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Registration Statement Under the Investment Company Act of 1940  
Amendment No. 13

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND, INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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PART C

Registrant's Articles Supplementary as adopted by the Registrant's Board of Directors on August 16, 2000, filed herewith as Exhibit (a) (4).

Registrant's By-laws as amended and restated and adopted by the

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Registrant's Board of Directors on June 12, 2001, filed herewith as Exhibit (b) (3).

Registrant's Management Agreement with EquitiLink International Management Limited dated December 21, 2000, filed herewith as Exhibit (g) (4).

Registrant's Investment Advisory Agreement with EquitiLink International Management Limited and EquitiLink Australia Limited dated December 21, 2000, filed herewith as Exhibit (g) (5).

Registrant's Amendment No. 3 to Custody Agreement between the Registrant and State Street Bank and Trust Company dated December 4, 1998, filed herewith as Exhibit (j) (4).

Powers of Attorney, as executed by the Officers and Directors of the Registrant on various days in June, 2001, filed herewith as Exhibit (s) (4).

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this Amendment No. 13 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the District of Columbia, on the 30th day of August, 2001.

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND, INC.

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Hugh Young  
President

By: /s/ Sander M. Bieber

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Sander M. Bieber  
as Attorney-in-Fact for Hugh Young

\* Pursuant to power of attorney filed herewith.

### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
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EXHIBIT (a) (4)

THE FIRST AUSTRALIA FUND, INC.

ARTICLES SUPPLEMENTARY

THE FIRST AUSTRALIA FUND, INC., a Maryland corporation having its principal Maryland office in Baltimore, Maryland (the "Corporation"), certifies that:

FIRST: Pursuant to Section 3-802 of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "MGCL"), the Board of Directors of the Corporation ("the Board") at its meeting held on June 8, 2000, by unanimous resolution, elected to be subject to certain provisions of Subtitle 8 of the MGCL, entitled, "Corporations and Real Estate Investment Trusts -- Unsolicited Takeovers."

SECOND: Pursuant to such resolution, the Corporation through its Board, has elected to be subject to the following provisions of Subtitle 8:

- (i) Section 3-804(a): Under Section 3-804(a), the stockholders of the Corporation may remove any director by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast by the stockholders generally in the election of directors.
- (ii) Section 3-804(b): Under Section 3-804(b), the number of directors of the Corporation shall be fixed only by the vote of the Board.
- (iii) Section 3-804(c): Under Section 3-804(c), a vacancy on the Board due to an increase in the size of the Board or the death, resignation, or removal of a director, may be filled only by the affirmative vote of the majority of the remaining directors in office, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum. Any director so elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the full term of the class of directors in which the vacancy occurred, and until a successor is elected and qualifies.
- (iv) Section 3-805: Under Section 3-805, the Secretary of the Corporation may call a special meeting of stockholders only on the written request of the stockholders entitled to cast at least a majority of all votes entitled to be cast at the meeting; and in accordance with the procedures set forth under Section 2-502(b) (2) and (3) and (e) of the MGCL.

THIRD: The filing of these Articles Supplementary, pursuant to Section 3-802(d) (1), was approved by the Board by Unanimous Written Consent in lieu of meeting on August 16th, 2000.

FOURTH: Pursuant to Section 3-802(d) (3) of the MGCL, the filing of these Articles Supplementary does not require the approval of stockholders.

FIFTH: The undersigned Chairman acknowledges that these Articles Supplementary are the act of the Corporation and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, all matters and facts set forth herein relating to the authorization and approval of the Articles Supplementary are true in all material respects and that this statement is made under the penalty of perjury.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles Supplementary to be signed in its name and on behalf by its Chairman and attested to by its Assistant Secretary on this 16th day of August, 2000.

THE FIRST AUSTRALIA FUND, INC.

By: /s/ Laurence Freedman  
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Laurence S. Freedman  
Chairman

ATTEST

/s/ Sander M. Bieber  
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Sander M. Bieber  
Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT (b) (3)

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND, INC.

A Maryland Corporation

BY-LAWS

Amended and Restated

as of June 12, 2001

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BY-LAWS

OF

ABERDEEN AUSTRALIA EQUITY FUND, INC.

(A MARYLAND CORPORATION)

ARTICLE I

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NAME OF CORPORATION, LOCATION OF OFFICES AND SEAL

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Section 1. Name. The name of the Corporation is Aberdeen Australia Equity Fund, Inc.

Section 2. Principal Offices. The principal office of the Corporation in the State of Maryland shall be located in Baltimore, Maryland. The Corporation may, in addition, establish and maintain such other offices and places of business as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine.

Section 3. Seal. The corporate seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form and shall bear the name of the Corporation, the year of its incorporation, and the word "Maryland." The form of the seal shall be subject to alteration by the Board of Directors and the seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile to be impressed or affixed or printed or otherwise reproduced. Any officer or Director of the Corporation shall have authority to affix the corporate seal of the Corporation to any document requiring the same.

ARTICLE II

STOCKHOLDERS

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Section 1. Place of Meeting. All meetings of the stockholders shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation in the State of Maryland or at such other place within the United States

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as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors and stated in the notice of such meeting.

Section 2. Annual Meetings. An annual meeting of stockholders for election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held at such time and place within the United States as the Board of Directors, or any duly constituted committee of the Board, shall select between March 21 and April 19.

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Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the stockholders may be called at any time by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors and shall be held at such time and place as may be stated in the notice of the meeting.

Special meetings of the stockholders shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of the written request of the holders of shares entitled to not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting, provided that (1) the information specified in Article II, Section 11 is given; and (2) the stockholders requesting such meeting shall have paid to the Corporation the reasonably estimated cost of preparing and mailing the notice thereof, which the Secretary shall determine and specify to such stockholders. No special meeting shall be called upon the request of stockholders to consider any matter which is substantially the same as a matter voted upon at any special meeting of the stockholders held during the preceding 12 months, unless requested by the holders of a majority of all shares entitled to be voted at such meeting.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. The Secretary shall cause written or printed notice of the place, date and hour, and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the

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meeting is called, to be given, not less than 10 and not more than 90 days before the date of the meeting, to each stockholder entitled to vote at, or entitled to notice of, such meeting by leaving the same with such stockholder or at such stockholder's residence or usual place of business or by mailing it, postage prepaid, and addressed to such stockholder at his address as it appears on the records of the Corporation at the time of such mailing, or by transmitting it to the stockholder by electronic mail to any electronic mail address of the stockholder or by any other electronic means. If mailed, notice shall be deemed to be given when deposited in the United States mail addressed to the stockholder as aforesaid. Notice of any stockholders' meeting need not be given to any stockholder who shall sign a written waiver of such notice either before or after the time of such meeting, which waiver shall be filed with the records of such meeting, or to any stockholder who is present at such meeting in person or by proxy. Notice of adjournment of a stockholders' meeting to another time or place need not be given if such time and place are announced at the meeting.

Section 5. Quorum; Adjournment of Meetings. The presence at any stockholders' meeting, in person or by proxy, of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all votes entitled to be cast constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, the holders of a majority of shares entitled to vote at the meeting and present in person or by proxy, or, if no stockholder entitled to vote is present in person or by proxy, any officer present entitled to preside or act as Secretary of such meeting may adjourn the meeting without determining the date of the new meeting or from time to time without further notice to a date not more than 120 days after the original record date. Any business that might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted at any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present.

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Section 6. Voting and Inspector. Unless otherwise provided by the Charter, at each stockholders' meeting, each stockholder entitled to vote thereat shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock of the Corporation validly issued and outstanding and standing in his name on the books of the Corporation on the record date fixed in accordance with Section 5 of Article VI hereof (and each

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stockholder of record holding fractional shares, if any, shall have proportionate voting rights). Stockholders may vote their shares owned of record either in person or by proxy appointed by instrument in writing subscribed by such stockholder or his duly authorized attorney. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Charter or these By-Laws or as required by provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from time to time, all matters shall be decided by a vote of the majority of all votes validly cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present. The vote upon any question shall be by ballot whenever requested by any person entitled to vote, but, unless such a request is made, voting may be conducted in any way approved by the meeting.

At any election of Directors, the Chairman of the meeting may, and upon the request of the holders of ten percent (10%) of the stock entitled to vote at such election shall, appoint one inspector of election who shall first subscribe an oath or affirmation to execute faithfully the duties of inspector at such election with strict impartiality and according to the best of his ability, and shall after the election make a certificate of the result of the vote taken. No candidate for the office of Director shall be appointed such Inspector.

Section 7. Stockholders Entitled to Vote. If the Board of Directors sets a record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any stockholders' meeting in

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accordance with Section 5 of Article VI hereof, each stockholder of the Corporation shall be entitled to vote, in person or by proxy, each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the Corporation on such record date. If no record date has been fixed, the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be the later of the close of business on the day on which notice of the meeting is mailed or the thirtieth day before the meeting, or, if notice is waived by all stockholders, at the close of business on the tenth day next preceding the day on which the meeting is held.

