

## Export Finance Australia

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## Issuer Credit Rating

AAA/Stable/A-1+

## Outlook

Our stable outlook on Export Finance Australia (EFA) mirrors that on Australia and reflects our view that our ratings on EFA are unlikely to change over the next two years. We expect to continue to equalize our ratings on EFA with those on Australia, reflecting the legislative guarantee on EFA's obligations.

### Downside scenario

We would expect to lower our ratings on EFA if we lowered the ratings on Australia. We would also lower the ratings if we considered that there was a weakening in the guarantee from the government of Australia, or changes to the framework for timely payment under the guarantee, if needed.

## Rationale

We equalize our ratings on EFA with those on Australia. This incorporates our assessment of the government's legislative guarantee on EFA's obligations as they fall due.

EFA's debt issuance program has defined grace periods of 30 days on interest payments and 15 days on principal payments.

We expect that government support, if needed, will be made available within the above time frames. This is because:

- The Australian government guarantees the payment of money that is--or may at any time become--payable by EFA to any entity other than the government.
- We believe a parliamentary vote is not required for the timely release of funding support, if needed; and
- We believe the government would receive timely information on any potential impediments to EFA's ability to meet its debt obligations in a timely manner because of regular reporting and oversight.

EFA has access to an additional A\$1.2 billion callable capital facility from the Australian government.

As of Aug. 31, 2022, the government had a total contingent liability in relation to EFA of A\$5.5 billion. This accounted for about 0.9% of Australia's estimate for its general government revenue for fiscal 2022 (year-end June 30).

Of the exposure, A\$3.2 billion was related to EFA's commercial account and A\$2.3 billion to the national interest account.

## Related Criteria

- General Criteria: Environmental, Social, And Governance Principles In Credit Ratings, Oct. 10, 2021
- Criteria | Governments | Sovereigns: Sovereign Rating Methodology, Dec. 18, 2017
- General Criteria: Methodology For Linking Long-Term And Short-Term Ratings, April 7, 2017
- General Criteria: Guarantee Criteria, Oct. 21, 2016
- General Criteria: Principles Of Credit Ratings, Feb. 16, 2011

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### Ratings Detail (As Of March 6, 2023)\*

#### Export Finance Australia

Issuer Credit Rating	AAA/Stable/A-1+
Senior Unsecured	A-1+
Senior Unsecured	AAA

#### Issuer Credit Ratings History

07-Jun-2021	AAA/Stable/A-1+
08-Apr-2020	AAA/Negative/A-1+
20-Sep-2018	AAA/Stable/A-1+

#### Sovereign Rating

Australia	AAA/Stable/A-1+
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#### Related Entities

##### Australia

Issuer Credit Rating	AAA/Stable/A-1+
Transfer & Convertibility Assessment	AAA

##### Australian National University (The)

Issuer Credit Rating	AA+/Stable/A-1+
Senior Unsecured	AA+

##### Australian Postal Corp.

Issuer Credit Rating	A+/Negative/A-1
Senior Unsecured	A+
Short-Term Debt	A-1

##### National Housing Finance and Investment Corp.

Issuer Credit Rating	AAA/Stable/A-1+
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