

# AIA INSURANCE SUPER SCHEME NO 2 MEMBER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

# INTRODUCTION

In this report, Equity Trustees Superannuation Limited publishes the results of our annual assessment of how well the AIA Insurance Super Scheme No 2 product (the **product**) issued from Smart Future Trust (the **fund**) provides member outcomes and promotes members' financial interests. The assessment is based on information as at 30 June 2024.

## METHODOLOGY AND STRUCDTURE

In conducting this assessment, we compared the product to other choice superannuation products included in statistical data published by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (comparable products) using the criteria in Part 6 of the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 and Prudential Standard SPS 515 Strategic Planning and Member Outcomes.

This report includes:

- our overall assessment of whether the product provides optimal member outcomes and promotes their financial interests;
- a dashboard that depicts our assessment of the product's market-relative performance for each outcome we aim to provide members;
- a table summarising the key metrics that we relied on when making this assessment; and
- our commentary on this performance that includes action items to improve suboptimal performance.

For each member outcome, the dashboard presents the relevant segment of market performance. The width of each segment is based on the range of market performance for each outcome and is specific to each outcome. The positioning of the black performance indicator bar against the colour coding is our assessment of how well the outcome has been delivered. The colour coding gives a visual representation of performance that moves from neutral (yellow) through orange to least tolerance (red), and in the opposite direction from yellow to the target (or green) area of the dashboard. The assessment of each member outcome is based on several equally-weighted metrics. Accordingly, if one metric is outside our tolerance level it doesn't automatically mean the entire member outcome is outside our tolerance level.

Example dashboard for illustrative purposes only



The target is generally the average position of the comparable products while the tolerance level is the trigger for us to consider any necessary actions to improve member outcomes.

Please visit our website to view a short video that provides more information about the operation of the dashboard.



# **OVERALL ASSESSMENT**

Having carefully considered the comparisons of the product with comparable products set out in this report, including the dashboards, metrics, commentary and other relevant information available to us at the time of writing, we have concluded that as a result of the following factors the product is promoting members' financial interests:

- 1. the options, benefits and facilities offered in the product are appropriate for members;
- 2. the insurance premium charged for the product does not inappropriately erode members' account balances;
- 3. the insurance strategy for the product is appropriate; and
- 4. the scale of the product and the fund does not disadvantage members.

### **DASHBOARD**

#### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Together with the promoter, AIA Australia Limited, the purpose of this product is to provide members with access to insurance cover through superannuation to be held within the Smart Future Trust

The product accepts superannuation contributions and rollovers for the purposes of paying insurance premiums for the insurance cover. It does not provide superannuation account balances or investment returns to members.

The insurance cover you select under the product is provided under an insurance policy issued to us as the policy owner.

The insurance policy provides the insurance benefits for you as a fund member and the life insured.

The product is a choice insurance-only product.



#### **INSURANCE CLAIM MANAGEMENT**

| Outcomes   | Valid claims are accepted and paid in a timely manner. |   |        |           |        |  |
|--|--|---|--------|-----------|--------|--|
| Our product's performance relative to comparable products  Metrics | Tolerance  |   | Target |           |        |  |
|  | Ref  | Metric Label                                      | Value  | Tolerance | Target |  |
|  | 6.1  | Insurer's declined claims ratio - life cover      | 1.75%  | 4.75%     | 3.00%  |  |
|  | 6.2  | Insurer's average time to decision - life cover   | 1.40   | 2.50      | 2.00   |  |
|  | 6.3  | Insurer's declined claims ratio - TPD cover       | 27.59% | 22.25%    | 16.50% |  |
|  | 6.4  | Insurer's average time to decision -<br>TPD cover | 7.22   | 13.75     | 8.00   |  |
|  | 6.5  | Insurer's declined claims ratio - IP cover        | 3.17%  | 6.75%     | 5.25%  |  |
|  | 6.6  | Insurer's average time to decision - IP cover     | 1.79   | 2.00      | 1.50   |  |
|  | 6.7  | Insurance-related EDR complaints                  | 0.72   | 2.25      | 0.75   |  |

<sup>6.3 – 6.4</sup> TPD means "Total and Permanent Disablement".

#### Commentary

The performance indicator measures the acceptance of insurance claims, the timeliness of claim decision-making and the quality of the claims process against comparable products.

The performance indicator, which is within our tolerance level, is based on an equal weighting of all the metrics in the above table.

The insured benefits in this product are supported by retail insurance policies. For this suite of policies, in the year ended 30 June 2024 the fund's insurer:

- Paid 56 life insurance claims and declined 1 life insurance claims;
- paid 63 TPD insurance claims and declined 24 TPD Insurance claims; and
- paid 183 IP insurance claims and declined 6 IP insurance claims.

