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Re: Objective of superannuation

Suncorp supports the Financial System Inquiry's (FSI) recommendation to enshrine the objective of superannuation in legislation. It is a measure that would bring greater consistency to policy setting and provide clarity to the community.

Given the significant role and value of the nation's superannuation system, it should be afforded clear and modern objectives. Australia's superannuation funds manage retirement savings on behalf of all Australian employees, who are mandated to contribute over their working lives. The industry is valued at more than \$2 trillion and plays a vital role in supporting our ageing population and avoiding over-reliance on future taxpayers.

As a member of The Association of Superannuation Funds (ASFA) and Financial Services Council (FSC) we are supportive of their submissions, which outline the primary objective should focus on adequate and secure retirement income for all Australians.

The superannuation system should provide certainty to its members over the long-term. It should not be considered an option for bridging the nation's economic shortfalls, rather it should remain a reliable income source for Australians in their older years.

We have the opportunity to make super work harder and smarter for Australians by improving choice and competition. This will drive innovation and put downward pressure on fees for customers. With super fast becoming the most valuable industry in the country, competition should be encouraged. As initial steps to improve member outcomes, we would urge the government to pass legislation requiring a third independence on Boards as well as pursue options for a competitive default scheme.

We should aim to achieve accessible and fair superannuation for everyone, accounting for those currently at a disadvantage such as low income earners, carers, women or those who are self-employed. A collaborative effort between governments, superannuation providers and employers is required to innovate the system so it can achieve its objectives in an equitable manner.

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Yours sincerely

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