

# FLEXIGROUP MANAGEMENT PTY LTD GREEN SECURITISATION 2020-1

## DNV GL ASSURANCE OPINION

### Scope and objectives

FlexiGroup Management Pty Ltd ("FLEXI" or "Issuer") has issued a Green Securitisation of the A1-G, B-G, C-G, D-G and E-G tranches for its 2020-1 issuance totalling AUD 99.6m (henceforth referred to as "BOND") and has submitted the proposed bond for verification and certification against the Climate Bond Standard (CBS).

FLEXI intends to use the proceeds of the BOND to finance a nominated projects and assets falling under the following categories:

- Renewable Energy – Solar

DNV GL Business Assurance Australia Pty Ltd (henceforth referred to as "DNV GL") has been commissioned by FLEXI to provide verification of the BOND as an independent and approved verifier under the Climate Bond Standard. Our criteria and information covered to achieve this is described under 'Work Undertaken' below.

No assurance is provided regarding the financial performance of the BOND, the value of any investments in the BONDS, or the long term environmental benefits of the transaction. Our objective has been to provide an assessment that the BOND has met the criteria of the Climate Bond Standard and the associated Technical Criteria on the basis set out below.

The scope of this DNV GL opinion is limited to the Climate Bond Standard Version 3.0 and the following associated Sector Technical Criteria:

- Solar

### Responsibilities of the Management of FLEXI and DNV GL

The management of FLEXI has provided the information and data used by DNV GL during the delivery of this review. Our statement represents an independent opinion and is intended to inform FLEXI management and other interested stakeholders in the BOND as to whether the established criteria have been met, based on the information provided to us. In our work we have relied on the information and the facts presented to us by FLEXI. DNV GL is not responsible for any aspect of the nominated assets referred to in this opinion and cannot be held liable if estimates, findings, opinions, or conclusions are incorrect. Thus, DNV GL shall not be held liable if any of the information or data provided by FLEXI's management and used as a basis for this assessment were not correct or complete.

## Basis of DNV GL's opinion

DNV GL has conducted the verification against the CBS v3.0 and associated Sector Technical Criteria through the creation and execution of a verification protocol addressing each requirement of the CBS v3.0 and the associated Sector Technical Criteria. The detail of areas covered in the DNV GL verification is summarised in Schedule 2 below.

## Work undertaken

Our work constituted a high level review of the available information, based on the understanding that this information was provided to us by FLEXI in good faith. We have not performed an audit or other tests to check the veracity of the information provided to us. The work undertaken to form our opinion included:

- Creation and execution of a Climate Bond Standard Protocol, adapted to include the relevant Sector Technical Criteria for the BOND nominated projects and assets, as described above and in Schedule 2 to this Assessment;
  - Assessment of documentary evidence provided by FLEXI on the BOND and supplemented by a high-level desktop research, documentation review and correspondence with key personnel from the issuer FLEXI. These checks refer to current assessment best practices and standards methodology;
  - Discussions with FLEXI management, and review of relevant documentation;
  - Documentation of findings against each element of the criteria. Our opinion as detailed below is a summary of these findings.
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## Findings and DNV GL's opinion

DNV GL has performed the Pre and Post Issuance Verification of the FLEXI Green Bond. It is DNV GL's responsibility to provide an independent verification statement on the compliance of the 2020 FLEXI Green Securitisation with the Climate Bond Standard.

DNV GL conducted the verification in accordance with the Climate Bond Standard Version 3.0 and with International Standard on Assurance Engagements *3000 Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Information*. The verification included i) checking whether the provisions of the Climate Bond Standard were consistently and appropriately applied and ii) the collection of evidence supporting the verification.

DNV GL's verification approach draws on an understanding of the risks associated with conforming to the Climate Bond Standard and the controls in place to mitigate these. DNV GL planned and performed the verification by obtaining evidence and other information and explanations that DNV GL considers necessary to give limited assurance that the FLEXI Green Bond meets the requirements of the Climate Bond Standard.

Based on the limited assurance procedures conducted, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the FLEXI 2020 Green Bond is not, in all material respects, in accordance with the Pre and Post Issuance requirements of the Climate Bond Standard Version 3.0 and Associated Solar and Low Carbon Transport Technical Criteria.