Section 8. Validity of Proxies, Ballots. The right to vote by proxy shall exist only if the instrument authorizing such proxy to act shall have been signed by the stockholder or by his duly authorized attorney. Unless a proxy provides otherwise, it shall not be valid more than eleven months after its date. At every meeting of the stockholders, all proxies shall be received and taken in charge of and all ballots shall be received and canvassed by the Secretary of the Corporation or the person acting as Secretary of the meeting before being voted, who shall decide all questions touching the qualification of voters, the validity of the proxies and the acceptance or rejection of votes, unless an inspector of election has been appointed by the Chairman of the meeting in which event such inspector of election shall decide all such questions. A proxy with respect to stock held in the name of two or more persons shall be valid if executed by one of them unless at or prior to exercise of such proxy the Corporation receives a specific written notice to the contrary from any one of them. A proxy purporting to be executed by or on behalf of a stockholder shall be deemed valid unless challenged at or prior to its exercise.

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Section 9. Conduct of Stockholders' Meetings. The meetings of the stockholders shall be presided over by the President, or if he is not present, by the Chairman, or if he is not present, by any Vice President, or if none of them is present, then by any other officer of the Corporation appointed by the President to act on his behalf shall preside over the meeting. The Secretary of the Corporation, if present, shall act as a Secretary of such meeting, or if he is not present, an Assistant Secretary shall so act; if neither the Secretary nor



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any Assistant Secretary is present, then any such person appointed by the Secretary to act on his behalf shall act as the Secretary of such meeting.

Section 10. Action Without a Meeting. Any action to be taken by stockholders may be taken without a meeting to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 11. Stockholder Proposals.

(a) No business proposed by a stockholder to be considered at an annual meeting of stockholders shall be considered by the stockholders at that meeting unless no less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary date ("anniversary date") of the annual meeting for the preceding year, or, with respect to annual meetings not scheduled to be held within a period that commences 30 days before the anniversary date and ends 30 days after the anniversary date, by the later of the close of business on the date 90 days prior to such meeting or 14 days following the date such meeting is first publicly announced or disclosed, the Secretary of the Corporation receives a written notice from the stockholder proposing a business matter to be

considered at an annual meeting that sets forth the information required by Section 11(c) of this Article II.

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(b) No business matter shall be considered at a special meeting of stockholders unless such matter is specifically listed as a purpose of the special meeting and listed as a matter proposed to be acted on at the special meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting.

(i) In the event a special meeting is called at the request of stockholders, pursuant to Section 3 of this Article II, the written request shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Corporation, and shall state the business proposed by stockholders to be the purpose of the meeting and the matters proposed to be acted upon, and shall set forth the information required by Section 11(c) of this Article II.

(ii) In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more directors to the Board of Directors, any stockholder may nominate a person or persons (as the case may be) for election to such position(s) as specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting, if the stockholder delivers a written notice to the Secretary of the Corporation, which shall set forth the information required by Section 11(c) of this Article II, not later than the close of business 21 days following the day on which the date of the special meeting and the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors to be elected at such meeting are publicly announced or disclosed.

(c) The written notice or written request to the Secretary of the Corporation, required to be provided pursuant to Section 11(a) or 11(b) of this Article II, shall include the following

information: (1) the nature of the proposed business with reasonable particularity, including the exact text of any proposal to be presented for adoption, and the reasons for conducting that business at the meeting of stockholders, (2) with respect to each such stockholder, that

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stockholder's name and address (as they appear on the records of the Corporation), business address and telephone number, residence address and telephone number, and the number of shares of each class of stock of the Corporation beneficially owned by that stockholder, (3) any interest of the stockholder in the proposed business, (4) the name or names of each person nominated by the stockholder to be elected or reelected as a director, if any, and (5) with respect to each nominee, that nominee's name, business address and telephone number, and residence address and telephone number, the number of shares, if any, of each class of stock of the Corporation owned directly and beneficially by that nominee, and all information relating to that nominee that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for elections of directors, or is otherwise required, pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act") (or any provisions of law subsequently replacing Regulation 14A), together with a notarized letter signed by the nominee stating his or her acceptance of the nomination by that stockholder, stating his or her intention to serve as director if elected, and consenting to being named as a nominee for director in any proxy statement relating to such election.

(d) The chairman of the annual or special meeting shall determine whether notice of matters proposed to be brought before a meeting has been duly given in the manner provided by this Section 11. If the facts warrant, the chairman shall declare to the meeting that business has not been properly brought before the meeting in accordance with the provisions of this Section 11, and, it, therefore, shall not be considered or transacted.

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(e) The requirement of the Corporation to include in the Corporation's proxy statement a stockholder proposal shall be governed by Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act (or any provisions of law subsequently replacing Rule 14a-8) ("Rule 14a-8"). Accordingly, the deadline for including a stockholder proposal in the Corporation's proxy statement shall be governed by Rule 14a-8.

(f) The adjournment of an annual or special meeting, or any announcement thereof, shall not commence a new period for the giving of notice as provided in this Section 11.

(g) For purposes of this Section 11, a meeting date shall be deemed to have been "publicly announced or disclosed" if such date is disclosed in a press release disseminated by the Corporation to a national news service or contained in a document publicly filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ARTICLE III

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Section 1. Powers. Except as otherwise provided by law, by the Charter or by these By-Laws, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, and all the powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under authority of, its Board of Directors.

Section 2. Number and Term. The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than three, nor more than twenty Directors, as specified by resolution of the majority of the entire Board of

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Directors, provided that at least 40% of the entire Board of Directors shall be persons who are not interested persons of the Corporation as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The total number of Directors of the Corporation may be fixed only by a vote of the

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Board of Directors. The Directors shall be divided into three classes, as nearly equal in number as possible, and shall be designated as Class I, Class II, and Class III Directors, respectively. The Class I Directors to be originally elected for a term expiring at the 1988 annual meeting. The Class II Directors to be originally elected for a term expiring at the 1989 annual stockholders' meeting. The Class III Directors to be originally elected for a term expiring at the 1990 annual stockholders' meeting. After expiration of the terms of office specified for the Directors, the Directors of each class shall serve for terms of three (3) years, or, when filling a vacancy, for the unexpired portion of such term and until their successors are elected and have qualified.

Section 3. Election. At the first annual meeting of stockholders and at each annual meeting thereafter, Directors shall be elected by vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon.

Section 4. Vacancies and Newly Created Directorships. Any vacancy, by reason of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, in the office of any Director, or any vacancy resulting from an increase in the size of the Board of Directors may be filled solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors in office, even if the Directors do not constitute a quorum; provided, however, that immediately after filling any such vacancy, at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors then holding office shall have been elected to such office by the stockholders of the Corporation. In the event that at any time, other than the time preceding the first annual stockholders' meeting, less than majority of the Directors of the Corporation holding office at that time were elected by the stockholders, a meeting of the stockholders shall be held promptly and in any event within 60 days for the purpose of electing Directors to fill any existing

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vacancies in the Board of Directors unless the Securities and Exchange Commission shall by order extend such period.

Section 5. Removal. At any meeting of stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present, the stockholders may, by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes entitled to be cast thereon, remove any Director or Directors from office, provided that, if the Directors have been divided into classes, a Director may not be removed without cause.

Section 6. Place of Meeting. The Directors may hold their meetings, have one or more offices, and keep the books of the Corporation, outside the State of Maryland, and within or without the United States of America, at any office or offices of the Corporation or at any other place as they may from time to time by resolution determine, or in the case of meetings, as they may from time to time by resolution determine or as shall be specified or fixed in the respective notices or waivers of notice thereof; provided, however, that Board meetings shall not be held in Australia.

Section 7. Annual and Regular Meetings. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors for choosing officers and transacting other proper business shall be the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting following the annual stockholders'

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meeting, at such time and place as the Board may determine. The Board of Directors from time to time may provide by resolution for the holding of regular meetings and fix their time and place as the Board of Directors may determine. Notice of such annual and regular meetings need not be in writing, provided that notice of any change in the time or place of such meetings shall be communicated promptly to

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each Director not present at the meeting at which such change was made in the manner provided in Section 8 of this Article III for notice of special meetings. Members of the Board of Directors or any committee designated thereby may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

Section 8. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time or place and for any purpose when called by the President, the Secretary or two or more of the Directors. Notice of special meetings, stating the time and place, shall be communicated to each Director personally by telephone or transmitted to him by telegraph, telefax, telex, cable, wireless, electronic mail or any other electronic method, at least one day before the meeting.

Section 9. Waiver of Notice. No notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board need be given to any Director who is present at the meeting or who waives notice of such meeting in writing (which waiver shall be filed with the records of such meeting), either before or after meeting.

Section 10. Quorum and Voting. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the presence of a majority of the number of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting, from time to time, until a quorum shall be present. The action of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the Board of

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Directors, unless the concurrence of a greater proportion is required for such action by law, by the Charter or by these By-Laws.

Section 11. Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if a written consent to such action is signed by all members of the Board or of any committee, as the case may be, and such written consent is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or committee.

Section 12. Compensation of Directors. Directors shall be entitled to receive such compensation from the Corporation for their services as may from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV  
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COMMITTEES  
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Section 1. Organization. By resolution adopted by the Board of Directors, the Board may designate one or more committees, including an Executive Committee, composed of two or more Directors. The Chairmen of such committees shall be

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elected by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the power at any time to change the members of such committees and to fill vacancies in the committees. The Board may delegate to these committees any of its powers, except the power to authorize the issuance of stock (other than as provided in the next sentence), declare a dividend or distribution on stock, recommend to stockholders any action requiring stockholder approval, amend these By-Laws, or approve any merger or share exchange which does not require stockholder approval. If the Board of Directors has given general

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authorization for the issuance of stock, a committee of the Board, in accordance with a general formula or method specified by the Board by resolution or by adoption of a stock option or other plan, may fix the terms of stock subject to classification or reclassification and the terms on which any stock may be issued, including all terms and conditions required or permitted to be established or authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Proceedings and Quorum. In the absence of an appropriate resolution of the Board of Directors, each committee, consistent with law, may adopt such rules and regulations governing its proceedings, quorum and manner of acting as it shall deem proper and desirable. In the event any member of any committee is absent from any meeting, the members thereof present at the meeting, whether or not they constitute a quorum, may appoint a member of the Board of Directors to act in the place of such absent member.

