

# CENTRIC SUPER FUND RETIREMENT INCOME STRATEGY

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### 1. ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This Retirement Income Strategy (RIS) applies to the Centric Super Fund (Fund) ABN 91 593 544 166, issued by Equity Trustees Superannuation Limited (ETSL or Trustee) ABN 50 055 641 757, AFSL 229757. It seeks to provide members and their beneficiaries with an understanding of the Trustee's strategy for assisting members to make retirement income objectives.

This document is not a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS), it does not consider an individual's financial objectives, situation and needs and is not financial advice.

A consumer should refer to the relevant PDS (including any incorporated information and the Target Market Determination) and obtain financial advice when deciding if any product is suitable for them.

The Trustee will review this RIS each year and update the strategy at least every 3 years.

## 2. FUND OVERVIEW

The Trustee's overall objective is to offer a low cost, flexible, professionally managed superannuation fund, aiming to help members save for retirement.

The Fund is open to new members and offers an Account-Based Pension retirement product (including a Transition to Retirement (TTR) Strategy).

For the purpose of the RIS, the Trustee has determined that members of the Fund who have attained age 55 fall within the class of beneficiaries of the Fund who are either retired or are approaching retirement. The Trustee has made this determination on the basis that the average age people intend to retire is 65.5 years, whilst the average retirement age of all retirees is 55.4 years<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics (Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia; released 8 May 2020)



As at 31 March 2022, approximately 62% of members of the Fund were aged over 65 and just under 90% fell within the class of beneficiaries of the Fund who are either retired or are approaching retirement (i.e. aged 55 years or more) with an average account balance of \$446,000:

Age Group	Number of Members	Account Balances (\$m)
Aged below 55	84	28.3
Aged 55 - 64	227	98.2
Aged above 65	505	225.1
Total	816	351.6

## 3. RETIREMENT INCOME

The Trustee considers retirement income as comprising of:

- 1. Income received by a member from the member's superannuation assets within the Fund, whether received in the form of a pension or lump sum withdrawals; and
- 2. Age Pension payments received by the member; and
- 3. All other income that the member may receive in retirement including:
  - Income from other superannuation funds;
  - Non-superannuation income; and
  - All other income earnt by a spouse or partner.

The Trustee is responsible for the outcomes of the superannuation assets under its trusteeship.

Any Age Pension entitlements and other income a member may receive in retirement are a matter for the member and their financial adviser, if applicable.

The Trustee considers the period of retirement for a member to be the period from when a member selects to invest in a retirement income product, such as an Account-Based Pension, until death. Life expectancy for a 65 year old is 85 years for males and 87.7 years for females. Hence this will typically be a period of approximately 20 years<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Australian Bureau of Statistics (Retirement and Retirement Intentions, Australia; released 8 May 2020)

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## 4. RETIREMENT INCOME STRATEGY

The Fund offers an Account-Based Pension retirement product (including a TTR Strategy). The most recent Member Outcomes Assessments for this product confirmed the product promotes the financial interests of those members who are either retired or are approaching retirement.

The Trustee considers that members are appropriately assisted by providing access to relevant information and to encourage them to obtain personal advice.

The Trustee notes that most members in the Fund have a financial adviser.

The Trustee only has access to a member's age and account balance (and insurance for some members) in the Fund. The Trustee does not have details of a member's personal circumstances, other income outside of the Fund (which may include other superannuation assets) or details on income from a spouse or partner. The Trustee does not provide retirement planning advice to members. To assist members in making retirement decisions the Trustee will recommend to members that they:

- speak to their financial adviser or seek one; and
- undertake their own research to understand their options; and
- consider what retirement products are available to them.

To assist with these decisions, the Trustee may provide links to relevant sources of information, including (but not limited to) the Australian Government's Financial Information Service and MoneySmart. These will be published on **centricwealth.com.au/super** 

The Trustee is open to considering additional retirement product solutions that may be proposed by Specialised Private Capital Limited ABN 87 095 773 390 (Centric Capital), subject to being in the best interest of members.

# 5. STEPS TAKEN TO GATHER INFORMATION

In formulating this RIS, the Trustee has relied primarily on information it already possesses as trustee of the Fund (including information gathered for the purposes of the Member Outcomes Assessment and Target Market Determination) and on information about the industry more generally that it possesses as a result of acting as a trustee of a large number of superannuation funds.

To the extent necessary, the Trustee accessed publicly available information including information available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

The Trustee determined that any additional information that could be obtained from members would be irrelevant to the Trustee's strategy and that the cost of obtaining additional information from members is inconsistent with the Fund's objective and its Target Market





Determination. This is because of the Trustee's strongly held view that specific circumstances of each member are most appropriately addressed through personal advice (which the Trustee does not provide), which enables members to choose an appropriate retirement income product.

### **DISCLAIMER**

The information contained in this document is factual information only and is not intended to be construed as either personal advice or a product recommendation.

You should make your own enquiries as to the suitability of a product for your personal financial needs and circumstances and obtain and read a copy of the relevant PDS (including any incorporated information and the Target Market Determination) for further information on its suitability before making an investment and/or insurance decision.

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