### for DNV GL Business Assurance Australia Pty Ltd

Sydney, 7 November 2020



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### About DNV GL

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**SCHEDULE 1: DESCRIPTION OF NOMINATED ASSETS**

As per the FLEXI pool cut data dated 24 August 2020.

Eligible Projects & Assets Category	Sub category	Projects	Current Balance August 2020 (AUDm)
Renewable Energy	Solar	Rooftop Solar PV and Solar Hot Water Loans	\$116.6m
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$116.6m</b>

**SCHEDULE 2: VERIFICATION CRITERIA**

**Summary criteria for assertions of compliance with the Climate Bonds Standard v3.0**

The criteria against which FLEXI and its nominated projects and assets have been reviewed prior to inclusion in the Bond are grouped under the requirements as detailed within the Climate Bonds Standard Version 3.0 including:

**Part A: Pre Issuance Requirements**

Area	Requirement
Use of Proceeds	<p>Nominated Projects &amp; Assets which are proposed to be associated with the Bond and which have been assessed as likely to be Eligible Projects &amp; Assets.</p> <p>DNV GL has verified the nominated category of Solar Energy to be aligned with the CBS Taxonomy.</p>
Project Selection	<p>Establish, document and maintain a decision-making process which it uses to determine the eligibility of the Nominated Projects &amp; Assets.</p> <p>DNV GL has verified the method for project selection and evaluation set out by FLEXI is compliant with the Project Selection requirements of the CBS.</p>
Management of Proceeds	<p>The systems, policies and processes to be used for management of the Net Proceeds shall be documented by FLEXI.</p> <p>DNV GL has verified the proposed management of proceeds and internal tracking set out by FLEXI is compliant with the CBS.</p>
Reporting Prior to Issuance	<p>The Issuer shall prepare a Green Bond Framework and make it publicly available prior to Issuance or at the time of Issuance.</p> <p>DNV GL has verified the form and content of the FLEXI Green Bond Framework against the requirements of the CBS and confirmed its compliance.</p>
Reporting	<p>Reporting on use of proceeds and nominated projects and assets.</p> <p>DNV GL has reviewed and confirmed FLEXI’s proposed reporting as being compliant and aligned with the requirements of the CBS.</p>

**Part B: Post Issuance Requirements**

Area	Requirement
Use of Proceeds	Nominated Projects & Assets which are proposed to be associated with the Bond and which have been assessed as likely to be Eligible Projects & Assets. DNV GL will verify this requirement at Post Issuance Verification.
Project Selection	Establish, document and maintain a decision-making process which it uses to determine the eligibility of the Nominated Projects & Assets. DNV GL will verify this requirement at Post Issuance Verification.
Management of Proceeds	The systems, policies and processes to be used for management of the Net Proceeds shall be documented by the Issuer. DNV GL will verify this requirement at Post Issuance Verification.
Reporting	Reporting on use of proceeds and nominated projects and assets. DNV GL will verify this requirement at Post Issuance Verification.

**Part C: Eligible projects and physical assets**

Nominated projects and assets include financing of or investments in equipment and systems which enable the mitigation of greenhouse gasses, as detailed in Schedule 1.

Area	Requirement
Solar Energy Generation	Projects eligible include terrestrial Solar electricity generation facilities and supporting infrastructure. DNV GL has verified that FLEXI’s nominated projects and assets include only eligible terrestrial Solar projects and assets in Australia.

**Part D: Certification under the Climate Bonds Standard**

Area	Requirement
Pre Issuance Certification	<p>The Issuer or Holder of a Climate Bonds Standard Certified Instrument must satisfy the Pre Issuance Certification requirements including the completion of all forms, Pre Issuance Verification by an approved verifier and provision of relevant information.</p> <p>DNV GL has conducted Pre Issuance Verification as recorded in this Verification Opinion.</p>
Post Issuance Certification	<p>The Issuer or Holder of a Climate Bonds Standard Certified Instrument must satisfy the Post Issuance Certification requirements including the completion of all forms, Post Issuance Verification by an approved verifier and provision of relevant information.</p> <p>DNV GL will verify these requirements at Post Issuance Verification.</p>
Maintaining Certification	<p>The Issuer or Holder shall provide annual reporting to the CBI and comply with non-conformance correction as required.</p> <p>DNV GL notes that this is an ongoing requirement beyond the scope of this Verification.</p>