### ARTICLE V

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### OFFICERS

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Section 1. General. The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Chairman (who shall be a Director), a Secretary and a Treasurer, and may include one or more Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries or Assistant Treasurers, and such other officers as may be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of this Article.

Section 2. Election, Tenure and Qualifications. The officers of the Corporation, except those appointed as provided in Section 9 of this Article V, shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting or such meetings as shall be held prior to its first annual meeting, and thereafter annually at its annual meeting. If any officers are not chosen at any annual

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meeting, such officers may be chosen at any subsequent regular or special meeting of the Board. Except as otherwise provided in this Article V, each officer chosen by the Board of Directors shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. Any person may hold one or more offices of the Corporation except the offices of President and Vice President.

Section 3. Removal and Resignation. Whenever in the judgment of the Board of Directors the best interest of the Corporation will be served thereby, any officer may be removed from office by the vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors given at a regular meeting or any special meeting called for such purpose. Any officer may resign his office at any time by delivering a written resignation to the Board of Directors, the President, the Secretary, or any Assistant Secretary. Unless otherwise specified therein, such resignation shall take effect upon delivery.

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Section 4. President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and he shall preside at all stockholders' meetings. Subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors, he shall have general charge of the business, affairs and property of the Corporation and general supervision over its officers, employees and agents. Except as the Board of Directors may otherwise order, he may sign in the name and on behalf of the Corporation all deeds, bonds, contracts, or agreements. He shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Chairman. The Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall preside at all Directors' meetings. Except as the Board of Directors may otherwise order,

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he may sign in the name and on behalf of the Corporation all deeds, bonds, contracts, or agreements. He shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Vice President. The Board of Directors may from time to time elect one or more Vice Presidents who shall have such powers and perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors or the President. At the request or in the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President (or, if there are two or more Vice Presidents, then the senior of the Vice Presidents present and able to act) may perform all the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.

Section 7. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers. The Treasurer shall be the principal financial and accounting officer of the Corporation and shall have general charge of the finances and books of account of the Corporation. Except as otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, he shall have general supervision of the funds and property of the Corporation and of the performance by the Custodian of its duties with respect thereto. He shall render to the Board of Directors, whenever directed by the Board, an account of the financial condition of the Corporation and of all his transactions as Treasurer; and as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year he shall make and submit to the Board of Directors a like report for such fiscal

year. He shall perform all acts incidental to the Office of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

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Any Assistant Treasurer may perform such duties of the Treasurer as the Treasurer or the Board of Directors may assign, and, in the absence of the Treasurer, he may perform all the duties of the Treasurer.

Section 8. Secretary and Assistant Secretaries. The Secretary shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of the Corporation and shall record all proceedings of the meetings of the stockholders and Directors in books to be kept for that purpose. He shall keep in safe custody the seal of the Corporation, and shall have charge of the records of the Corporation, including the stock books and such other books and papers as the Board of Directors may

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direct and such books, reports, certificates and other documents required by law to be kept, all of which shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection by any Director. He shall perform such other duties as appertain to his office or as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Any Assistant Secretary may perform such duties of the Secretary as the Secretary or the Board of Directors may assign, and, in the absence of the Secretary, he may perform all the duties of the Secretary.

Section 9. Subordinate Officers. The Board of Directors from time to time may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem advisable, each of whom shall have such title, hold office for such period, have such authority and perform such duties as the Board of Directors may determine. The Board of Directors from time to time may delegate to one or more officers or agents the power to appoint any such subordinate officers or agents and to prescribe their respective rights, terms of office, authorities and duties.

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Section 10. Remuneration. The salaries or other compensation of the officers of the Corporation shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, except that the Board of Directors may by resolution delegate to any person or group of persons the power to fix the salaries or other compensation of any subordinate officers or agents appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 9 of this Article V.

Section 11. Surety Bonds. The Board of Directors may require any officer or agent of the Corporation to execute a bond (including, without limitation, any bond required by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission) to the Corporation in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors may determine, conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties to the Corporation, including responsibility for negligence and for the accounting of any of the Corporation's property, funds or securities that may come into his hands.

### ARTICLE VI

#### CAPITAL STOCK

Section 1. Certificates of Stock. The interest of each stockholder of the Corporation shall be evidenced by certificates for shares of stock in such form as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. No certificate shall be valid unless it is signed by the President or a Vice President and countersigned by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary or the Treasurer or an

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Assistant Treasurer of the Corporation and sealed with its seal, or bears the facsimile signatures of such officers and a facsimile of such seal.

Section 2. Transfer of Shares. Shares of the Corporation shall be transferable on the books of the Corporation by the holder thereof in person or by his duly authorized attorney or legal representative upon surrender and cancellation of a certificate or certificates for the same number of shares of the same class, duly endorsed or accompanied by proper instruments of assignment and transfer, with such proof of the authenticity of the signature as the Corporation or its agents may reasonably require. The shares of stock of the Corporation may be freely transferred, and the Board of Directors may, from time to time, adopt rules and regulations with reference to the method of transfer of the shares of

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stock of the Corporation.

Section 3. Stock Ledgers. The stock ledgers of the Corporation, containing the names and addresses of the stockholders and the number of shares held by them respectively, shall be kept at the principal offices of the Corporation or, if the Corporation employs a transfer agent, at the offices of the transfer agent of the Corporation.

Section 4. Transfer Agents and Registrars. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint or remove transfer agents and/or registrars of transfers of shares of stock of the Corporation, and it may appoint the same person as both transfer agent and registrar. Upon any such appointment being made all certificates representing shares of capital stock thereafter issued shall be countersigned by one of such transfer agents or by one of such registrars of transfers or by both and shall not be valid unless so countersigned. If the same person shall be both transfer agent and registrar, only one countersignature by such person shall be required.

Section 5. Fixing of Record Date. The Board of Directors may fix in advance a date as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of, or to vote at, any

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stockholders' meeting or any adjournment thereof, or to express consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting, or to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or to be allotted any other rights, or for the purpose of any other lawful action, provided that (1) such record date shall not exceed 90 days preceding the date on which the particular action requiring such determination will be taken; (2) the transfer books shall remain open regardless of the fixing of a record date; (3) in the case of a meeting of stockholders, the record date shall be at least 10 days before the date of the meeting; and (4) in the event a dividend or other distribution is declared, the record date for stockholders entitled to a dividend or distribution shall be at least 10 days after the date on which the dividend is declared (declaration date).

Section 6. Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Certificates. Before issuing a new certificate for stock of the Corporation alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, the Board of Directors or any officer authorized by the Board may, in its discretion, require the owner of the lost, stolen or destroyed certificate (or his legal representative) to give the Corporation a bond or other indemnity, in such form and in such amount as the Board or any such officer may direct and with such surety or sureties as may be satisfactory to the Board or any such officer, sufficient to indemnify the Corporation against any claim that may be made against it on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of any such certificate or the issuance of such new certificate.

### ARTICLE VII

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### FISCAL YEAR AND ACCOUNTANT

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Section 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, be twelve calendar months ending on the 31st day of October.



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Section 2. Accountant. The Corporation shall employ an independent public accountant or a firm of independent public accountants as its Accountants to examine the accounts of the Corporation and to sign and certify financial statements filed by the Corporation. The employment of the Accountant shall be conditioned upon the right of the Corporation to terminate the employment forthwith without any penalty by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities at any stockholders' meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VIII

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CUSTODY OF SECURITIES

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Section 1. Employment of a Custodian. The Corporation shall place and at all times maintain in the custody of a Custodian (including any sub-custodian for the Custodian) all funds, securities and similar investments owned by the Corporation. The Custodian (and any sub-custodian) shall be a bank or trust company of good standing having a capital, surplus and undivided profits aggregating not less than fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) or such other financial institution as shall be permitted by rule or order of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. The Custodian shall be appointed from time to time by the Board of Directors, which shall fix its remuneration.

Section 2. Termination of Custodian Agreement. Upon termination of the agreement for services with the Custodian or inability of the Custodian to continue to serve, the Board of Directors shall promptly appoint a successor Custodian, but in the event that no successor Custodian can be found who has the required qualifications and is willing to serve, the Board of Directors shall call as promptly as possible a special meeting of the stockholders to determine

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whether the Corporation shall function without a Custodian or shall be liquidated. If so directed by vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of stock of the Corporation, the Custodian shall deliver and pay over all property of the Corporation held by it as specified in such vote.

ARTICLE IX

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INDEMNIFICATION

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Section 1. Indemnification of Officers, Directors, Employees and Agents. The Corporation shall indemnify (a) its Directors and officers, whether serving the Corporation or at its request any other entity, to the full extent required or permitted by (i) the General Laws of the State of Maryland now or hereafter in force, including the advance of expenses under the procedures and to the fullest extent permitted by law, and (ii) the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and (b) other employees and agents to such extent as shall be authorized by the Board of Directors and be permitted by law. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled. The Board of Directors may take such action as is necessary to carry out these indemnification provisions and is expressly empowered to adopt, approve and amend from time to time such

resolutions or contracts implementing such provisions or such further indemnification arrangements as may be permitted by law.

