

# Bank protester takes his fight down under

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John Guidi camped outside Clydesdale Bank's HQ in Glasgow to highlight his complaints

A Scottish businessman is to take his protests about his treatment by the banking industry to the other side of the world.

[John Guidi](#), 64, has twice this year camped outside Clydesdale Bank's headquarters in Glasgow to highlight his complaint.

He is planning to travel to Australia to speak at National Australia Bank's (NAB) annual meeting in Sydney. He also hopes to meet Ross McEwan, who was recently appointed the NAB chief executive after leaving the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Clydesdale Bank was owned by NAB when Mr Guidi's property rental business took out loans with it. He claims that his life has been ruined since Clydesdale withdrew that funding suddenly in 2012 and sold his loans to Cerberus, a US investment group. That led to him being made bankrupt and court proceedings are continuing.

Mr Guidi's trip to Sydney is being paid for by the CYBG Remediation Support Group, which is seeking compensation for the alleged misselling of loans by Clydesdale and other banks. He hopes to highlight dozens of other people who claim their small businesses were affected.

Clydesdale, which is now part of Virgin Money UK, undertook a review of Mr Guidi's case earlier this year but decided that it could not help as it did not own his debt and had never pursued him for repayment.

Mr Guidi has called for an independent inquiry and believes that he and others were missold loans. He said: "National Australia Bank are ultimately responsible for my personal and financial Armageddon. I hope to meet Ross McEwan and will visit the annual meeting."

Mr Guidi will attend the NAB's annual meeting on Wednesday before flying home. He pointed out that NAB agreed a settlement of about £26 million last month in relation to an action about the misselling of insurance products to Australian customers. The bank said that it felt it was important to do the right thing for its customers.

Mr Guidi said: "Has NAB turned over a new leaf and will they give me and the others in the remediation group a hearing? Someone like Ross McEwan, who has been exposed to grievous challenges while running RBS, perhaps understands what I have been going through."

Mr Guidi spent several days in March and August this year protesting outside the Clydesdale headquarters in central Glasgow. He slept in a tent on the street and refused food.