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ANZ GIVES UP ON AUSSIE IT JOBS

Finance Sector Union will today warn ANZ bank about the dangers of sacrificing opportunities for young Australians by sending jobs and sensitive personal details off shore.

The ANZ is the most aggressive Australian bank when it comes to reducing its skilled Australian workforce, having sent some 1100 Information Technology jobs and some 300 – 400 processing and administration jobs to Bangalore.

“The ANZ needs to answer important questions for shareholders today. They need to explain how they are investing in Australian jobs and skills not just at the shop front but in high skilled, high tech areas.” Said Finance Sector Union National Secretary, Paul Schroder.

“For years we have told young Australians that there are good, secure jobs in IT – now ANZ is leading the charge to send these jobs to India.

“While ANZ have pledged to keep call centres and customer facing roles in Australia, customer service is about more than just call centres.

“Behind the scenes software development and bank processing, involving sensitive customer data is disappearing off shore,” said Mr Schroder.

Shareholders should use the opportunity of the AGM to debate off-shoring, which could threaten up to 200,000 Australian jobs. The FSU will today put questions to the bank’s board at the AGM in Sydney.

Public opinion is firmly behind the banks not off shoring. “An FSU survey has found 82% of customers say that they would consider changing banks if their bank sacked Australian workers and sent their information off shore.

“The meeting will present ANZ with an opportunity to step up to the plate on the critical issue of Australia’s skill shortage. They can reject sending jobs offshore and start investing in providing high skill, high paid career opportunities here for current and future generations” ,” said Mr. Schroder

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Responses to the FSU questions from the ANZ board will be posted at www.bankcheck.net.au

Union members will be present at the ANZ AGM
10:00 am Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Bayside Auditorium B, Darling Drive,
Darling Harbour, Sydney

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