

THAMES WATER ASIA / PACIFIC SUPERANNUATION PLAN MEMBER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

INTRODUCTION

In this report, Equity Trustees Superannuation Limited (**we, our, us**) publishes the results of our annual assessment of how well the Thames Water Asia / Pacific Superannuation Plan, (the **plan**) in the Smart Future Trust (the **fund**) provides member outcomes and promotes members' financial interests. The assessment is based on information as at 30 June 2024 unless notified otherwise.

METHODOLOGY AND STRUCTURE

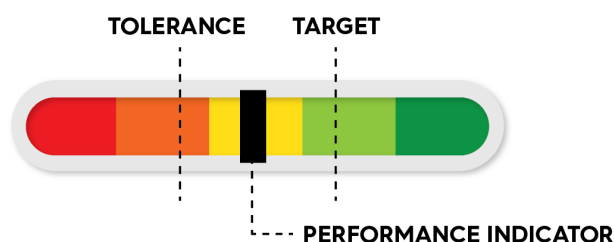
In conducting this assessment, we compared the product to other choice superannuation products included in statistical data published by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (**comparable products**) using the criteria in Part 6 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* and Prudential 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 plan 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 plan is promoting members' financial interests:

1. the plan is in a satisfactory financial position;
2. the options, benefits and facilities offered in the plan are appropriate for members; and
3. the scale of the plan and the fund does not disadvantage members.

DASHBOARD


STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Working together with the fund's Promoter, smartMonday Solutions Limited, our purpose is to support members to meet their financial goals by focusing on smart, easy actions that contribute to the long-term growth of their superannuation savings.

To support this purpose, our goals for the fund are to deliver long term sustainable investment returns and fee structures, grow the fund organically and strategically, rationalise and simplify the operational structure, maintain strong governance, improve member engagement and develop and offer innovative and needs-based solutions to improve member outcomes.

The plan is a defined benefit product.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Outcomes	The plan is in a satisfactory financial position because the value of assets is adequate to cover the liabilities for vested benefits.				
The plan's performance relative to comparable products					
Metrics	Ref	Metric label	Value	Tolerance	Target
	1.1	Defined Benefit Vested Benefits Index	103.10%	98.00%	100.00%
1.1 The Defined Benefits Vested Benefits Index measures the plan's capacity to pay out all defined benefit members' pension benefits from existing assets until the last pensioner or spouse of a pensioner dies.					

Commentary

The performance indicator measures the plan's capacity to pay out all members' benefits from existing assets in the event they were all to leave the fund at the same time.

As the performance indicator is within our tolerance level, no action is required as a result of this assessment.



MEMBER SERVICES

Outcomes

Administration services satisfy member expectations.

The plan's performance relative to comparable products



Metrics

Ref	Metric label	Value	Tolerance	Target
7.1	Administration-related EDR complaints	1.87	3.50	1.50
7.1	Service level achievement	90.18%	80.00%	90.00%
7.3	Information security controls	Effective	Partially Effective	Effective

7.1 EDR means "External Dispute Resolution".

7.1 This is the annual number of administration-related complaints to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority per 10,000 member accounts.

7.2 Service level achievement measures the portion of new member, contribution and benefit payment transactions that were processed within our service level.

7.3 This is our view of the effectiveness of the Administrator's information and cyber security controls based on an independent review completed during the year.

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.

Administration fees were outside of tolerance level. As total fees are within our tolerance level, no action is required as a result of this assessment.

We are comfortable that administration services satisfy member expectations because of the high rate of service level achievement, the number of administration related complaints 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

Outcomes

The fund is likely to deliver optimal outcomes in the future.

The scale of the fund relative to comparable products



Metrics

Ref	Metric label	Value	Tolerance	Target
8.1	RSE adjusted total accounts growth rate	6.24%	-6.25%	-2.50%
8.2	RSE Net Cash Flow Ratio.	-3.64%	-2.75%	-0.50%
8.3	RSE Net Rollover Ratio	-1.94%	-3.00%	-1.75%

8.1 The RSE adjusted total accounts growth rate is the average annual percentage change in member accounts averaged over the three year period, excluding Successor fund Transfers (SFTs) and account consolidations.

8.2 The RSE Net Cash Flow Ratio is members' benefits flows in less members' benefits flows out as a percentage of cash flow adjusted net assets averaged over the three year period, excluding SFTs.

8.3 The RSE Net Rollover Ratio is rollovers in less rollovers out as a percentage of cash flow adjusted net assets averaged over the three year period, excluding SFTs.

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.

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.