, long-term presence in the CBD. The message is that we believe in the future of this city, and we're here to stay.

"ANZ has been an integral part of the Christchurch community for over 150 years. As New Zealand's largest bank, with an extensive network of branches, staff, and customers across Canterbury, we're building on our commitment to the region."

In addition to 2700 sq m of office space for ANZ corporate staff, the new ANZ Centre will have a 400 sq m ANZ Retail and Business Banking branch at ground level. Customer meeting room areas and reception will accommodate Commercial & Agri, and Private Bank and Institutional customers.

Last October ANZ was the first bank to open a full service branch in the Christchurch CBD. Recently the bank opened a brand new branch in Northlands Mall. "We're continuing to look at other locations as opportunities come up," Mr Hisco said.

To help meet the growing demand from Cantabrians starting and growing businesses, ANZ recently increased its business banking team to over 70 staff. It is also increasing its team of mobile mortgage managers to meet growing demand from new home buyers and existing home owners wanting to review their loan options.

It also has a dedicated migrant banking team which is working with the growing numbers of immigrants - particularly from China, Korea, India and the Philippines - who are arriving to play their part in the rebuild.

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