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Dear Ms Ross

INSURANCE AUSTRALIA GROUP LIMITED ('IAG')
INVESTOR PRESENTATION

Please find enclosed a copy of an investor presentation made in New York this morning by the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Michael Hawker.

Yours sincerely

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Outline



- Australia and New Zealand general insurance markets
- Recent performance trends of IAG
- Strategy update, including CGU/NZI acquisition
- Current priorities and outlook
- Questions

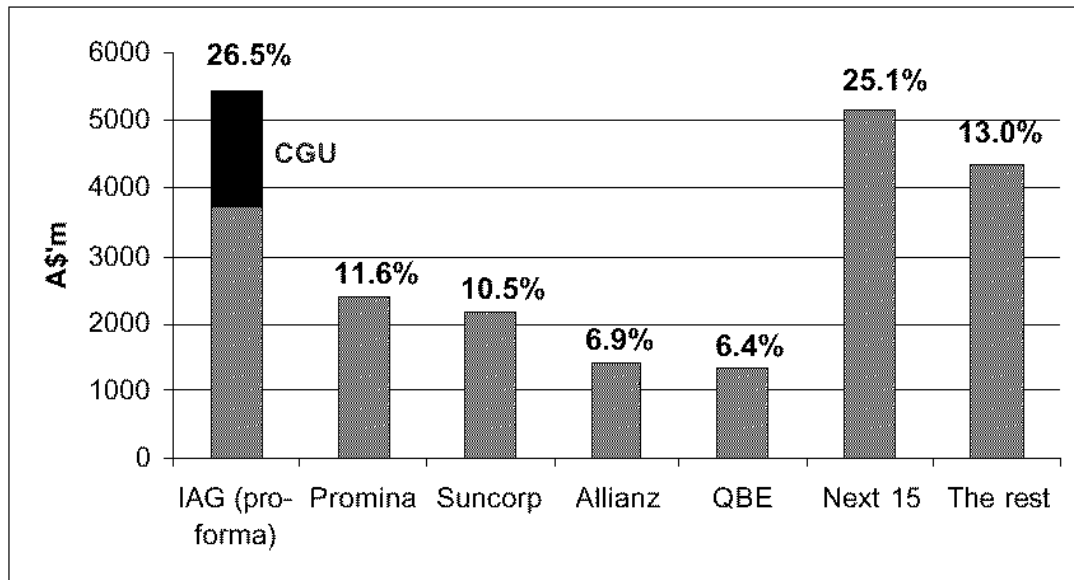


Australian general insurance market



- Regulator statistics - Financial year ending in year to June 2002
- Total market premium of A\$27.7bn
 - A\$7.2bn underwritten by Governments (state & federal)
 - A\$2.4bn underwritten by reinsurers
 - A\$18.1bn underwritten by general insurers
- Top five groups wrote A\$12.7bn
 - 62% of private sector totals
 - Up from 45% in 1997
- IAG (pro-forma) wrote A\$5.4bn
 - IAG - A\$3.7bn & CGU - A\$1.7bn
 - 26.5% of private sector - 30% excluding reinsurers

Australia's consolidated market



- IAG (or predecessor) has been lead insurer for c20 years
- Demutualisations & consolidation increased stability

Australian market conditions

1999

Start of structural changes to the domestic industry as a result of "demutualisation of the industry".