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ARTICLE X

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AMENDMENTS

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Section 1. General. Except as otherwise provided in the Charter or any Articles Supplementary, and as provided in the next succeeding sentence, all By-Laws of the Corporation, whether adopted by the Board of Directors or the stockholders, shall be subject to amendment, alteration or repeal, and new By-Laws may be made by the affirmative vote of a majority of either: (a) the holders of record of the outstanding shares of stock of the Corporation entitled to vote, at any annual or special meeting, the notice or waiver of notice of which shall have specified or summarized the proposed amendment, alteration, repeal or new By-Law; or (b) the Directors, at any regular or special meeting the notice or waiver of notice of which shall have specified or summarized the proposed amendment, alteration, repeal or new By-Law. The provisions of Article III, Section 2 of the By-Laws shall be subject to amendment, alterations or repeal by the affirmative vote of either: (i) the holders of record of 75% of each class of the outstanding shares of stock of the Corporation entitled to vote, at any annual or special meeting, the notice or waiver of notice of which shall have specified or summarized the proposed amendment, alteration or repeal; or (ii) 75% of the Directors, at a regular or special meeting the notice or waiver of notice of which shall have specified or summarized the proposed amendment, alteration or repeal.

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EXHIBIT (g) (4)

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

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AGREEMENT executed this 21st day of December 2000, First Australia Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), a Maryland corporation registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), and EquitiLink International Management Limited, a Jersey Channel Islands corporation (the "Investment Manager").

WHEREAS, the Fund is a closed-end management investment company; and

WHEREAS, the Fund engages in the business of investing its assets in the manner and in accordance with its stated investment objective and restrictions;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. Obligations.

1.1 The Investment Manager will manage, in accordance with the Fund's stated investment objective, policies and limitations and subject to the supervision of the Fund's Board of Directors, the Fund's investments and will make investment decisions on behalf of the Fund including the selection of and placing of orders with brokers and dealers to execute

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portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund. The Investment Manager shall give the Fund the benefit of the Investment Manager's best judgment and efforts in rendering services under this Agreement.

1.2 The Fund will pay the Investment Manager a fee at the annual rate of 1.10% of the Fund's average weekly net assets up to \$50 million, 0.90% of such assets between \$50 million and \$100 million and 0.70% of such assets in excess of \$100 million, computed based upon net asset value at the end of each week and payable at the end of each calendar month.

1.3 In rendering the services required under this Agreement, the Investment Manager may, at its expense, employ, consult or associate with itself such person or persons as it believes necessary to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement. However, the Investment Manager may not retain any person or company that would be an "investment adviser," as that term is defined in the 1940 Act, to the Fund unless (i) the Fund is a party to the contract with such person or company and (ii) such contract is approved by a majority of the Fund's Board of Directors and a majority of Directors who are not parties to any agreement or contract with such company and who are not "interested persons," as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Fund, the Investment Manager, or any such person or company retained by the Investment Manager, and is approved by the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund to the extent required by the 1940 Act.

2. Expenses. The Investment Manager shall bear all expenses of its employees, except as provided in the following sentence, and overhead incurred in connection with its duties under this Agreement and shall pay all salaries and fees of the Fund's Directors and officers who are interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Investment Manager. The Fund will bear all of its own expenses, including: expenses of organizing the Fund; fees of the Fund's Directors who are not interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any other party; out-of-pocket expenses for all Directors and officers of the Fund, including expenses incurred by the Manager's employees, who serve as Directors and officers of the Fund, which may be reimbursed by the Fund under the Fund's policy governing reimbursement of Fund-related expenses; and other expenses incurred by the Fund in connection with meetings of Directors and shareholders; interest expense; taxes and governmental fees including any original issue taxes or transfer taxes applicable to the sale or delivery of shares or certificates therefor; brokerage commissions and other expenses incurred in acquiring or disposing of the Fund's portfolio securities; expenses in connection with the issuance, offering, distribution, sale or underwriting of securities issued by the Fund; expenses of registering and qualifying the Fund's shares for sale with the Securities and Exchange Commission and in various states and foreign jurisdictions; auditing, accounting, insurance and legal costs; custodian, dividend disbursing and transfer agent expenses; and the expenses of shareholders' meetings and of the preparation and distribution of proxies and reports to shareholders.

3. Liability. The Investment Manager shall not be liable for any error of judgment or for any loss suffered by the Fund in connection with the matters to which this Agreement relates, except a loss resulting from a breach of fiduciary duty with respect to receipt of compensation for services (in which case any award of damages shall be limited to the period and the amount set forth in Section 36(b)(3) of the 1940 Act) or a loss resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on its part in the performance of, or from reckless disregard by it of its obligations and duties under, this Agreement.

4. Services Not Exclusive. It is understood that the services of the

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Investment Manager are not deemed to be exclusive, and nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the Investment Manager or any affiliate, from providing similar services to other investment companies and other clients (whether or not their investment objectives and policies are similar to those of the Fund) or from engaging in other activities. When other clients of the Investment Manager desire to purchase or sell a security at the same time such security is purchased or sold for the Fund, such purchases and sales will be allocated among the Investment Manager's clients, including the Fund, in a manner that is fair and equitable in the judgment of the Investment Manager in the exercise of its fiduciary obligations to the Fund and to such other clients.

5. Duration and Termination. This Agreement shall become effective upon shareholder approval thereof as required under the 1940 Act and shall continue in effect for two (2) years from the date of its execution. If not sooner terminated, this Agreement shall continue in effect with respect to the Fund for successive periods of twelve months thereafter, provided that each such continuance shall be specifically approved annually by the vote

of a majority of the Fund's Board of Directors who are not parties to this Agreement or interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval and either (a) the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, or (b) the vote of a majority of the Fund's entire Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated with respect to the Fund at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by a vote of a majority of the Fund's Board of Directors or a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund upon at least sixty (60) days' written notice to the Investment Manager or by the Investment Manager upon at least ninety (90) days' written notice to the Fund. This Agreement shall automatically terminate in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

### 6. Miscellaneous.

6.1 This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, provided that nothing herein shall be construed as being inconsistent with the 1940 Act and any rules, regulations and orders thereunder.

6.2 The captions in this Agreement are included for convenience only and in no way define or delimit any of the provisions hereof or otherwise affect their construction or effect.

6.3 If any provision of this Agreement shall be held or made invalid by a court decision, statute, rule or otherwise, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and, to that extent, the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to be severable.

6.4 Nothing herein shall be construed as constituting the Investment Manager an agent of the Fund.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

THE FIRST AUSTRALIA FUND, INC.

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By: /s/ Christopher Fishwick  
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Title: Director

EQUITILINK INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED

By: /s/ David Manor  
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Title: Managing Director

EXHIBIT (g) (5)

THE FIRST AUSTRALIA FUND, INC.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT executed this 21st day of December 2000, among The First Australia Fund, Inc. ( the "Fund") a Maryland corporation registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), and EquitiLink International Management Limited, a Jersey, Channel islands corporation (the "Investment Manager"), and EquitiLink Australia Limited, a New South Wales, Australia corporation (the "Investment Adviser").

WHEREAS, the Fund is a closed-end management investment company;

WHEREAS, the Fund engages in the business of investing and reinvesting its assets in the manner and in accordance with its stated investment objectives and restrictions;

WHEREAS, the Fund has entered into a management agreement with the Investment Manager dated December 21, 2000 (the "Management Agreement"), pursuant to which the Investment Manager will manage the Fund's investments and will make investment decisions on behalf of the Fund for which the Investment Manager will receive a monthly fee from the Fund as specified in the Management Agreement;

WHEREAS, in connection with rendering the services required under the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager is permitted to retain, at its expense and in the manner set forth in the Management Agreement, investment advisers to assist it in carrying out its obligations to the Fund under the Management Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Investment Manager wishes to retain the Investment Adviser to assist it in carrying out its obligations to the Fund under the Management Agreement, and the Investment Adviser is willing to furnish such assistance to the Investment Manager, in connection with the services specified below with regard to the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Fund hereby appoints the Investment Adviser to provide the investment advisory services specified below with regard to the Fund and the Investment Adviser hereby accepts such appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. Investment Adviser.

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1.1 The Investment Adviser will make recommendations to the Investment Manager as to specific portfolio securities, which are denominated in Australian or New Zealand dollars, to be purchased, retained or sold by the

Fund and will provide or obtain such research and statistical data as may be necessary in connection therewith. The Investment Adviser shall give the Investment Manager (and the Fund) the benefit of the Investment Adviser's best judgment and efforts in rendering services under this Agreement.

1.2 The Investment Manager will pay the Investment Adviser a fee computed at the annual rate of 0.30% of the Fund's average weekly net assets up to \$50 million, 0.25% of such assets between \$50 million and \$100 million and 0.15% of such assets in excess of \$100 million based upon net asset value at the end of each week and payable at the end of each calendar month.

2. Expenses. The Investment Adviser shall bear all expenses of its respective employees, except certain expenses incurred by the Investment Adviser's employees who serve as officers and directors of the Fund which are reimbursed by the Fund under the Fund's policy governing reimbursement of Fund-related expenses. The Investment Adviser shall bear all overhead incurred in connection with its duties under this Agreement and shall pay all salaries and fees of the Fund's directors and officers who are interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Investment Adviser but who are not interested persons of the Investment Manager.

