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**Insight Diversified Inflation Plus Fund ARSN 167 582 818 (“Fund”)
Adoption of the Attribution Managed Investment Trust (“AMIT”) regime for the Fund
Notice of proposed modifications under section 601GCA(3) of the Corporations Act**

This notice is published by Equity Trustees Limited (ACN 004 031 298) (“RE”) under section 601GAC(3) of the Corporations Act in ASIC Instrument 2016/489 (“**Class Order**”) to inform members of the Fund that the RE proposes to modify the constitution of the Fund (“**Constitution**”) to in relation to the Fund being able to be operated under the new “AMIT Regime”.

The new AMIT Regime

The Tax Laws Amendment (New Tax System for Managed Investment Trusts) Act 2016, together with additional supplemental legislation (“the **AMIT Regime**”), became law on 5 May 2016. The RE is proposing to modify the Constitution so that the Fund can be effectively operated under this new tax regime from 1 July 2017.

In principle, the key difference between the current tax regime which applies to the Fund (Division 6 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936) and the new AMIT Regime is that under the AMIT Regime members are taxed on the taxable income that is allocated or “attributed” to members by the RE. The new AMIT Regime effectively requires the RE to undertake this allocation or attribution on a fair and reasonable basis. This is in contrast to the current tax regime under Division 6, which provides for members to be subject to tax to the extent, proportionately, that each member is “presently entitled” to the income of the Fund according to trust law principles.

The proposed modifications to the Fund’s constitution

The modifications to be made to the Constitution (“**Proposed Modifications**”), and the reasons for the modifications and their effect, are summarised below and in the attached table. A copy of the Proposed Modifications is available from the RE on request.

The RE is proposing to make the Proposed Modifications to allow the RE to elect to apply the new AMIT Regime to the Fund and to facilitate the RE to be able to operate the Fund in a manner permitted by the AMIT Regime.

The RE is also proposing to make the Proposed Modifications in order to provide greater flexibility to the RE to issue different classes of units in the Fund with different rights. For example, the RE will be able to determine that particular assets as well as liabilities will be referable to a particular class for the purposes of determining the unit price and distribution entitlements of units of each class, and/or that different distribution periods apply to different classes of units in the Fund. This is facilitated by the AMIT regime as a result of the ability, under the AMIT Regime, for separate classes of units in the Fund to be treated as separate trusts for the purposes of attributing tax liabilities to members.

As the Proposed Modifications will allow the RE to operate the Fund in a manner permitted by the new AMIT Regime, there may be the following potential benefits for members:

- a removal of the potential for double taxation that may arise for members where there are mismatches between the amount distributed and the taxable income of the Fund. This is achieved through the provision of appropriate cost base adjustments where distributions are greater or less than the amount on which the member is assessed for tax purposes;
- greater certainty regarding the quantum and character of any amounts distributed or otherwise passed through to its Members are treated for tax purposes;

- greater certainty regarding certain aspects of the tax treatment of the Fund as a whole, including the status of the Fund as a “fixed trust”; and
- the ability for the RE to elect for each class of units in the Fund to be treated as a separate trust for the purposes of undertaking the attribution of tax liabilities to members.

However:

- the AMIT Regime has only been recently law, so it is possible there may be some uncertainty regarding its operation in the initial years; and
- as the Proposed Modifications will provide the RE with additional duties and powers, the Proposed Modifications include protections for the RE and the Fund in relation to the RE exercising its new powers in relation to the AMIT Regime and also when it deals with members’ objections to the RE’s attribution of taxable income to them.

How to contact us if you wish to respond to this notice

The RE will proceed to modify the Constitution as proposed on or after the day which is **7 days from the date of this notice**, unless it receives requests to call and arrange a meeting of members of the Fund to consider and vote on a special resolution to modify the Constitution as proposed, from members with at least 5% of the votes that may be cast on the resolution.