2001

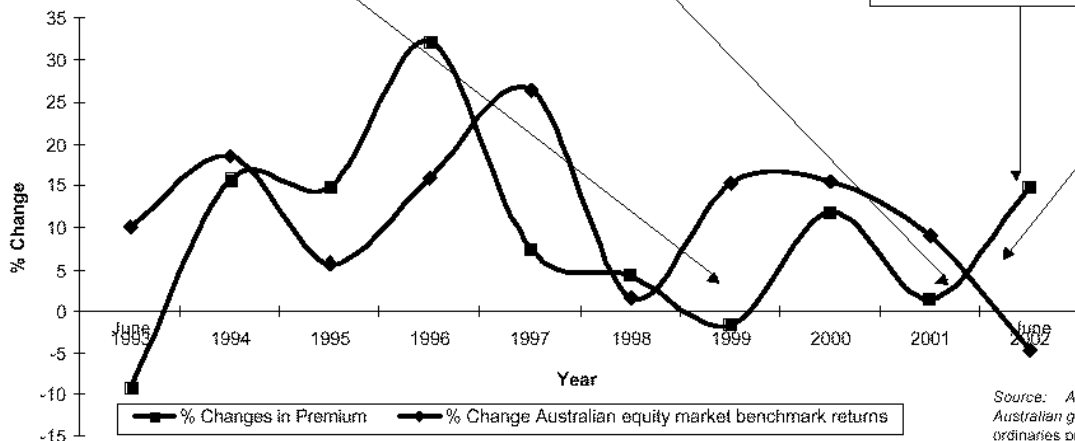
Sept 11 & the collapse of HIH, builders warranty & medical indemnity crisis have led to an dramatic hardening of rates, supported by a stable competitive environment. **Data excl HIH**

2002

Industry dynamics, continued consolidation and ongoing terrorist attacks provided stable/growing premium environment.

2003

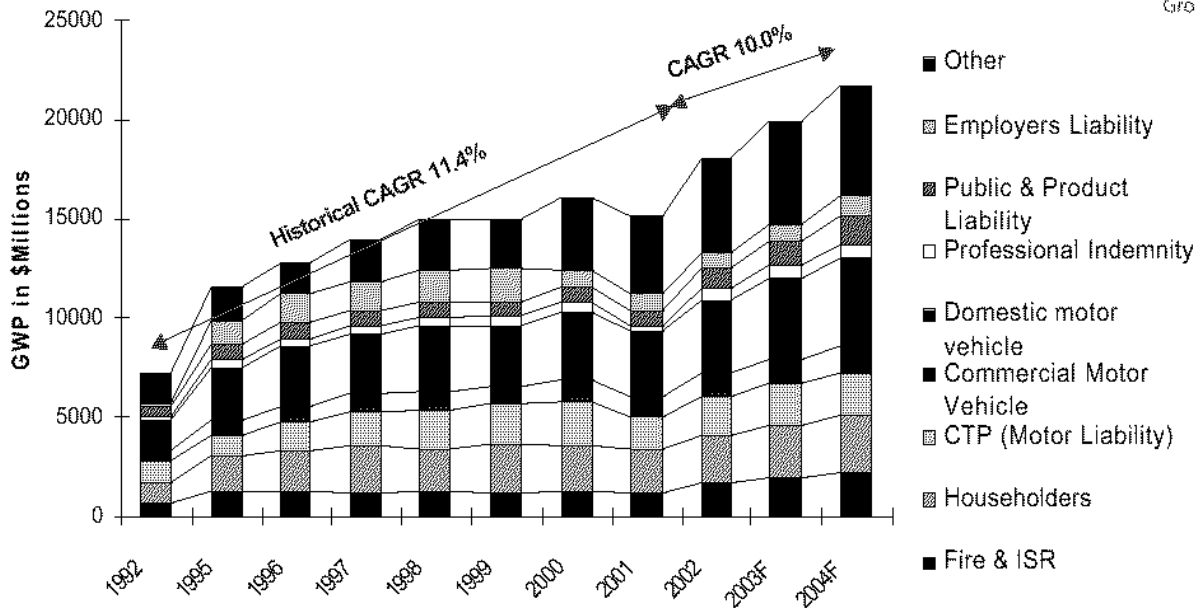
Further competitive stability expected following the listing of RSA/Promina'



Source: APRA - Selected statistics on the Australian general insurance industry, IRESS - All ordinaries prior to April 2000 & S&P ASX 200 accumulation index to June 2002