3. Liability. Neither the Investment Manager nor the Investment Adviser shall be liable for any error of judgment or for any loss suffered by the Fund in connection with the matters to which this Agreement relates, except a loss resulting from a breach of fiduciary duty with respect to receipt of compensation for services (in which case any award of damages shall be limited to the period and the amount set forth in Section 36(b)(3) of the 1940 Act) or a loss resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of the Investment Manager or the Investment Adviser, as appropriate, in the performance of, or from reckless disregard by such party of such party's obligations and duties under, this Agreement.

4. Services Not Exclusive. It is understood that the services of the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser are not deemed to be exclusive, and nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the Investment Manager or the Investment Adviser, or any affiliate of either of them, from providing similar services to other investment companies and other clients (whether or not their investment objectives and policies are similar to those of the Fund) or from engaging in other activities. When other clients of the Investment Manager or the Investment Adviser desire to purchase or sell a security at the same time such security is purchased or sold for the Fund, such purchases and sales will be allocated among the clients of each in a manner that is fair and equitable in the judgment of the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser in the exercise of their fiduciary obligations to the Fund and to such other clients.

5. Duration and Termination. This Agreement is effective upon shareholder approval thereof as required under the 1940 Act and shall continue in effect for two (2) years from the date of its execution. If not sooner terminated, this Agreement shall continue in effect with respect to the Fund for successive periods of twelve months thereafter, provided that each such continuance shall be specifically approved annually by the vote of a majority of the Fund's Board of Directors who are not parties to this Agreement or interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any such party, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such

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approval and either (a) the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, or (b) the vote of a majority of the Fund's entire

Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated with respect to the Fund at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by a vote of a majority of the Fund's Board of Directors or a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund upon at least sixty (60) days' written notice to the Investment Manager and the Investment Adviser, or by either the Investment Manager or Investment Adviser upon at least ninety (90) days' written notice to the Fund and the other party but any such termination shall not affect continuance of this Agreement as to the remaining parties. This Agreement shall automatically terminate as to any party in the event of its assignment (as defined in the 1940 Act).

6. Miscellaneous.

6.1. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, provided that nothing herein shall be construed as being inconsistent with the 1940 Act and any rules, regulations and orders thereunder.

6.2. The captions in this Agreement are included for convenience only and in no way define or delimit any of the provisions hereof or otherwise affect their construction or effect.

6.3. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held or made invalid by a court decision, statute, rule or otherwise, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and, to that extent, the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to be severable.

6.4. Nothing herein shall be construed as constituting any party an agent of the Fund or of any other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

THE FIRST AUSTRALIA FUND, INC.

By: /s/ Christopher Fishwick  
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Title: Director

EQUITILINK INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LIMITED

By: /s/ David Manor  
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Title: Managing Director

EQUITILINK AUSTRALIA LIMITED

By: /s/ O. Sananikone  
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Title: Assistant Vice President

AMENDMENT TO CUSTODIAN CONTRACT

This Amendment to the Custodian Contract is made as of December 4, 1998 by and between The First Australia Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") and State Street Bank and Trust Company (the "Custodian"). Capitalized terms used in this Amendment without definition shall have the respective meanings given to such terms in the Custodian Contract referred to below.

WHEREAS, the Fund and the Custodian entered into a Custodian Contract dated as of November 25, 1985 (as amended and in effect from time to time, the "Contract"); and

WHEREAS, the Fund and the Custodian desire to amend certain provisions of the Contract to reflect revisions to Rule 17f-5 ("Rule 17f-5") promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Fund and the Custodian desire to amend and restate certain other provisions of the Contract relating to the custody of assets of the Fund held outside of the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties hereby agree to amend the Contract, pursuant to the terms thereof, as follows:

I. Article 3 of the Contract is hereby deleted, and Articles 4 through 16 of the Contract are hereby renumbered, as of the effective date of this Amendment, as Articles 5 through 17, respectively and cross-references throughout are hereby amended to conform.

II. New Articles 3 and 4 of the Contract are hereby added, as of the effective date of this Amendment, as set forth below.

3. The Custodian as Foreign Custody Manager.

3.1 Definitions.  
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Capitalized terms in this Article 3 shall have the following meanings:

"Country Risk" means all factors reasonably related to the systemic risk of holding Foreign Assets in a particular country including, but not limited to, such country's political environment; economic and financial infrastructure (including any Mandatory Securities Depositories operating in the country); prevailing or developing custody and settlement practices; and laws and regulations applicable to the safekeeping and recovery of Foreign Assets held in custody in that country.

"Eligible Foreign Custodian" has the meaning set forth in section (a)(1) of Rule 17f-5, including, but not limited to, a majority-owned or indirect subsidiary of a U.S. Bank (as defined in Rule 17f-5), a bank holding company meeting the requirements of an Eligible Foreign Custodian (as set forth in Rule 17f-5 or by other appropriate action of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the

"SEC")), or a foreign branch of a Bank (as defined in Section 2(a)(5) of the 1940 Act) meeting the requirements of a custodian under Section 17(f) of the 1940 Act, except that the term does not include Mandatory Securities Depositories.



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"Foreign Assets" means any of the Fund's investments (including foreign currencies) for which the primary market is outside the United States and such cash and cash equivalents as are reasonably necessary to effect the Fund's transactions in such investments.

"Foreign Custody Manager" has the meaning set forth in section (a)(2) of Rule 17f-5.

"Mandatory Securities Depository" means a foreign securities depository or clearing agency that, either as a legal or practical matter, must be used if the Fund determines to place Foreign Assets in a country outside the United States (i) because required by law or regulation; (ii) because securities cannot be withdrawn from such foreign securities depository or clearing agency; or (iii) because maintaining or effecting trades in securities outside the foreign securities depository or clearing agency is not consistent with prevailing or developing custodial or market practices.

### 3.2. Delegation to the Custodian as Foreign Custody Manager. -----

The Fund, by resolution adopted by its Board of Directors (the "Board"), hereby delegates to the Custodian, subject to Section (b) of Rule 17f-5, the responsibilities set forth in this Article 3 with respect to Foreign Assets held outside the United States, and the Custodian hereby accepts such delegation, as Foreign Custody Manager of the Fund.

### 3.3. Countries Covered. -----

The Foreign Custody Manager shall be responsible for performing the delegated responsibilities defined below only with respect to the countries and custody arrangements for each such country listed on Schedule A to this Contract, which list of countries may be amended from time to time by the Fund with the agreement of the Foreign Custody Manager. The Foreign Custody Manager shall list on Schedule A the Eligible Foreign Custodians selected by the Foreign Custody Manager to maintain the Fund's assets, which list of Eligible Foreign Custodians may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of the Foreign Custody Manager. Mandatory Securities Depositories are listed on Schedule B to this Contract, which Schedule B may be amended from time to time by the Foreign Custody Manager. The Foreign Custody Manager will provide amended versions of Schedules A and B in accordance with Section 3.7 of this Article 3.

Upon the receipt by the Foreign Custody Manager of Proper Instructions to open an account, or to place or maintain Foreign Assets, in a country listed on Schedule A, and the fulfillment by the Fund of the applicable account opening requirements for such country, the Foreign Custody Manager shall be deemed to have been delegated by the Board responsibility as Foreign Custody Manager with respect to that country and to have accepted such delegation. Execution of this Amendment by the Fund shall be deemed to be a Proper Instruction to open an account, or to place or maintain Foreign Assets, in each country listed on Schedule A in which the Custodian has previously placed or currently maintains Foreign Assets pursuant to the terms of the Contract. Following the receipt of Proper Instructions directing the Foreign Custody Manager to close the account of the Fund with the Eligible Foreign Custodian selected by the Foreign Custody Manager in a designated country, the delegation by the Board to the Custodian as Foreign Custody Manager for that country shall be deemed to have been withdrawn and the Custodian shall immediately cease to be the Foreign Custody Manager of the Fund with respect to that country.

The Foreign Custody Manager may withdraw its acceptance of delegated responsibilities with respect to a designated country upon written notice to the

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Fund. Thirty (30) days (or such longer period as to which the parties agree in writing) after receipt of any such notice by the Fund, the Custodian shall have no further responsibility as Foreign Custody Manager to the Fund with respect to the country as to which the Custodian's acceptance of delegation is withdrawn.

### 3.4. Scope of Delegated Responsibilities. -----

#### 3.4.1. Selection of Eligible Foreign Custodians. -----

Subject to the provisions of this Article 3, the Foreign Custody Manager may place and maintain the Foreign Assets in the care of the Eligible Foreign Custodian selected by the Foreign Custody Manager in each country listed on Schedule A, as amended from time to time. In performing its delegated responsibilities as Foreign Custody Manager to place or maintain Foreign Assets with an Eligible Foreign Custodian, the Foreign Custody Manager shall determine that the Foreign Assets will be subject to reasonable care, based on the standards applicable to custodians in the country in which the Foreign Assets will be held by that Eligible Foreign Custodian, after considering all factors relevant to the safekeeping of such assets, including, without limitation the factors specified in Rule 17f-5(c)(1).

#### 3.4.2. Contracts With Eligible Foreign Custodians. -----

The Foreign Custody Manager shall determine that the contract (or the rules or established practices or procedures in the case of an Eligible Foreign Custodian that is a foreign securities depository or clearing agency) governing the foreign custody arrangements with each Eligible Foreign Custodian selected by the Foreign Custody Manager will satisfy the requirements of Rule 17f-5(c)(2).

