# MORTGAGE BROKING: THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS



DRIVING VALUE FOR CUSTOMERS AND COMPETITION FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL AUSTRALIANS

WHAT DOES THE AVERAGE MORTGAGE BROKER LOOK LIKE?

17,000

This is one broker for every

1,452

registered mortgage brokers

There are now approximately

people in Australia



More than

**50**%

Net Promoter Score of

Earns a consumer

+70°

Rural and regional Australia make up

**29**%˚

of all residential mortgages are originated through brokers of customer base

From 2008 to 2017 the number of mortgages originated through the broker channel doubled to more than

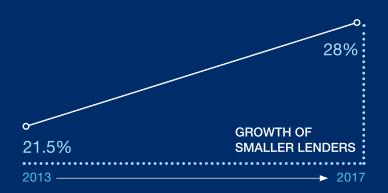
**500,000** loans per year

#### BROKERS DRIVE COMPETITION AND ACCESS TO CREDIT FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS

Brokers drive more competition by increasing the market share of smaller lenders.

Market share for smaller lenders not affiliated to the four majors has grown from **21.5%** to **28%** over just the last four years.<sup>6</sup>

As lending competition has increased, the Net Interest Margin of the major lenders has decreased significantly in line with increased broker activity.



# COMPLAINTS AND PENALTIES DECLINE AS BROKER CHANNEL GROWS STRONGLY



MFAA COMPLAINT DATA: 2008-2017

As broker activity increased, complaints declined **78%** from a modest 251 to a negligible 55 per year.

MFAA expelled, cancelled or suspended the membership of 75 brokers - fewer than **1 in 1,580 per annum**.



### WHAT HAVE REVIEWS INTO THE MORTGAGE INDUSTRY REVEALED?

**2** significant reviews in the past 18 months - *ASIC's Remuneration Review* and the *ABA Sedgwick Review*. The ASIC Review was the biggest-ever data collection exercise in its history.

ASIC made **6** recommendations for improvement but no findings of systemic harm. This was echoed by the *Sedgwick Review*.

## CIO AND FOS COMPLAINT DATA: 2018-2017

In 2016/17 CIO broker member numbers tripled to more than **22,000** or **91%** of CIO membership. Despite this, mortgage brokers only made up **6.1%** of complaints.

FOS complaints in 2016/17 about mortgage brokers made up fewer than **1%** of all complaints.

### ARE BROKERS DRIVING HIGHER RECORDED ARREARS?

ASIC found the difference in arrears between broker and proprietary channels was minimal.

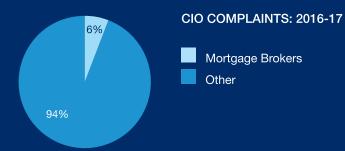
**ASIC Review:** "There does not appear to be any significant relationship between the level of broker commissions...and the level of 30-day or 90-day loan arrears."

#### ASIC PENALTIES ON BROKERS

**140** recorded finance broker matters between 2010 and 2017, with **15** recorded convictions.

Fewer than **1** in approximately **9,000** broker convictions per year.<sup>7</sup>





MFAA Mortgage & Finance Association of Australia ASIC Australian Securities and Investments Commission CIO Credit and Investments Ombudsman FOS Financial Ombudsman Service