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**Pepper I-Prime 2017-3 Trust**  
**Trust manager's declaration**  
**31 December 2019**

**Trust Manager's declaration**

As detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements, Pepper I-Prime 2017-3 Trust (the Trust) is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the Trust Manager there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are unable to command the preparation of statements tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, the "special purpose financial statements" have been prepared to satisfy the reporting requirements of the Trust Manager and Trustee in accordance with the Master Trust Deed.

The Trust Manager has prepared the attached financial statements and notes thereto as set out on pages 3 to 15.

The Trust Manager declares that the financial statements and notes:

- (a) comply with applicable accounting standards; and
- (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Trust.

In the Trust Manager's opinion:

- (a) the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Master Trust Deed; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of directors.



Mario Rehayem  
Chief Executive Officer, ANZ  
Sydney



Therese McGrath  
Chief Financial Officer, ANZ  
Sydney  
27 April 2020

**Pepper I-Prime 2017-3 Trust**  
**Statement of comprehensive income**  
**Year ended 31 December 2019**

	<b>Year ended 31 December 2019</b>	Period ended 31 December 2018
	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Loan and advances interest income	<b>13,343,404</b>	20,172,382
Bank interest income	<b>114,892</b>	136,698
Borrowings interest expense	<b>(11,795,719)</b>	(14,961,249)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>1,662,577</b>	5,347,831
Fee income	<b>153,397</b>	248,370
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,815,974</b>	5,596,201
<b>Expenses</b>		
Servicer fee	<b>706,673</b>	987,680
Loan enforcement costs	<b>32,806</b>	98,983
Trustee fees	<b>65,981</b>	96,818
Trust manager fee	<b>283,749</b>	379,483
Custodian fees	<b>11,971</b>	43,574
Non-recoverable GST	<b>27,607</b>	38,010
Loan loss expense	<b>145,866</b>	41,481
Bank charges	<b>21,943</b>	6,140
Other expenses	<b>44,652</b>	54,811
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>1,341,248</b>	1,746,980
<b>Profit before income tax expense</b>	<b>474,726</b>	3,849,221
<b>Finance costs attributable to unitholders</b>		
Distributions to unitholders	<b>(474,726)</b>	(3,849,221)
<b>Profit after income tax expense for the year attributable to the unitholders</b>	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	-

*The above statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

**Pepper I-Prime 2017-3 Trust**  
**Balance sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2019**

		<b>As at</b>	
		<b>31 December</b>	31 December
		<b>2019</b>	2018
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		<b>9,696,769</b>	6,516,890
Loans and advances	6	<b>239,118,824</b>	318,410,932
Receivables		<b>18,560</b>	23,965
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>248,834,153</b>	324,951,787
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	7	<b>247,639,400</b>	323,255,110
Other payables		<b>1,194,623</b>	1,696,547
Unitholders interest		<b>130</b>	130
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>248,834,153</b>	324,951,787
<b>Equity</b>		-	-

*The above balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

**Pepper I-Prime 2017-3 Trust**  
**Statement of changes in equity**  
**Year ended 31 December 2019**

	<b>Issued capital</b>	<b>Retained earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2018</b>	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2018</b>	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>	-	-	-

*The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

**Pepper I-Prime 2017-3 Trust**  
**Statement of cash flows**  
**Year ended 31 December 2019**

	<b>Year ended 31 December 2019</b>	Period ended 31 December 2018
Notes	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Interest received	<b>13,666,480</b>	19,676,158
Interest paid	<b>(11,982,663)</b>	(14,461,330)
Fee income	<b>153,397</b>	248,370
Payments to suppliers	<b>(1,204,977)</b>	(1,694,918)
Other operating activities	-	130
Collection / (payment) of net loans to borrowers	<b>78,938,058</b>	(317,819,491)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>5 79,570,295</b>	(314,051,081)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from borrowings	-	400,700,000
Repayment of borrowings	<b>(75,428,766)</b>	(77,864,775)
Distribution to noteholders	<b>(961,650)</b>	(2,267,254)
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities</b>	<b>(76,390,416)</b>	320,567,971
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>3,179,879</b>	6,516,890
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<b>6,516,890</b>	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>9,696,769</b>	6,516,890

*The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.*

## **1 About this report**

### **(a) Financial reporting framework**

The Trust is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the Trust Manager there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are unable to command the preparation of the reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, these 'special purpose financial statements' have been prepared to satisfy the Trust Manager's reporting requirements under the Master Trust Deed.