#### 3.4.3. Monitoring. -----

In each case in which the Foreign Custody Manager maintains Foreign Assets with an Eligible Foreign Custodian selected by the Foreign Custody Manager, the Foreign Custody Manager shall establish a system to monitor (i) the appropriateness of maintaining the Foreign Assets with such Eligible Foreign Custodian and (ii) the contract governing the custody arrangements established by the Foreign Custody Manager with the Eligible Foreign Custodian (or the rules or established practices and procedures in the case of an Eligible Foreign Custodian selected by the Foreign Custody Manager which is a foreign securities depository or clearing agency that is not a Mandatory Securities Depository). In the event the Foreign Custody Manager determines that the custody arrangements with an Eligible Foreign Custodian it has selected are no longer appropriate, the Foreign Custody Manager shall notify the Board in accordance with Section 3.7 hereunder.

### 3.5. Guidelines for the Exercise of Delegated Authority. -----

For purposes of this Article 3, the Board shall be deemed to have considered and determined to accept such Country Risk as is incurred by placing and maintaining the Foreign Assets in each country for which the Custodian is serving as Foreign Custody Manager of the Fund, and the Board shall be deemed to be monitoring on a continuing basis such Country Risk to the extent that the Board considers necessary or appropriate. The Fund and the Custodian each expressly acknowledge that the Foreign Custody Manager shall not be delegated any responsibilities under this Article 3 with respect to Mandatory Securities Depositories.

### 3.6. Standard of Care as Foreign Custody Manager of the Fund.

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In performing the responsibilities delegated to it, the Foreign Custody Manager agrees to exercise reasonable care, prudence and diligence such as a person having responsibility for the safekeeping of assets of management investment companies registered under the 1940 Act would exercise.

3.7. Reporting Requirements.  
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The Foreign Custody Manager shall report the withdrawal of the Foreign Assets from an Eligible Foreign Custodian and the placement of such Foreign Assets with another Eligible Foreign Custodian by providing to the Board amended Schedules A or B at the end of the calendar quarter in which an amendment to either Schedule has occurred. The Foreign Custody Manager shall make written reports notifying the Board of any other material change in the foreign custody arrangements of the Fund described in this Article 3 after the occurrence of the material change.

3.8. Representations with Respect to Rule 17f-5.  
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The Foreign Custody Manager represents to the Fund that it is a U.S. Bank as defined in section (a)(7) of Rule 17f-5.

The Fund represents to the Custodian that the Board has determined that it is reasonable for the Board to rely on the Custodian to perform the responsibilities delegated pursuant to this Contract to the Custodian as the Foreign Custody Manager of the Fund.

3.9. Effective Date and Termination of the Custodian as Foreign Custody Manager.  
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The Board's delegation to the Custodian as Foreign Custody Manager of the Fund shall be effective as of the date hereof and shall remain in effect until terminated at any time, without penalty, by written notice from the terminating party to the non-terminating party. Termination will become effective thirty (30) days after receipt by the non-terminating party of such notice. The provisions of Section 3.3 hereof shall govern the delegation to and termination of the Custodian as Foreign Custody Manager of the Fund with respect to designated countries.

4. Duties of the Custodian with Respect to Property of the Fund Held Outside the United States.  
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4.1. Definitions.  
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Capitalized terms in this Article 4 shall have the following meanings:

"Foreign Securities System" means either a clearing agency or a securities depository listed on Schedule A hereto or a Mandatory Securities Depository listed on Schedule B hereto.

"Foreign Sub-Custodian" means a foreign banking institution serving as an Eligible Foreign Custodian.

4.2. Holding Securities.  
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The Custodian shall identify on its books as belonging to the Fund the foreign securities held by each Foreign Sub-Custodian or Foreign Securities System. The Custodian may hold foreign securities for all of its customers, including the Fund, with any Foreign Sub-Custodian in an account that is identified as belonging to the Custodian for the benefit of its customers, provided however, that (i) the records of the Custodian with respect to foreign securities of the Fund which are maintained in such account shall identify those securities as belonging to the Fund and (ii), to the extent permitted and customary in the market in which the account is maintained, the Custodian shall require that securities so held by the Foreign Sub-Custodian be held separately from any assets of such Foreign Sub-Custodian or of other customers of such Foreign Sub-Custodian.

### 4.3. Foreign Securities Systems. -----

Foreign securities shall be maintained in a Foreign Securities System in a designated country only through arrangements implemented by the Foreign Sub-Custodian in such country pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

### 4.4. Transactions in Foreign Custody Account. -----

#### 4.4.1 Delivery of Foreign Assets. -----

The Custodian or a Foreign Sub-Custodian shall release and deliver foreign securities of the Fund held by such Foreign Sub-Custodian, or in a Foreign Securities System account, only upon receipt of Proper Instructions, which may be continuing instructions when deemed appropriate by the parties, and only in the following cases:

- (i) upon the sale of such foreign securities for the Fund in accordance with commercially reasonable market practice in the country where such Assets are held or traded, including, without limitation: (A) delivery against expectation of receiving later payment; or (B) in the case of a sale effected through a Foreign Securities System, in accordance with the rules governing the operation of the Foreign Securities System;
- (ii) in connection with any repurchase agreement related to foreign securities;
- (iii) to the depository agent in connection with tender or other similar offers for foreign securities of the Fund;
- (iv) to the issuer thereof or its agent when such foreign securities are called, redeemed, retired or otherwise become payable;
- (v) to the issuer thereof, or its agent, for transfer into the name of the Custodian (or the name of the respective Foreign Sub-Custodian or of any nominee of the Custodian or such Foreign Sub-Custodian) or for exchange for a different number of bonds, certificates or other evidence representing the same aggregate face amount or number of units;
- (vi) to brokers, clearing banks or other clearing agents for examination or trade execution in accordance with market custom; provided that in any such case the Foreign

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Sub-Custodian shall have no responsibility or liability for any loss arising from the delivery of such securities prior to receiving payment for such securities except as may arise from the Foreign Sub-Custodian's own negligence or willful misconduct;

- (vii) for exchange or conversion pursuant to any plan of merger, consolidation, recapitalization, reorganization or readjustment of the securities of the issuer of such securities, or pursuant to provisions for conversion contained in such securities, or pursuant to any deposit agreement;
- (viii) in the case of warrants, rights or similar foreign securities, the surrender thereof in the exercise of such warrants, rights or similar securities or the surrender of interim receipts or temporary securities for definitive securities;
- (ix) for delivery as security in connection with any borrowing by the Fund requiring a pledge of assets by the Fund;
- (x) in connection with trading in options and futures contracts, including delivery as original margin and variation margin;
- (xi) in connection with the lending of foreign securities; and
- (xii) for any other proper purpose, but only upon receipt of, in addition to Proper Instructions, a copy of a resolution of the Board or of an Executive Committee of the Board so authorized by the Board, signed by an officer of the Fund and certified by its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary that the resolution was duly adopted and is in full force and effect (a "Certified Resolution"), specifying the Foreign Assets to be delivered, setting forth the purpose for which such delivery is to be made, declaring such purpose to be a proper corporate purpose, and naming the person or persons to whom delivery of such Assets shall be made.

4.4.2. Payment of Fund Monies.

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Upon receipt of Proper Instructions, which may be continuing instructions when deemed appropriate by the parties, the Custodian shall pay out, or direct the respective Foreign Sub-Custodian or the respective Foreign Securities System to pay out, monies of the Fund in the following cases only:

- (i) upon the purchase of foreign securities for the Fund, unless otherwise directed by Proper Instructions, by (A) delivering money to the seller thereof or to a dealer therefor (or an agent for such seller or dealer) against expectation of receiving later delivery of such foreign securities; or (B) in the case of a purchase effected through a Foreign Securities System, in accordance with the rules governing the operation of such Foreign Securities System;
- (ii) in connection with the conversion, exchange or surrender of foreign securities of the Fund;

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- (iii) for the payment of any expense or liability of the Fund including but not limited to the following payments: interest, taxes, investment advisory fees, transfer agency fees, fees under this Contract, legal fees, accounting fees, and other operating expenses;
- (iv) for the purchase or sale of foreign exchange or foreign exchange contracts for the Fund, including transactions executed with or through the Custodian or its Foreign Sub-Custodians;
- (v) in connection with trading in options and futures contracts, including delivery as original margin and variation margin;
- (vi) for payment of part or all of the dividends received in respect of securities sold short;
- (vii) in connection with the borrowing or lending of foreign securities; and
- (viii) for any other proper purpose, but only upon receipt of, in addition to Proper Instructions, a Certified Resolution specifying the amount of such payment, setting forth the purpose for which such payment is to be made, declaring such purpose to be a proper corporate purpose, and naming the person or persons to whom such payment is to be made.

### 4.4.3. Market Conditions; Market Information.

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Notwithstanding any provision of this Contract to the contrary, settlement and payment for Foreign Assets received for the account of the Fund and delivery of Foreign Assets maintained for the account of the Fund may be effected in accordance with the customary established securities trading or processing practices and procedures in the country or market in which the transaction occurs, including, without limitation, delivering Foreign Assets to the purchaser thereof or to a dealer therefor (or an agent for such purchaser or dealer) with the expectation of receiving later payment for such Foreign Assets from such purchaser or dealer.

