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Shayne Elliott
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By email: Shayne.Elliott@anz.com

Dear Shayne,

I write with increasing concern about the military coup in Myanmar which has suspended civilian government and effectively returned power to the military.

We understand that ANZ has refused to sign a letter initiated by the Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business condemning the violence in Myanmar.

By continuing business as usual operations in Myanmar, ANZ risks legitimising the coup and providing funding to the military regime.

Standing on the sidelines while a brutal military dictatorship violates basic human rights and perpetuates violence on its citizens is not acceptable. It does not meet the expectations of your staff, your customers, your shareholders, or the Australian and international community.

We share your concerns about the safety and well-being of ANZ staff in Myanmar, however adopting a 'wait and see' approach to the worsening situation in Myanmar is not the way to keep your people safe.

The FSU urges ANZ to take strong, decisive action. This is an opportunity to demonstrate that ANZ has learnt the lessons from your involvement in the Cambodian sugar plantation human rights abuses. ANZ must put ethics and human rights before profit.

We urge ANZ to immediately:

- Take all practical steps to ensure no money or financial support is going to the Myanmar military rulers.
- Publicly condemn the coup and urge the military rulers to begin the peaceful transition back to democracy and the rule of law.
- Join the collective action by many other corporates including Woodside who have shown their public support for the people of Myanmar and sign the letter drafted by the Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business that calls for a swift resolution to the violence.

The whole world is watching the developing crisis in Myanmar and conducting business as usual during this time is unconscionable.

The ANZ has the opportunity to stand up for human rights, the rule of law, and ethical business dealings. We urge you to support the people of Myanmar and uphold your ethical and human rights obligations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. McPherson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole McPherson
Local Executive Secretary
Victoria/Tasmania