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## FORM 6-K

### REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of October 2004

## National Australia Bank Limited

ACN 004 044 937

(Registrant's Name)

Level 24

500 Bourke Street

MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000

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Yes

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**Group Corporate Affairs**

National Australia  
Bank Limited  
ABN 12004044937

**ASX Announcement**

**500 Bourke Street  
Melbourne  
Victoria 3000  
Australia**

*Melbourne, Tuesday 26 October 2004*

**National strengthens governance frameworks**

National Australia Bank Director of Finance and Risk, Michael Ullmer, today announced a new finance and risk structure designed to strengthen the National's governance framework, and better support the regional business model.

As part of the new structure a Deputy Group Chief Financial Officer will be appointed reporting to Michael Ullmer and will join the Group Executive Committee, as will the Group Chief Risk Officer Mike Hamar.

Chief Financial Officers and Chief Risk Officers will be appointed in each region and for Institutional Markets & Services.

The business unit Chief Financial Officers will report to both the Deputy Group Chief Financial Officer and their business unit CEO and sit on the finance and business unit leadership teams.

Similarly, the business unit Chief Risk Officers will report to both the Group Chief Risk Officer and their business unit CEO and sit on the risk and business unit leadership teams.

The Financial & Risk Management executive team has clear governance accountabilities and is aligned with the regional business model to ensure a strong regional and customer focus, Mr Ullmer said.

At the regional level, having the finance and risk functions closer to the businesses will allow us to support quicker delivery of services to our customers, he said.

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Please see attached structure diagram.

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**Financial & Risk Management Leadership Team**

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

**NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED**

Date: 26 October 2004

Title: *Susan Crook*  
*Associate Company Secretary*