The Custodian shall provide to the Board the information with respect to custody and settlement practices in countries in which the Custodian employs a Foreign Sub-Custodian, including without limitation information relating to Foreign Securities Systems, described on Schedule C hereto at the time or times set forth on such Schedule. The Custodian may revise Schedule C from time to time, provided that no such revision shall result in the Board being provided with substantively less information than had been previously provided hereunder.

### 4.5. Registration of Foreign Securities.

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The foreign securities maintained in the custody of a Foreign Sub-Custodian (other than bearer securities) shall be registered in the name of the Fund or in the name of the Custodian or in the name of any Foreign Sub-Custodian or in the name of any nominee of the foregoing, and the Fund agrees to hold any such nominee harmless from any liability as a holder of record of such foreign securities. The Custodian or a Foreign Sub-Custodian shall not be obligated to accept securities on behalf of the Fund under the terms of this Contract unless the form of such securities and the manner in which they are delivered are in accordance with reasonable market practice.

### 4.6. Bank Accounts.

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The Custodian shall identify on its books as belonging to the Fund cash (including cash denominated in foreign currencies) deposited with the Custodian. Where the Custodian is unable to maintain, or market practice does not facilitate the maintenance of, cash on the books of the Custodian, a bank account or bank accounts opened and maintained outside the United States on behalf of the Fund with a Foreign Sub-Custodian shall be subject only to draft or order by the Custodian or such Foreign Sub-Custodian, acting pursuant to the terms of this Contract to hold cash received by or from or for the account of the Fund.

### 4.7. Collection of Income.

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The Custodian shall use reasonable commercial efforts to collect all income and other payments with respect to the Foreign Assets held hereunder to which the Fund shall be entitled and shall credit such income, as collected, to the Fund. In the event that extraordinary measures are required to collect such income, the Fund and the Custodian shall consult as to such measures and as to the compensation and expenses of the Custodian relating to such measures.

### 4.8. Shareholder Rights.

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With respect to the foreign securities held under this Article 4, the Custodian will use reasonable commercial efforts to facilitate the exercise of voting and other shareholder rights, subject always to the laws, regulations and practical constraints that may exist in the country where such securities are issued. The Fund acknowledges that local conditions, including lack of regulation, onerous procedural obligations, lack of notice and other factors may have the effect of severely limiting the ability of the Fund to exercise shareholder rights.

### 4.9. Communications Relating to Foreign Securities.

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The Custodian shall transmit promptly to the Fund written information (including, without limitation, pendency of calls and maturities of foreign securities and expirations of rights in connection therewith) received by the Custodian via the Foreign Sub-Custodians from issuers of the foreign securities being held for the account of the Fund. With respect to tender or exchange offers, the Custodian shall transmit promptly to the Fund written information so received by the Custodian from issuers of the foreign securities whose tender or exchange is sought or from the party (or its agents) making the tender or exchange offer. The Custodian shall not be liable for any untimely exercise of any tender, exchange or other right or power in connection with foreign securities or other property of the Fund at any time held by it unless (i) the Custodian or the respective Foreign Sub-Custodian is in actual possession of such foreign securities or property and (ii) the Custodian receives Proper Instructions with regard to the exercise of any such right or power, and both (i) and (ii) occur at least three business days prior to the date on which the Custodian is to take action to exercise such right or power.

### 4.10. Liability of Foreign Sub-Custodians and Foreign Securities Systems.

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Each agreement pursuant to which the Custodian employs a Foreign Sub-Custodian shall, to the extent possible, require the Foreign Sub-Custodian to exercise reasonable care in the performance of its duties and, to the extent possible, to indemnify, and hold harmless, the Custodian from and against any loss, damage, cost, expense, liability or claim arising out of or in connection with such Foreign Sub-Custodian's performance of such obligations. At the election of the

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Fund, the Fund shall be entitled to be subrogated to the rights of the Custodian with respect to any claims against a Foreign Sub-Custodian as a consequence of any such loss, damage, cost, expense, liability or claim if and to the extent that the Fund has not been made whole for any such loss, damage, cost, expense, liability or claim.

4.11. Tax Law.

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The Custodian shall have no responsibility or liability for any obligations now or hereafter imposed on the Fund or the Custodian as custodian of the Fund by the tax law of the United States or of any state or political subdivision thereof. It shall be the responsibility of the Fund to notify the Custodian of the obligations imposed on the Fund with respect to the Fund or the Custodian as custodian of the Fund by the tax law of countries other than those mentioned in the above sentence, including responsibility for withholding and other taxes, assessments or other governmental charges, certifications and governmental reporting. The sole responsibility of the Custodian with regard to such tax law shall be to use reasonable efforts to assist the Fund with respect to any claim for exemption or refund under the tax law of countries for which the Fund has provided such information.

4.12. Liability of Custodian.

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Except as may arise from the Custodian's own negligence or willful misconduct or the negligence or willful misconduct of a Sub-Custodian, the Custodian shall be without liability to the Fund for any loss, liability, claim or expense resulting from or caused by anything which is (A) part of Country Risk or (B) part of the "prevailing country risk" of the Fund, as such term is used in SEC Release Nos. IC-22658; IS-1080 (May 12, 1997) or as such term or other similar terms are now or in the future interpreted by the SEC or by the staff of the Division of Investment Management of the SEC.

The Custodian shall be liable for the acts or omissions of a Foreign Sub-Custodian to the same extent as set forth with respect to sub-custodians generally in the Contract and, regardless of whether assets are maintained in

the custody of a Foreign Sub-Custodian or a Foreign Securities Depository, the Custodian shall not be liable for any loss, damage, cost, expense, liability or claim resulting from nationalization, expropriation, currency restrictions, or acts of war or terrorism, or any other loss where the Sub-Custodian has otherwise acted with reasonable care.

III. Except as specifically superseded or modified herein, the terms and provisions of the Contract shall continue to apply with full force and effect. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Contract prior to this Amendment and this Amendment, the terms of this Amendment shall prevail. If the Custodian is delegated the responsibilities of Foreign Custody Manager pursuant to the terms of Article 3 hereof, in the event of any conflict between the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 hereof, the provisions of Article 3 shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this Amendment to be executed in its name and behalf by its duly authorized representative as of the date first above written.

WITNESSED BY:

STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST  
COMPANY



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/s/ Marc L. Parsons  
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Marc L. Parsons  
Associate Counsel

By: /s/ Ronald E. Logue  
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Name: Ronald E. Logue  
Title: Executive Vice President

WITNESSED BY:

THE FIRST AUSTRALIA FUND, INC.

/s/ Dominique Audemars  
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Name: Dominique Audemars  
Title: Secretary

By: /s/ David Manor  
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Name: David Manor  
Title: Treasurer

SCHEDULE A

STATE STREET  
GLOBAL CUSTODY NETWORK  
SUBCUSTODIANS AND NON-MANDATORY DEPOSITORIES

Country	Subcustodian	Non-Mandatory Dep
Argentina	Citibank, N.A.	--
Australia	Westpac Banking Corporation	--
Austria	Erste Bank der Oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG	--
Bahrain	British Bank of the Middle East (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)	--
Bangladesh	Standard Chartered bank	--
Belgium	Generale de Banque	--
Bermuda	The Bank of Bermuda Limited	--
Bolivia	Banco Boliviano Americano S.A.	--
Botswana	Barclays Bank of Botswana Limited	--
Brazil	Citibank, N.A.	--
Bulgaria	ING Bank N.V.	--
Canada	Canada Trustco Mortgage Company	--
Chile	Citibank, N.A.	Deposito Central
People's Republic of China	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Shanghai and Shenzhen branches	--
Colombia	Cititrust Colombia S.A. Sociedad Fiduciaria	--
Costa Rica	Banco BCT S.A.	--
Croatia	Privredna Banka Zagreb d.d	--
Cyprus	Barclays Bank Plc.Cyprus	--
Czech Republic	Offshore Banking Unit Ceskoslovenska Obchodni Banka, A.S.	--
Denmark	Den Danske Bank	--
Ecuador	Citibank, N.A.	--
Egypt	National Bank of Egypt	--
Estonia	Hansabank	--
Finland	Merita Bank Limited	--
France	Banque Paribas	--
Germany	Dresdner Bank AG	--
Ghana	Barclays Bank of Ghana Limited	--
Greece	National Bank of Greece S.A.	The Bank of Greece Monitoring Transa in Book-Entry For

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Hong Kong	Standard Chartered Bank	--
Hungary	Citibank Budapest Rt.	--
Iceland	Icebank Ltd.	
India	Deutsche Bank AG	--
	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	
Indonesia	Standard Chartered Bank	--
Ireland	Bank of Ireland	--
Israel	Bank Hapoalim B.M.	--
Italy	Banque Paribas	--
Ivory Coast	Societe Generale de Banques en Cote d'Ivoire	--
Jamaica	Scotiabank Jamaica Trust and Merchant Bank Ltd.	--
Japan	The Daiwa Bank, Limited The Fuji Bank, Limited	Japan Securities
Jordan	British Bank of the Middle East (as delegate of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)	--
Kenya	Barclays Bank of Kenya Limited	--
Republic of Korea	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	
Latvia	JSC Hansabank-Latvija	--
Lebanon	British Bank of the Middle East (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)	
Lithuania	Vilniaus Bankas AB	--
Malaysia	Standard Chartered Bank Malaysia Berhad	--
Mauritius	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	--
Mexico	Citibank Mexico, S.A.	--
Morocco	Banque Commerciale du Maroc	--
Namibia	(via) Standard Bank of South Africa	--
The Netherlands	MeesPierson N.V.	--
New Zealand	ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) Limited	--
Norway	Christiania Bank og Kreditkasse	--
Oman	British Bank of the Middle East (as delegate of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited)	--
Pakistan	Deutsche Bank AG	--
Peru	Citibank, N.A.	--
Philippines	Standard Chartered Bank	--
Poland	Citibank (Poland) S.A. Bank Polska Kasa Opieki S.A.	--
Portugal	Banco Commercial Portugues	--
Romania	ING Bank N.V.	--
Russia	Credit Suisse First Boston AO, Moscow (as delegate of Credit Suisse First Boston, Zurich)	--
Singapore	The Development Bank of Singapore Limited	--
Slovak Republic	Ceskoslovenska Obchodna Banka, A.S.	--
Slovenia	Bank Austria d.d. Ljubljana	--
South Africa	Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	--
Spain	Banco Santander, S.A.	--
Sri Lanka	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited	--
Swaziland	Standard Bank Swaziland Limited	--
Sweden	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken	--
Switzerland	UBS AG	--