Industry forecasts continuing premium growth

Australian Gen. Ins. industry growth by line of business

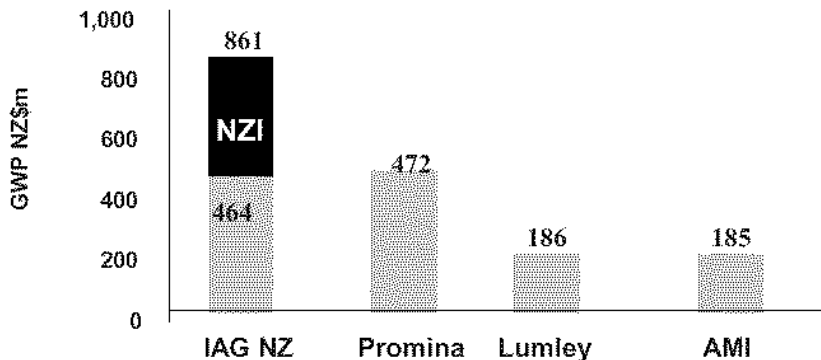


* HIH impact in 2001 APRA data (ie HIH did not lodge returns)

Sources: Swiss Re economic analysis(APRA), APRA Industry Report - 2002, JP Morgan 2002 Australian GI Industry Survey

New Zealand market - consolidated

New Zealand General Insurance
GWP (NZ\$m)



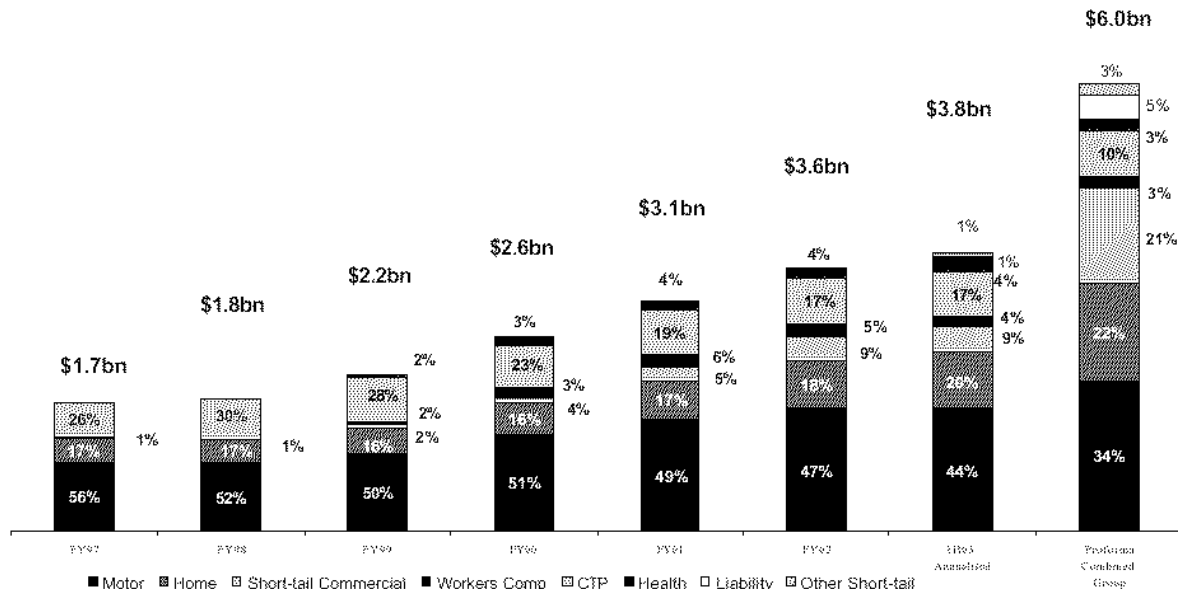
- Top five writing over 75% of market
- Stable market, all employer, accident and motor liability underwritten by government

Insurance Australia's performance trends and strategy

LAG growing and diversifying ...



