

CLEARVIEW WEALTHSOLUTIONS PENSION MEMBER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

INTRODUCTION

In this report, Equity Trustees Superannuation Limited publishes the results of our annual assessment of how well the ClearView WealthSolutions Pension product (the **product**) issued from ClearView Retirement Plan (the **fund**) provides member outcomes and promotes members' financial interests. The assessment is based on information as at 30 June 2023.

METHODOLOGY AND STRUCTURE

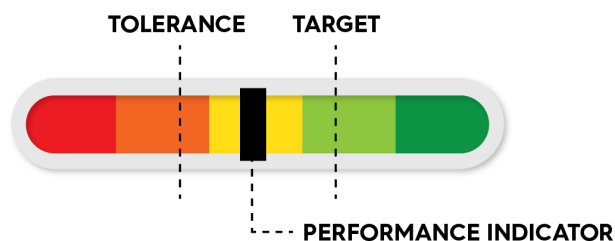
In conducting this assessment, we compared the product to other choice superannuation products included in statistical data published by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (**comparable products**) using the criteria in Part 6 of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* and Prudential 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 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 fees and costs that affect the return to members are appropriate having regard to their financial interests;
2. the investment strategy for the product is appropriate;
3. the options, benefits and facilities offered in the product are appropriate for members;
4. the scale of the product and the fund does not disadvantage members.

ACTION ITEMS

We are actively considering a number of options to further promote members' interests as part of the strategic review of the fund.

DASHBOARD

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Working together with the ClearView Group, our purpose is to provide members with appropriate, sustainable retirement outcomes over the long-term to secure their financial future and help them to achieve their desired retirement lifestyle.

To support this purpose, our goals for the fund is to successor fund transfer (SFT) out all divisions by 30 June 2025, to maximise the potential for members' financial interests to be promoted over the long term. Prior to completing an SFT, our goal is to provide members with quality services and support at a competitive fee structure.

The product is a choice platform product.

INVESTMENT MENU

Outcomes The product provides an appropriate range of suitable investments.

Our product’s performance relative to comparable products

Metrics	Ref	Metric Label	Value	Tolerance	Target
	3.1	Investments above investment grade	98.06%	80.00%	100.00%
	3.2	Coverage of key asset classes	100.00%	63.00%	100.00%

3.1 An investment is “investment grade” when it or its manager has been publicly recommended by a research house, or recommended to us by an asset consultant or an investment manager.

Commentary

We seek to provide members with a range of suitable investments to select from in order to achieve their investment outcomes and meet their targeted risk profile. The performance indicator measures the range of investment options provided for members.

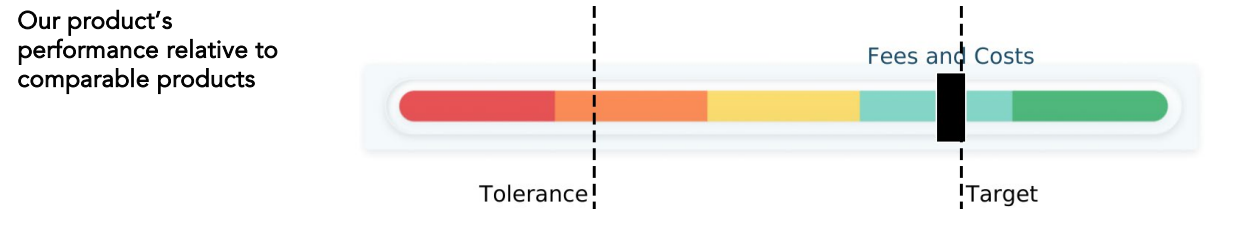
The performance indicator is within our tolerance level. No action is required as a result of this assessment.

Therefore, we are comfortable that the product provides members with sufficient investment options to achieve their investment goals within their targeted risk profile.



FEES AND COSTS

Outcomes Fees (gross of tax) for a \$250,000 account balance are consistent with market rates.



Metrics	Ref	Metric Label	Value	Tolerance	Target
	4.1	Administration fees at \$250K	0.61%	0.80%	0.60%

4.1 Members pay platform administration fees, plus expense recoveries and the fees associated with their selected investment portfolio. We monitor the administration fees, which are shown here.

Commentary

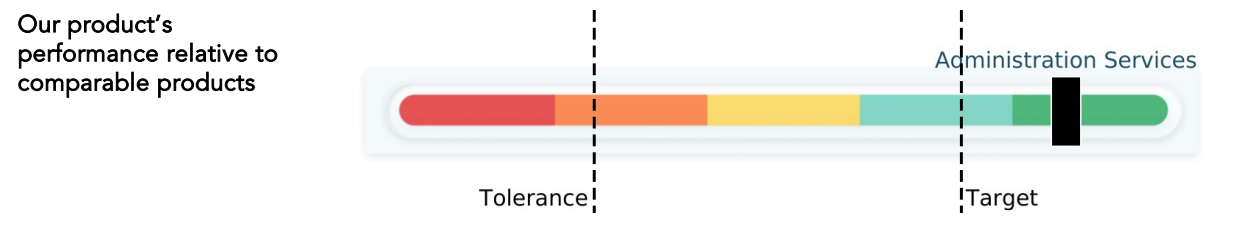
This table lists the product's administration fees. Other fees may be payable which are set out in the product's disclosure documents.

The performance indicator, which is within our tolerance level, measures administration fees against comparable products. No action is required as a result of this assessment.

As a result, we are comfortable that fees and costs are consistent with market rates and therefore are appropriate having regard to members' financial interests.

MEMBER SERVICES

Outcomes Administration services satisfy member expectations.



Metrics	Ref	Metric Label	Value	Tolerance	Target
	8.1	Administration-related EDR complaints	0.79	3.50	1.50
	8.2	Service Level Achievement	100.00%	80.00%	90.00%
	8.3	Information security controls	Effective	Partially ..	Effective

8.1 EDR means "External Dispute Resolution".

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

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

8.3 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.

As a result, we are comfortable that administration services satisfy member expectations because the administration fees and costs are within tolerance level, there is a high rate of service level achievement, the number of administration related complaints are within our tolerance level and the administrator’s information and cyber security controls are effective.

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
	9.1	RSE adjusted total accounts growth rate	-3.14%	-6.25%	-2.50%
	9.2	RSE Net Cash Flow Ratio	-3.57%	-2.75%	-0.50%
	9.3	RSE Net Rollover Ratio	0.19%	-3.00%	-1.75%
	<p>9.1 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.</p> <p>9.2 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.</p> <p>9.3 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.</p>				

Commentary

The performance indicator measures the fund’s scale and likelihood of delivering optimal outcomes in the foreseeable future against other funds.

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

We were comfortable with the scale of the fund in the year ended 30 June 2023 on the basis that the ClearView Group was providing human, financial and technical resources to support the fund. As this support has subsequently been removed, we are actively considering a number of options to further promote members' interests as part of the strategic review of the fund.

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