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Taiwan - R.O.C.	Central Trust of China	--
Thailand	Standard Chartered Bank	--
Trinidad & Tobago	Republic Bank Limited	--
Tunisia	Banque Internationale Arabe de Tunisie	--
Turkey	Citibank, N.A.	--
	Ottoman Bank	
Ukraine	ING Bank, Ukraine	--
United Kingdom	State Street Bank and Trust Company, London Branch	--
Venezuela	Citibank, N.A.	--
Uruguay	Citibank, N.A.	--
Zambia	Barclays Bank of Zambia Limited	--
Zimbabwe	Barclays Bank of Zimbabwe Limited	--
Euroclear (The Euroclear System)/State Street London Limited		
Cedel, S.A. (Cedel Bank, societe anonyme)/State Street London Limited		
INTERSETTLE (for EASDAQ Securities)		

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GLOBAL CUSTODY NETWORK  
MANDATORY\* DEPOSITORIES

SCHEDULE B

Country	Mandatory Depositories
Argentina	Caja de Valores S.A.
Australia	Austraclear Limited
Austria	Reserve Bank Information and Transfe Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG (We Division)
Belgium	Caisse Interprofessionnelle de Depot de Virement de Titres S.A. Banque Nationale de Belgique
Brazil	Companhia Brasileria de Liquidacao e Bolsa de Valores de Rio de Janiero All SSB clients presently use CBLC  Central de Custodia e da Liquidacao de Titulos
Bulgaria	Central Depository AD Bulgarian National Bank
Canada	The Canadian Depository for Securit
People's Republic of China	Shanghai Securities Central Clearing Corporation Shenzhen Securities Central Clearing
Costa Rica	Central de Valores S.A. (CEVAL)
Croatia	Ministry of Finance National Bank of Croatia
Czech Republic	Stredisko cennych papiru Czech National Bank
Denmark	Vaerdipapircentralen (the Danish Sec

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Egypt	Misr Company for Clearing, Settlement Depository
Estonia	Eesti Vaartpaberite Kesksdepositoorium
Finland	The Finnish Central Securities Depository
France	Societe Interprofessionnelle pour la Compensation des Valeurs Mobilieres (SICOVAM)
Germany	Deutsche Borse Clearing AG
Greece	The Central Securities Depository (ASFA AE)
Hong Kong	The Central Clearing and Settlement Central Money Markets Unit
Hungary	The Central Depository and Clearing Ltd. (KELER) [Mandatory for Gov't Bonds not use for other securities]
India	The National Securities Depository Limited
Indonesia	Bank Indonesia
Ireland	Central Bank of Ireland Securities Services
Israel	The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Clearing Bank of Israel
Italy	Monte Titoli S.p.A. Banca d'Italia
Ivory Coast	Depositaire Central--Banque de Reglement
Jamaica	The Jamaican Central Securities Depository
Japan	Bank of Japan Net System
Kenya	Central Bank of Kenya
Republic of Korea	Korea Securities Depository Corporation
Latvia	The Latvian Central Depository
Lebanon	The Custodian and Clearing Center of Instruments for Lebanon and the Middle East S.A.L.
Lithuania	The Central Bank of Lebanon The Central Securities Depository of Lebanon
Malaysia	The Malaysian Central Depository Sdn Bhd Bank Negara Malaysia, Scripless Securities Safekeeping System
Mauritius	The Central Depository & Settlement
Mexico	S.D. INDEVAL, S.A. de C.V. (Instituto de Valores)
Morocco	Maroclear

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The Netherlands	Nederlands Centraal Instituut voor G Effectevnverkeer B.V. (NECIGEF) De Nederlandsche Bank N.V.
New Zealand	New Zealand Central Securities Depos
Norway	Verdipapirsentralen (the Norwegian R Securities)
Oman	Muscat Securities Market
Pakistan	Central Depository Company of Pakist
Peru	Caja de Valores y Liquidaciones S.A.
Philippines	The Philippines Central Depository, The Registry of Scripless Securities (ROSS) of the Bureau of the Treasury
Poland	The National Depository of Securitie Papierow Wartosciowych) Central Treasury Bills Registrar
Portugal	Central de Valores Mobiliarios (Cent
Romania	National Securities Clearing, Settle Depository Co. Bucharest Stock Exchange Registry Di
Singapore	The Central Depository (Pte) Limited Monetary Authority of Singapore
Slovak Republic	Stredisko Cennych Papierov National Bank of Slovakia
Slovenia	Klirinsko Depotna Druzba d.d.
South Africa	The Central Depository Limited
Spain	Servicio de Compensacion y Liquidacion de Valores, S.A. Banco de Espana, Central de Anotacio
Sri Lanka	Central Depository System (Pvt) Limi
Sweden	Vardepapperscentralen AP (The Swedish Central Securities Depo
Switzerland	Schweizerische Effekten - Giro AG
Taiwan - R.O.C.	The Taiwan Securities Central Deposi
Thailand	Thailand Securities Depository Compa
Tunisia	Societe Tunisienne Interprofessionel et de Depot de Valeurs Mobilieres Central Bank of Tunisia Tunisian Treasury
Turkey	Takas ve Saklama Bankasi A.S. (TAKAS Central Bank of Turkey

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Ukraine	The National Bank of Ukraine
United Kingdom	The Bank of England, The Central Gil The Central Moneymarkets Office
Uruguay	Central Bank of Uruguay
Venezuela	Central Bank of Venezuela
Zambia	Lusaka Central Depository Limited Bank of Zambia

\* Mandatory depositories include entities for which use is mandatory as a matter of law or effectively mandatory as a matter of market practice

### SCHEDULE C MARKET INFORMATION

Publication/Type of Information (Frequency)	Brief Description
The Guide to Custody in World Markets (annually)	An overview of safekeeping and settlement pr in each market in which State Street Bank an custodial services.
Global Custody Network Review (annually)	Information relating to the operating histor depositories and subcustodians located in th State Street Bank and Trust Company offers o including transnational depositories.
Global Legal Survey (annually)	With respect to each market in which State S Company offers custodial services, opinions local law restricts (i) access of a fund's i accountants to books and records of a Foreign Foreign Securities System, (ii) the Fund's a the event of bankruptcy or insolvency of a F or Foreign Securities System, (iii) the Fund in the event of a loss by a Foreign Sub-Cust Securities System, and (iv) the ability of a convert cash and cash equivalents to U.S. do
Subcustodian Agreements (annually)	Copies of the subcustodian contracts State S Company has entered into with each subcustod which State Street Bank and Trust Company of services to its US mutual fund clients.
Network Bulletins (weekly):	Developments of interest to investors in the State Street Bank and Trust Company offers o
Foreign Custody Advisories (as necessary):	With respect to markets in which State Stree Company offers custodial services which exhi risks, developments which may impact State S deliver expected levels of service.

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/s/ O. Sananikone  
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Signature

June, 2001  
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Date

Ouma Sananikone  
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Printed Name

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Attorney on the date indicated below.

/s/ Hugh Young

6/12/01

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Signature

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Date

Hugh Young

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Printed Name

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/s/ David Manor

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Signature

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Date

David Manor

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Printed Name

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/s/ Martin Gilbert

6/12/01

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Signature

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Date

Martin J. Gilbert

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Printed Name

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/s/ Christopher Fishwick  
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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

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/s/ David Rowe-Ham  
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Signature

6/12/01  
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Date

Sir David Rowe-Ham  
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Printed Name

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this Power of Attorney on the date indicated below.

/s/ Laurence Freedman  
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Signature

6/12/01  
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Date

Laurence S. Freedman  
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Printed Name

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/s/ Jack Benintende  
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/s/ Bev Hendry

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Signature

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Date

Beverley Hendry

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Printed Name

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/s/ Howard Knight                      6/12/01  
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Signature                                      Date

Howard A. Knight  
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Printed Name

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/s/ Peter Sacks 6/11/01
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Signature Date
Peter D. Sacks
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Printed Name

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/s/ John T. Sheehy 6/12/01
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Signature Date
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/s/ Neville Miles

6/12/01

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Signature

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Date

Neville J. Miles

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Printed Name

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/s/ Anton E. Schrafl  
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Signature

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Date

Anton E. Schrafl  
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/s/ R. M. Randall  
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Signature

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Roy M. Randall  
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/s/ P. G. Malone  
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Signature

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Date

P. Gerald Malone  
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Printed Name

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/s/ M. P. Karagianis

6/12/2001

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Signature

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Date

Michael P. Karagianis

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