Gross Written Premium By Business

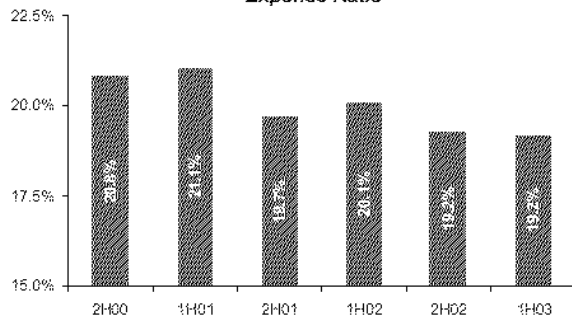


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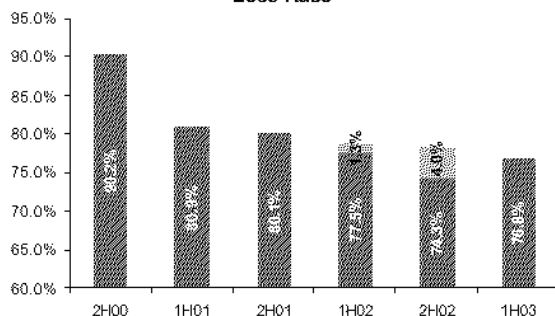
- * FY97 to 1H03 IAG GWP includes all business except inward Reinsurance, which is in run-off
- * Pro-forma combined group represents the addition of IAG annualised half year ended 31 December 2002 and CGUINZI full year to 31 December 2002.
- * Other short-tail primarily consist of extended warranty and consumer credit businesses.

... and improving insurance margins & components

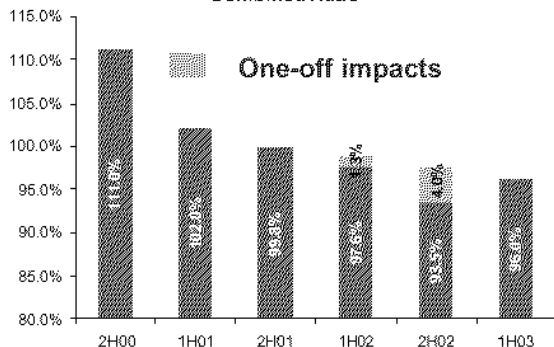
Expense Ratio



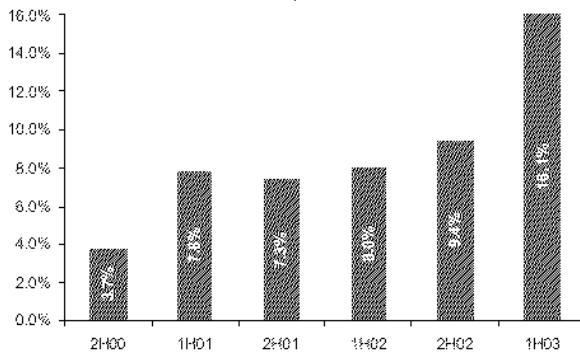
Loss Ratio



Combined Ratio



Insurance Margin (before tax)



Strongly capitalised – actively managed



- Maintained AA rating (Stable Outlook) from Standard & Poor's
 - Risk of ruin requirements reflected in our economic capital modelling and comfortably met
- Tactical hedging in place to protect capital from equity market impact on shareholders' funds
- Reinsurance programme strengthened
 - Increased upper limits and decreased deductibles
- Regulatory solvency high
 - All key operating insurers have solvency of a minimum of 2x requirements – some considerably in excess
 - Full group position (measuring all businesses in Australia & New Zealand on a risk weighted basis) is comfortably within our target range



Five year strategy from 2002

Reinvigorate
customer focus

Extend scale in
gen. insurance

Leverage core
capabilities

Risk
management

Growth/quality
earnings

Core operations

Deliver earnings

Build capability

Investigate & pursue

Emerging opportunities

Goals

Top quartile total
s'holder return

ROE 13 – 15%

Double GWP by
FY 2007

Maintain combined
ratio < 100%

Maintain AA
category rating

Key elements of progress to date



- Reinvigorate customer focus
 - Getting It Right
- Extend scale in general insurance
 - Targeted CGU/NZI as most suitable acquisition
 - Continued to apply benefits of scale to existing business
- Leverage core capabilities
 - Getting It Right and brands
- Risk management
 - Increased skills & application of asset/liability work
 - Ongoing improvements in internal processes & culture
- Growth in quality earnings — delivered & more to come