You are not required to respond to this notice, but if you wish to request a meeting of members to vote on the amendments, this request must be made in writing, and sent to [productteam@eqt.com.au by 8th February 2017

Constitution clause	Description of the Proposed Modification
Clauses 10.3 and 10.4	<p>Class Assets and Class Liabilities</p> <p>The modifications to clause 10.3 and new clause 10.4 will clarify the RE's existing power under the Constitution to determine a liability of the Fund to be a "Class Liability", and provide the RE with a new power to determine an asset of the Fund to be "Class Asset". The designation of an asset or liability of the Fund as a "Class Asset" or "Class Liabilities" affects how the relevant asset or liability is treated for the purposes of determining the unit price and distribution entitlements of members of each class. In particular, the ability for the RE to designate an asset to be a "Class Asset" will generally provide for the value of the asset and the income of the asset to only accrue for the benefit of members of the relevant class.</p> <p>These modifications will provide the RE with the specific power, if it determines that it is appropriate to do so, to create classes of units where particular assets are determined to be referable to a particular class. This will supplement the RE's existing general power to create classes.</p>
Clause 11.1	<p>Definition of Income</p> <p>The modifications to clause 11.1 will extend the existing default definition of Income in the Constitution to cover where the Fund is an AMIT. Although the terms of the definition are modified, the new default definition of Income should, under the modification, remain based on the taxable income of the Fund as per the existing definition.</p> <p>The modifications also specifically provide for the RE to determine the income of the Fund separately for each distribution period for each class of units in the Fund. This modification will supplement the RE's new power to determine for different distribution periods to apply for different classes of units in the Fund (see comments regarding clause 11.5 below).</p>
Clause 11.2	<p>Deferral of distribution of Income</p> <p>New clause 11.2 will replace the RE's existing power under the Constitution to hold back Income that arises in an interim distribution period for distribution in the final distribution period as a specific power, to provide greater certainty with respect to how this power operates. New clause 11.2 will provide for this power to be a more general power to defer the distribution of particular amounts to Income to later distribution periods in the financial year, and specify the impact of the exercise of this power.</p>
Clause 11.3	<p>Accumulation of Income</p> <p>New clause 11.3 will provide the RE with a power to accumulate Income for financial years that the Fund is an AMIT, and the consequences of this accumulation. New clause 11.3 will also provide the RE with a power to determine which Members will be attributed the tax liability associated with Income that is accumulated. These modifications provide the RE with the flexibility to not fully distribute all of the Income where the circumstances are appropriate. Under the AMIT Regime, Members should receive an upward cost base adjustment on their units in the event that this results in the taxable income attributed being greater than the Income distributed.</p>
Clause 11.5	<p>Income Entitlements</p> <p>The modification to clause 11.5 will allow different distribution periods to apply to different classes within the Fund. These modifications provide for members of each class to take the class' proportionate share of any undistributed and unaccumulated income of the Fund for the financial year to date at the end of each distribution period for that class. These modifications will supplement the RE's existing power to create classes.</p>
Clause 11.9	<p>Attribution under AMIT Regime – basis for attribution</p> <p>New clause 11.8 will provide for the attribution of taxable income among Members in accordance with the AMIT Regime. The attribution methodology will be based on Members' proportional entitlements to distributable income and, in relation to amounts accumulated, the methodology to be provided for under new clause 11.3 (see above).</p>
Clause 11.10	<p>Attribution under AMIT Regime – AMIT Class Election</p> <p>New clause 11.10 will insert provisions that specify how the taxable income of the Fund will be attributed to Members where the RE elects for each class to be treated as a separate AMIT under the AMIT Regime. The methodology adopted will require the RE to quarantine the taxable income and expenses of each class to the Members of that class.</p>
Clause 11.11	<p>Attribution under AMIT Regime – Member objections and indemnities</p>