The declined claims ratio for TPD insurance cover is high, however every declined claim is reviewed individually by our specialised claims team to ensure the insurer has acted fairly and reasonably, and consistently with the relevant policy terms and conditions. For this reason, the metric shown is not an indication of a systemic problem that needs to be addressed.

Considering all these matters, we are comfortable that valid claims are accepted and paid.

All insurance cover is voluntary. We believe that the appropriate level of insurance cover is a balance between the

<sup>6.5 – 6.6</sup> IP means "Income Protection"

<sup>6.7</sup> EDR means "External Dispute Resolution".

<sup>6.7</sup> This is the annual number of insurance-related complaints to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority per 10,000 member accounts.



amount of cover required (based on the maintenance of the member's, and their dependants', standard of living in the event of an accident or illness) and the affordability of that cover for the member.

Members have the opportunity to seek personal financial advice if required, select their own level of insurance cover and cancel their cover if no longer required. Therefore:

- the insurance premiums charged for the product do not inappropriately erode members' account balances; and
- the insurance strategy for the product is appropriate.

#### **MEMBER SERVICES**

| Outcomes  | Administration services satisfy member expectations. |                                       |           |                        |           |  |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Our product's<br>performance relative to<br>comparable products |  | Tolerance                             | -         | Target                 |           |  |
| Metrics   | Ref  | Metric Label                          | Value     | Tolerance              | Target    |  |
|   | 8.1  | Administration-related EDR complaints | 1.87      | 3.50                   | 1.50      |  |
|   | 8.2  | Service Level Achievement             | 90.18%    | 80.00%                 | 95.00%    |  |
|   | 8.3  | Information security controls         | Effective | Partially<br>Effective | Effective |  |

#### Commentary

The performance indicator measures the delivery of administration services against our service levels, and against the cost of similar services for comparable products.

The performance indicator, which is within our tolerance level, is based on an equal weighting of the above metrics.

on an independent review completed during the year.

As a result, we are comfortable that administration services satisfy member expectations because of the number of administration related complaints, the high rate of service level achievement and the administrator's information and cyber security controls are effective.

Therefore, we consider the options, benefits and facilities offered in the product are appropriate for members.



#### **SCALE**

| The scale of the fund relative to comparable products |   |  |   |  |                   |
|---|---|--|---|--|-------------------|
|   |   | Tolerance  |   | I<br>I<br>ITarget  |                   |
| Metrics   | Ref   | Metric Label   | Value   | Tolerance  | Target            |
|   | 9.1   | RSE adjusted total accounts growth rate  | 6.24%   | -6.25%   | -2.50%            |
|   | 9.2   | RSE Net Cash Flow Ratio  | -3.64%  | -2.75%   | -0.50%            |
|   | 9.3   | RSE Net Rollover Ratio   | -0.57%  | -3.00%   | -1.75%            |
|   | 9.1 The R<br>accounts<br>consolida<br>9.2 The R | SE adjusted total accounts growth rate is the averaged over the three year period, excluding | average annual per<br>ig Successor Fund<br>flows in less memb | centage change in<br>Transfers (SFTs) and<br>ers' benefits flows | membe<br>d accour |

#### Commentary

The performance indicator measures the fund's growth and ability to deliver scale benefits to members against other funds.

The performance indicator, was within our tolerance level, is based on an equal weighting of the above metrics.

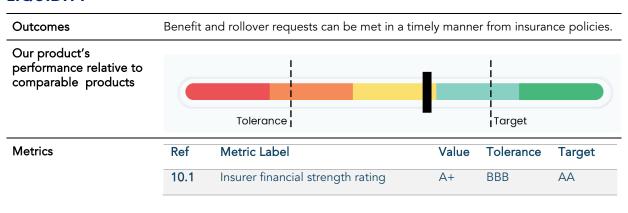
assets averaged over the three year period, excluding SFTs.

As part of the ongoing strategic review of the fund, actions are being taken to address the outflow in funds under management. We will be updating members regarding the future plans for the fund. No further action is required as a result of this assessment.

Therefore, we are comfortable that the scale of the product and the fund does not disadvantage members.



#### **LIQUIDITY**



#### Commentary

The performance indicator measures the fund's ability to meet benefit and rollover requests in a timely manner.

We regularly monitor whether the insurance policies would be able to meet cash requirements in extreme situations. Based on our analysis, we consider that benefits are supported by an insurer with a strong capacity to meet its financial commitments.

As a result, we are comfortable that the level of liquidity risk for the product is acceptable.