CGU/NZI acquisition - summary



- Purchased Australia & New Zealand general insurance business of Aviva plc
 - Announced 18 October 2002
 - Completed on 2 January 2003
- Acquired for A\$1.85bn
 - Gross premium income stream of A\$2.3bn
 - Ongoing operations with a combined ratio of <100%
 - Leading intermediated businesses and brands
 - Scale platform for increased efficiency
 - Goodwill of A\$1.1bn
- Funded mix of equity, debt and hybrid equity
 - Hybrid equity issue by 30 June 2003 should complete
 - AA (Stable Outlook) rating from Standard & Poor's retained

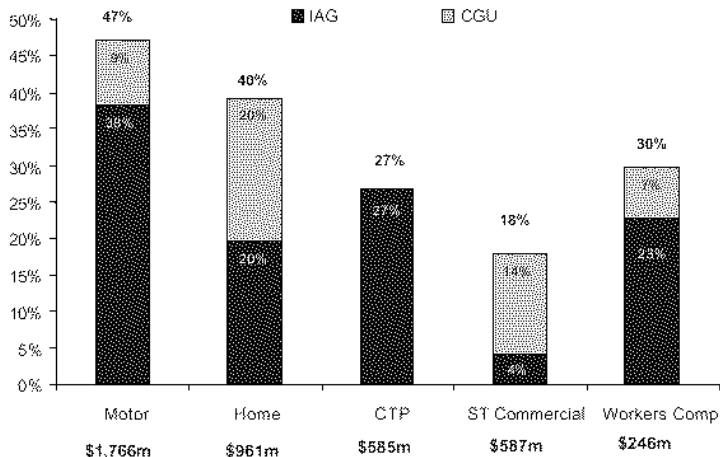


Provides market leading position in core products



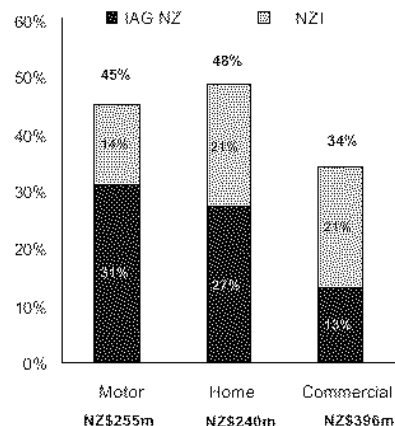
Market share – Australia

Based on gross premium revenue



Market share – NZ

Based on gross written premium

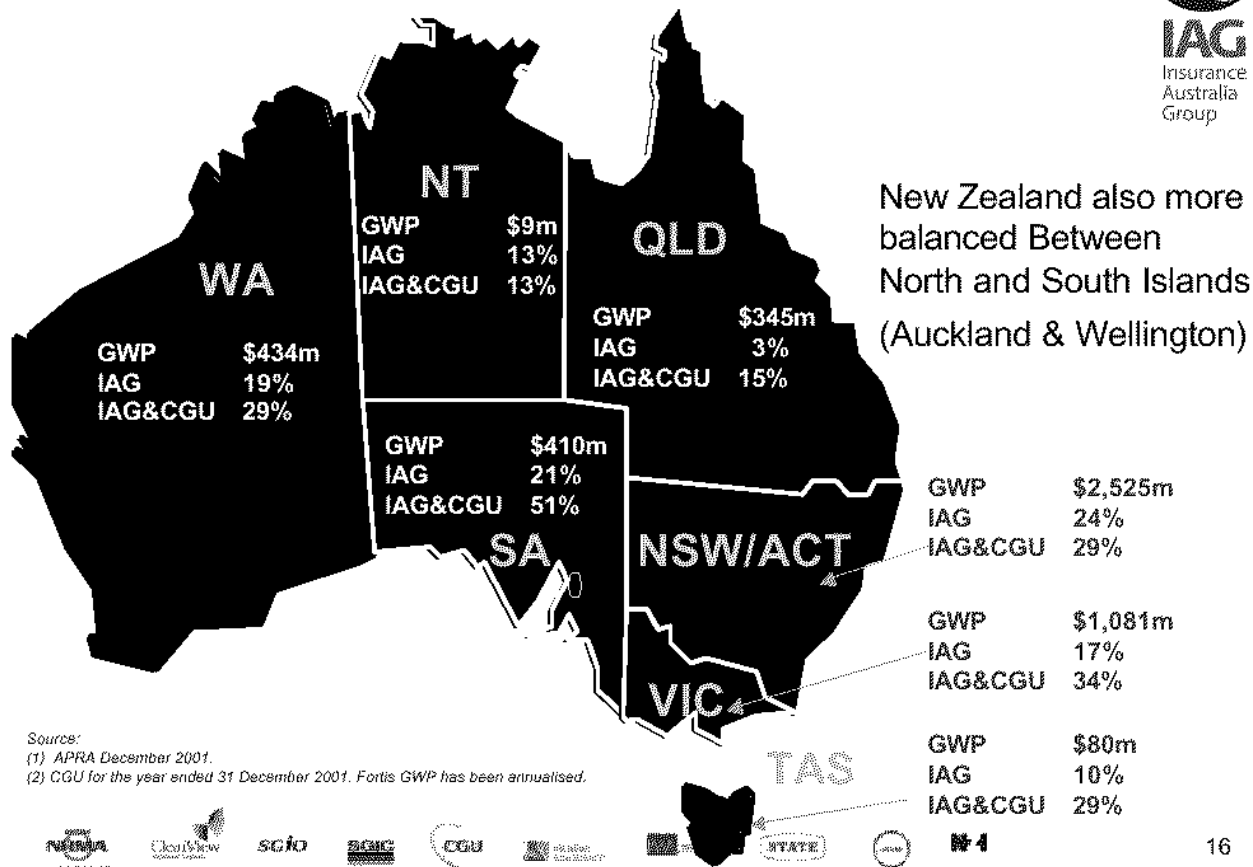


Source:

1. Australian market share data ~ APRA statistics at 31 December 2001.
2. IAG data for full year 30 June 2001.
3. NZ market share data ~ Insurance Council of New Zealand as at 30 June 2002.
4. CGU data for full year 31 December 2001.
5. NZI annualised half year figures for 30 June 2002.



More balanced geographic spread



Pro-forma half-year insurance results - 31 December 2002