	<p>New clause 11.11 will set out the terms on which Members will be able to exercise their rights to object to the RE's attribution of taxable income to them under the AMIT Regime, and confer specific powers on the RE to (i) take such actions as the RE considers appropriate to provide for the rights and interests of other Members to be protected; (ii) amend its attribution and take such actions as the RE determines necessary to give effect to the amended attribution and (iii) be indemnified by the Member against any costs incurred in relation to dealing with their objection. While the new clause place additional obligations on objecting Members, it the RE having powers to ensure that any such objections that may be made by a Member are dealt with in an efficient and effective manner, and to minimise the adverse impact of objections made by a particular Member on other Members. The indemnity from the objecting Members should benefit the other Members and the RE because the RE might otherwise be entitled to be indemnified from the Fund.</p>
Clause 11.12	<p>Unders / overs</p> <p>New clause 11.12 will facilitate the exercise of the RE's powers in relation to unders and overs of the Fund, in the manner permitted by the AMIT Regime, and confirm that the exercise of the RE's powers in relation to unders and overs is subject to a similar limitation of liability as provided for generally under the Constitution.</p>
Clause 11.13	<p>Present entitlement</p> <p>The amendments to clause 11.13 will provide that Members are only presently entitled to all of the income of the Fund where the Fund is not an AMIT for the financial year. This is to reflect the accumulation power provided under clause 11.3 for financial years where the Fund is an AMIT.</p>
Clauses 11.18 and 13.10	<p>Extension of RE's limitation of liability</p> <p>Additional language will be included in clauses 11.18 and 13.10 to provide for the RE's liability to Members to be extended to where the RE is exercising powers under the AMIT Regime. This additional limitation of liability is being included as a reflection of the broad powers that are provided to the RE under the AMIT Regime, which could expose the RE or Fund to unnecessary cost, liability and expense. Further, the AMIT Regime already provides Members with specific powers to object to the attribution of taxable income under the AMIT Regime (see above), and the RE's new limitation of liability is subject to limits under the Corporations Act and general trust law.</p>
Clause 12.9	<p>RE's new indemnity for tax – AMIT</p> <p>New clause 12.9 will require each Member to indemnify the RE in relation to any tax and any other costs, expenses or liabilities incurred as a result of being liable to such tax, that may become payable by the RE under the AMIT Regime and that the RE determines relates to the Member. It also confers powers on the RE to (i) prescribe terms and conditions which apply in the event that the RE is entitled to be indemnified by a Member; and (ii) undertake certain actions to satisfy that indemnity from amounts owing to the Member or from the Member's units. This indemnity seeks to protect the RE, the Fund and Members where the RE is exposed to tax and associated costs, expenses or liabilities that relate to a particular Member.</p>
Clause 13.9	<p>AMIT powers</p> <p>New clause 13.9 will provide for the RE to have certain specific powers and rights in relation to the AMIT Regime, which are necessary or desirable for the RE to have in order to comply with and administer the Fund under the AMIT Regime. These powers also include the power to require a Member to provide an indemnity in respect of any tax incurred by the RE under the AMIT Regime. Although the terms of these powers are broad, most of these powers are already provided to the RE under the AMIT Regime itself. Including these powers in the Constitution provides greater certainty regarding their operation and ensures they are subject to the limitation of liability previously discussed.</p>
Clause 13.11	<p>Clearly Defined Rights</p> <p>New clause 13.11 will specifically limit the powers, rights and discretions conferred on the RE to the extent necessary to ensure that the Fund satisfies the "clearly defined rights" requirement that is necessary for the Fund to be an AMIT. This clause will have no effect provided the Fund remains a registered managed investment scheme. The RE has no intention of deregistering the Fund.</p>
Clause 22.3	<p>Change in taxation</p> <p>As the AMIT Regime provides for the RE to be subject to tax in certain limited situations, the ability of the Fund to be terminated on account of tax in clause 22.3 will be limited to exclude tax payable under the AMIT Regime.</p>
Incidental Changes	<p>Additional modifications will be made to the Constitution that are incidental to the Fund being operated as a AMIT, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to include specific definitions and amend existing definitions referable to the AMIT Regime and

these modifications are in clause 1.1 of the Constitution; and

- to ensure that clauses 9.11, 9.14, 11.4, 11.6, 11.8 and 23.4 of the Constitution continue to operate as intended despite the proposed modifications.