### **(b) Statement of compliance**

An entity preparing special purpose financial statements is not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations. Accordingly, special purpose financial statements cannot be described as complying with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (A-IFRS) as they do not comply with all requirements of A-IFRS.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Master Trust Deed, recognition and measurement requirements of all Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of Accounting Standards AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows' and AASB108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors'.

They were authorised for issue by the Trust Manager on 27 April 2020.

### **(c) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost. Historical cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars, unless otherwise noted.

Cash flows from investing activities in the prior year of (\$317,819,491) have been reclassified to cash flows from operating activities. Liquidity facility costs in the prior year of \$80,034 have been reclassified to borrowings interest expense in the statement of comprehensive income. Total cash flows, closing cash balances and total comprehensive incomes have not changed as a result of these reclassifications.

### **(d) Going concern**

The financial report has been prepared on the basis that the Trust is a going concern, which assumes continuity of normal business activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the ordinary course of business.

## **2 Significant accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated in the following text.

### **(a) Distributions**

Distributions to the beneficiary comprise the net Trust income of the Trust in accordance with the relevant Series Notice and the Master Trust Deed.

### **(b) Transfers to / from unitholders' funds**

Income is transferred directly to the residual unit holders' funds and arises from the taxable income of the Trust.

## 2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

### (c) Revenue recognition

The accounting policies adopted for the major components of revenue are as follows:

#### (i) Interest income

Loans and advances are measured on an amortised cost basis in the balance sheet. Revenue is generally recognised over the life of the loan, taking into account all income and expenditure directly attributable to the loan. The rate at which revenue is recognised is referred to as the effective interest rate and is equivalent to the rate that effectively discounts estimated future cash flows throughout the estimated life to the net carrying value of the loan. The revenue stream includes interest revenue, mortgage risk fees received at loan settlement, loan premium revenue and early termination interest adjustments payable upon early redemption of a loan. Acquisition costs such as upfront broker commissions paid are also spread across the expected life of the loan. When a financial asset is classified in Stage 3 for impairment, subsequent interest income is recognised in profit or loss by applying the effective interest rate to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

#### (ii) Fee income

The key judgements in applying AASB 15 include the timing and amount of variable consideration (at a point in time or over time) to be recognised in relation to fees earned and determining whether multiple services provided in a single servicing contract are distinct. The material components of fee income include those fees such as arrears fees and legal fees that do not meet the criteria for recognition as part of the effective interest rate. Fees that relate to a provision of a specific transactional service are recognised when the service has been completed. Prior to the adoption of AASB 15, revenue was recognised in the period in which it was earned. There was no material impact from the change in accounting policy (to AASB 15) on other fee revenue.

### (d) Financial assets and financial liabilities

#### (i) Financial assets

The three classification categories for financial assets are amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ('FVOCI') and fair value through profit or loss ('FVTPL').

##### (A) Amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if both the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that meet the solely payments of principal and interest ('SPPI') requirements.

##### (B) Fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets that are not measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI are measured at FVTPL.

##### (C) Fair Value through other comprehensive income

The trust does not hold assets at FVOCI.

#### (ii) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost except for financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. Such liabilities, including derivatives that are liabilities, are subsequently measured at fair value.

#### (iii) Impairment

The impairment requirements apply to financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVOCI, lease receivables, amounts receivable from contracts with customers as defined in AASB 15, loan commitments, certain letters of credit and financial guarantee contracts.

The expected credit loss ('ECL') values are derived from internally developed statistical models and are adjusted to reflect probability-weighted forward-looking information. The Trust's loan portfolios are segmented (at a minimum) by product, region, and credit quality (arrears), to calculate ECL provisions.

## 2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

### (d) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

#### (iii) Impairment (continued)

The key inputs used for measuring ECL are:

- probability of default ('PD');
- loss given default ('LGD'); and
- exposure at default ('EAD').