Consolidated Financial Results			
Half-year ended 31 December 2002			
	IAG	CGU/NZI	Combined
	A\$m	A\$m	A\$m
Gross written premium	1,886	1,134	3,020
Net premium revenue	1,799	953	2,752
Net claims expense	(1,382)	(593)	(1,975)
Underwriting expense	(346)	(320)	(666)
Underwriting profit/(loss)	71	40	111
Investment income on technical reserves	219	47	266
Insurance profit	290	87	377
Insurance ratios			
Loss ratio	76.8%	62.2%	71.8%
Expense ratio	19.2%	33.6%	24.2%
Combined ratio	96.0%	95.8%	96.0%
Insurance margin	16.1%	9.2%	13.7%

- Extracted from reported half-year for IAG and half of calendar 2002 for CGU/NZI (excluding discontinued businesses)
- Loss/expense ratio variance due to direct/intermediated focus

Delivery of synergy benefits on track

Synergy realisation schedule	2H03	1H04	2H04
	A\$m	A\$m	A\$m
<i>Cumulative run-rate per annum</i>			
Personal lines	6	41	75
Commercial	4	14	30
IT, shared services & overheads	8	26	35
Australia sub-total	18	81	140
International - New Zealand	3	16	20
Total synergies in run-rate	21	97	160
<i>Reported income statement</i>			
Synergy benefits collected	7	31	68
Costs of implementation expensed	(49)	(28)	(8)
Net impact on profit for period	(43)	3	60

