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HOLIDAY COAST CREDIT UNION WELCOMES GOVERNMENT DEPOSIT GUARANTEE

Holiday Coast Credit Union has warmly welcomed the decision by the Government to guarantee deposits with all of Australia's credit unions, banks and building societies in full for at least the next 3 years.

"The Government is reassuring Australians that their credit union, building society or bank is a safe haven for their savings. I have been appalled at the recommendations over the past few weeks of some supposedly highly qualified people encouraging the withdrawing of deposits and putting those deposits "under the bed"" said Neville Parsons, CEO of Holiday Coast Credit Union.

"We're pleased with the Government's strong and decisive move, that is supported by the soundness of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) regulated Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs) in Australia. The guarantee removes any worry for our members and indeed the members and customers of ADIs and means that every deposit with a credit union, bank or building society has full Government support" said Mr Parsons.

As ADIs, credit unions and building societies meet exactly the same strong regulatory framework as banks under the Banking Act 1959, including strict prudential standards on capital, liquidity and credit risk.

"Holiday Coast Credit Union offers conservative, strong and member-focused banking to more than 30,000 members the majority of who like you and I live on the Holiday Coast or in the Maitland area. Our deposit books continue to grow as members choose Holiday Coast to look after their hard earned savings, and provide their banking needs" Mr Parsons said.

Holiday Coast members are well serviced with 17 branches, a kiosk and 2 agencies as well as internet and telephone banking.

Members deposits are primarily used to lend to members to buy their homes, cars and other personal assets with a small portion lent to small business members. In all cases loans are granted in accordance with the Board approved conservative lending policies. The majority of funds lent are secured by residential mortgages.

"We do not nor will we do "no-doc" or "low-doc" loans as it is our view that such are not in keeping with the stewardship required for the protection of our members hard earned savings" Mr Parsons said.

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