PD is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon. The Trust's PDs are estimated considering the contractual maturities of exposures and estimated prepayment rates. The estimation is based on current conditions, adjusted to consider estimates of future conditions that will impact PD. LGD is an estimate of the loss arising on default. The LGD models for secured assets consider forecasts of future collateral valuation considering sale discounts, time to realisation of collateral, cost of realisation of collateral and cure rates. LGD models for unsecured assets consider time of recovery, and recovery rates. The calculation is on a discounted cash flow basis, where the cash flows are discounted by the interest rate of the loan.

EAD is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date, considering expected changes in the exposure after the reporting date, including repayments of principal and interest. The Trust's modelling approach for EAD reflects expected changes in the balance outstanding over the lifetime of the loan exposure that are permitted by the current contractual terms, including: amortisation profiles, early repayment or overpayment, changes in utilisation of undrawn commitments and credit mitigation actions taken before default. The Trust uses EAD models that reflect the characteristics of the portfolios.

The Trust uses forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort in its assessment of significant increase of credit risk as well as in its measurement of ECL. The Trust employs experts who use external and internal information to generate a 'base case' scenario of future forecast of relevant economic variables along with a representative range of other possible forecast scenarios. The external information used includes economic data and forecasts published by governmental bodies and monetary authorities.

The Trust has identified and documented key drivers of credit risk and credit losses for each loan portfolio and using a statistical analysis of historical data, has estimated relationships between macro-economic variables and credit risk and credit losses. The principal macro-economic indicators included in the economic scenarios used at 31 December 2019 for the purposes of preparing ECL provisions include unemployment rates, interest rates, house prices ('HPI') and inflation ('CPI').

The Trust has applied probabilities to the forecast scenarios identified in its measurement of ECL.

The Trust's ECL is determined with reference to the following stages:

#### Stage 1:

Performing loans:

Predominantly loans less than 30 days past due - requires a loss provision equal to the expected loss over the next 12 months.

#### Stage 2:

Significant increase in credit risk has occurred:

All the Trust's loans and advances not in stage 3 and 30+ days in arrears are within stage 2 - requires a loss provision equal to the expected loss over the expected lifetime of the asset.

#### Stage 3:

Impaired:

As a minimum, all the Trust's loans and advances 90+ days in arrears are within stage 3. Loans in stage 3 require a lifetime expected credit loss provision incorporating a 100% probability of default.

## 2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

### (d) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

#### *(iv) Modified financial asset and financial liabilities at amortised cost*

A financial instrument is modified when its original contractual cash flows are renegotiated or modified. A financial instrument that is renegotiated is derecognised if the existing agreement is cancelled and a new agreement is made on substantially different terms or if the existing terms are modified such that the renegotiated loan is substantially different from the existing financial instrument. When the modification does not result in derecognition, a gain or loss is recognised in the income statement as the difference between the financial instrument's original contractual cash flows and the modified cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate ('EIR').

#### *(v) Derecognition*

The Trust derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another party. If the Trust neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Trust recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Trust retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Trust continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable and the cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity is recognised in the income statement.

On derecognition of a financial asset other than in its entirety the Trust allocates the previous carrying amount of the financial asset between the part it continues to recognise under continuing involvement, and the part it no longer recognises on the basis of the relative fair values of those parts on the date of the transfer. The difference between the carrying amount allocated to the part that is no longer recognised and the sum of the consideration received for the part no longer recognised and any cumulative gain or loss allocated to it that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is recognised in the income statement. A cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is allocated between the part that continues to be recognised and the part that is no longer recognised on the basis of the relative fair values of those parts.

### (e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and have a maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition.

### (f) Receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at their amortised cost less impairment losses. Trade and other receivables are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

### (g) Interest-bearing liabilities

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs. Interest is accrued over the period it becomes due. After initial recognition, interest bearing loans and borrowings are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any issue costs, and any discount or premium on settlement. All borrowings are secured by loans and advances.

### (h) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent unsecured liabilities for goods and services provided to the Trust prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. Payables are stated at amortised cost.