- Full annual run-rate in place within 18 months of acquisition
- Would have reduced 1H03 pro-forma combined ratio to 93.1%

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Looking forward

Short term operating outlook

- 2H03 will bear impact of
 - Net expenditure on integration – estimated to be A\$43m
 - A\$70m in claims (net of reinsurance) for Canberra fires
 - Ongoing weakness in equity markets (Australian GAAP)
 - Still targeting a combined ratio of <100%, barring any other major insured catastrophe
- FY04 should benefit from
 - Net income from synergies on acquisition
 - Ongoing growth in premiums – price and volume
 - Improved efficiency of operations
- Current target of 96-98% combined ratio on completion of investment in acquisition synergies –should yield >9% insurance margins

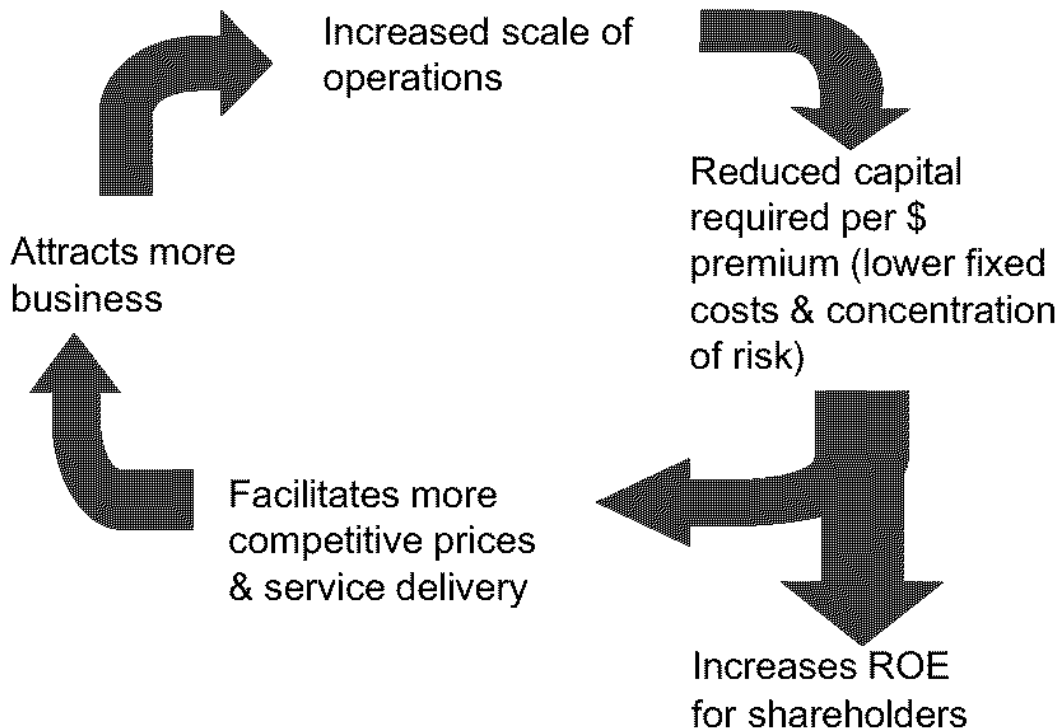
Our current priorities



- Withstand short-term investment market pressures on our capital
- Current businesses running well – investing to ensure they are positioned for sustainable delivery
- Delivery of target synergies from acquisition
- Increase the value our people and systems can deliver to enhance our customer experience and returns
 - Culture, career development & review
 - Flexible, modularised, responsive & efficient systems
- Use skills, scale and knowledge to embed virtuous loop



Virtuous loop concept



Conclusion



- Australian and New Zealand insurance markets are increasingly stable with positive outlook
- Our business has been grown and reshaped to deliver ongoing underwriting profits and improved insurance margins
- The acquired CGU/NZI business is performing well and the synergy benefits of \$160m are on-track
- Capital position remains strong
- Investing in our capacity to deliver sustained improved returns for our shareholders for the long term



Questions

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