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# Independent Limited Assurance Report to the Directors and Management of ICPF Finance Pty Ltd

#### **Assurance conclusion**

We were engaged by ICPF Finance Pty Ltd in its capacity as responsible entity of the Investa Commercial Property Fund ('ICPF') to undertake limited assurance as defined by the Australian Auditing Standards and below, hereafter referred to as a 'review', over the Investa Commercial Property Fund ("ICPF's") programmatic green loan borrowing process ("Programmatic Borrowing Process"). Based on the work we performed, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Programmatic Borrowing Process had not been prepared fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the criteria defined below.

## **Subject Matter and Criteria**

The subject matter of the Programmatic Borrowing Process and associated criteria for this limited assurance engagement are set out in the table below.

Subject Matter	Criteria
ICPF's Programmatic Borrowing Process, as described in ICPF's Programmatic Green Debt Framework that sets out:  Use of proceeds	The Climate Bond Initiatives ("CBI") Standard v2.1 and the Climate Bond Standard Sector Eligibility Criteria for Low Carbon Buildings – Commercial Buildings.
<ul> <li>Process for evaluation and selection</li> <li>Management of proceeds</li> <li>External review.</li> </ul>	Criteria found at these links:  https://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/Climate%20Bo nds%20Standard%20v2_1%20-%20January_2017.pdf
	https://www.climatebonds.net/files/files/Commercial%2 0Property%20Criteria.pdf

## **Management Responsibility**

The management of ICPF is responsible for the collection, preparation, and presentation of the Subject Matter in accordance with the criteria and for maintaining adequate records and internal controls that are designed to support the Programmatic Borrowing Process.

# **Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the Subject Matter. Our assurance engagement has been planned and performed in accordance with the Australian Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000: Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information ('ASAE 3000').

#### Level of Assurance

Procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our assurance engagement was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls. Our procedures did not include testing controls or performing procedures relating to checking aggregation or calculation of data within IT systems.

#### **Our Approach**

Our assurance procedures performed included, but were not limited to:

• Reviewing the policies and procedures in the Programmatic Green Debt Framework to assess whether they are aligned to the requirements of the Climate Bond Standard v2.1



- · Confirming the emissions intensity of each debt instrument is below the CBI emissions intensity threshold
- · Confirming the total value of the green debt instruments is below the total value of the assets.

#### Limitations

There are inherent limitations in performing assurance – for example, assurance engagements are based on selective testing of the information being examined – and it is possible that fraud, error, or non-compliance may occur and not be detected. There are additional inherent risks associated with assurance over non-financial information including reporting against standards which require information to be assured against source data compiled using definitions and estimation methods that are developed by the reporting entity. Finally, adherence to ASAE 3000 and the Climate Bond Standard v2.1 is subjective and will be interpreted differently by different stakeholder groups.

Our assurance was limited to the ICPF's Programmatic Borrowing Process, and did not include any procedures in relation to ICPF's statutory financial statements. Our assurance is limited to policies and procedures in place as of 1 November 2019. The firm has no other relationship with, or interests in, ICPF.

We relied on our GHG emissions intensity assurance we undertook for the ICPF Quarterly Report September 2019, for the quarter ended 30 September 2019 for the period of 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019.

## **Use of Report**

Our responsibility in performing our assurance activities is to the Directors and Management of ICPF only and in accordance with the terms of reference for this engagement as agreed with them. We do not therefore accept or assume any responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person or organisation. Any reliance any such third party may place on ICPF's Programmatic Borrowing Process is entirely at its own risk. No statement is made as to whether the criteria are appropriate for any third-party purpose.

### **Our Independence and Assurance Team**

In accordance with APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners*, the firm and all professional personnel involved in this engagement have met the independence requirements of Australia or International professional ethical requirements. Our team has the required competencies and experience for this assurance engagement.

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