## 2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

### (i) Trust Manager and servicer fees

In consideration for performing the Trust Manager and Servicer functions and duties in respect of the Trust, the Trust Manager and Servicer, Pepper Group Pty Limited, is paid a fee from the Trust as set out in the Trust Manager and Servicer Fee Letter.

### (j) Loan enforcement costs

In order to enforce the mortgage or preserve its rights under the loan, the Trust will incur from time to time legal and enforcement related expenses. These expenses are passed on to the borrower under the term of the loan and are recovered through the discharge or claim process. The amounts applied to the loan account are recognised as income (refer to 2(c)). The amounts paid to suppliers are recognised as an expense of the Trust.

### (k) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to the taxation authority, are presented as operating cash flow.

### (l) Financial liabilities and equity instruments

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement. The nature of the loan notes, as set out in the Master Trust Deed, is in accordance with the nature of debt and therefore, has been classified as debt. Amounts due to and from residual unit holders are classified within other payables.

## 3 New accounting standards and interpretations

### (a) New and amended standards adopted

(i) *AASB 16 Leases: effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.*

AASB 16 introduces a new lease accounting model for lessees that requires lessees to recognise all leases on balance sheet (except for short-term leases and low value assets) and recognise the amortisation of lease assets and interest on lease liabilities in the income statement.

The Trust adopted AASB 16 on 1 January 2019. The application of AASB 16 has not had a material impact on the financial statements of the Trust.

### (b) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

There have been no other new or amended accounting standards during the reporting period ended 31 December 2019 that have had or may have a significant impact on the financial results of the Trust.

#### **4 Critical estimates, judgements and errors**

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of judgement, estimates and assumptions. Should different assumptions or estimates be applied, the resulting values may change, impacting the net assets and income of the Trust. These estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. The nature of significant estimates and judgements made are noted below.

##### **(a) Determination of impairment losses on loans and advances**

The Trust assesses at each balance date whether there is any objective evidence of impairment. In determining whether objective evidence exists and whether an impairment loss should be recorded in the income statement, the Trust makes judgements as to whether there is any observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a loan before the decrease can be identified within an individual loan. Such evidence may include payment defaults, increased historic loss rates and trends in the relevant industry or market.

Significant increase in credit risk: ECL are measured as an allowance equal to 12-month ECL for stage 1 assets, or lifetime ECL assets for stage 2 or stage 3 assets. An asset moves to stage 2 when its credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. AASB 9 does not define what constitutes a significant increase in credit risk. In assessing whether the credit risk of an asset has significantly increased the Trust takes into account qualitative and quantitative reasonable and supportable forward-looking information.

Models and assumptions used: The Trust uses various models and assumptions in measuring fair value of financial assets as well as in estimating ECL. Judgement is applied in identifying the most appropriate model for each type of asset, as well as for determining the assumptions used in these models, including assumptions that relate to key drivers of credit risk.

The following are key estimations that are expected to have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in financial statements:

Probability of default: PD constitutes a key input in measuring ECL. PD is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon, the calculation of which includes historical data, assumptions and expectations of future conditions.

Loss Given Default: LGD is an estimate of the loss arising on default. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, considering cash flows from collateral.

Establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios for each type of product/market and determining the forward-looking information relevant to each scenario: When measuring ECL the Trust uses reasonable and supportable forward-looking information, which is based on assumptions for the future movement of different economic drivers and how these drivers will affect each other.

##### **(b) Revenue recognition**

Measurement of financial instruments at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method requires calculations based on reliably estimated cash flows through the expected life of financial instruments incorporating behavioural modelling of prepayments. Any fee income accounted for using the effective interest rate method is assessed by management who apply judgement to ensure recognition in the most appropriate period.

AASB 15 requires the identification of performance obligations within a customer contract and a transaction price that is allocated to these obligations. Revenue is recognised upon satisfying these performance obligations. Key judgement is required to determine if fee income is recognised over time or a point in time.

## 5 Reconciliation of profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	Year ended 31 December 2019 \$	Period ended 31 December 2018 \$
Profit before income tax expense for the year	474,726	3,849,221
Change in operating assets / liabilities		
Decrease/(increase) in loans and advances	79,292,108	(318,410,932)
Decrease/(increase) receivables	5,405	(23,965)
Increase/(decrease) in other payables	-	130
Increase/(decrease) in borrowings	(201,944)	534,465
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>	<b>79,570,295</b>	<b>(314,051,081)</b>

## 6 Loans and advances

Loans and advances are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are held to collect and carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Loans and receivables which are acquired are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently, they are carried at amortised cost and interest income is recognised in the income statement using the effective interest rate method. Transaction costs include broker fees and commissions capitalised on the balance sheet as part of loans and advances. These costs are amortised to the income statement in line with the reduction in the underlying mortgage portfolio as part of the effective interest rate on the mortgage receivables.

## 6 Loans and advances (continued)

	As at	
	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Notes	\$	\$
Loans and advances	238,886,970	317,940,515
Accrued interest	424,738	632,922
	<u>239,311,708</u>	<u>318,573,437</u>
Provision for specific impairment provided for during the period	(115,487)	-
Loan assets previously provided for written-off	115,487	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Opening balance of collective impairment provision	(162,505)	-
AASB 9 Opening impairment adjustment	-	(121,024)
<b>Adjusted balance</b>	<b>(162,505)</b>	<b>(121,024)</b>
Collective impairment provision released / (provided for) during the period	(30,379)	(41,481)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(192,884)</b>	<b>(162,505)</b>
	<u>239,118,824</u>	<u>318,410,932</u>

## 7 Borrowings

	As at	
	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	\$	\$
Note Class A-1	171,779,835	242,835,225
Note Class A-2	43,626,624	48,000,000
Note Class B	12,000,000	12,000,000
Note Class C	7,000,000	7,000,000
Note Class D	5,500,000	5,500,000
Note Class E	3,500,000	3,500,000
Note Class F	2,000,000	2,000,000
Note Class G1	1,200,000	1,200,000
Note Class G2	800,000	800,000
Interest Accrual	232,941	419,885
<b>Total</b>	<b>247,639,400</b>	<b>323,255,110</b>

## **8 Events occurring after the reporting period**

The emergence of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) during the first months of 2020 has had a significant impact on financial markets and assets globally, with broader economic and social disruption now evident and anticipated to continue in the near-term.

On 18 March 2020, Pepper Group Pty Limited implemented its Business Continuity Plan where Pepper Group Pty Limited staff will be working from home to limit the potential spread of the virus and enable the Trust Manager to continue to service the Trust. The impact of COVID-19 is yet to be fully determined and could have an adverse impact on the Trust's loan loss expenses. The Trust Manager will continue to monitor the economic impact of this situation on the assets held and the business as a whole.

Other than the item noted above, in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report, no transaction or event of a material and unusual nature has arisen to significantly affect the operations of the Trust, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Trust in future financial years.

## **9 Establishment**

The Trust was established on 14 November 2017. Under the Series Notice, Pepper Group Pty Limited is the beneficiary of the Trust.

Pepper Group Pty Limited is Trust Manager and Servicer.  
Pepper Finance Corporation Limited is Trustee.  
BNY Trust Company of Australia Limited is Security Trustee and Custodian.

## **10 Additional information**

Pepper Group Pty Limited, a company incorporated and operating in Australia, is the Trust Manager, residual unit holder and parent of the Pepper I-Prime 2017-3 Trust.

The principal activities of the Trust in the course of the financial period were the management of residential mortgage loans using funds raised from the note holders.

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustee of Pepper I-Prime 2017-3 Trust**

### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial report being a special purpose financial report of Pepper I-Prime 2017-3 Trust (the "Entity") which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2019, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Trust Managers Declaration as set out on pages 2 to 15.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Master Trust Deed and the accounting policies described in note 2.

### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### *Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use*

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Entity to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Master Trust Deed. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Trustee and should not be distributed or used by parties other than the Trustee. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### *Responsibilities of the Trust Manager for the Financial Report*

The Trust Manager of the Entity is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation and accounting policies described in Note 2 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of Master Trust Deed and is appropriate to meet the needs of the Trustee. The Trust Manager's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Trust Manager determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Trust Manager is responsible for assessing the ability of the Entity to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trust Manager either intend to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Trust Manager is responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trust Manager.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trust Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Trust Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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