

I would like to propose that we dismantle the existing privately run Superannuation management system, and hand it over to the Future Fund. \$37 billion is taken out of citizens superannuation balances in advisor and management fees every year. This will grow each year as more workers join the scheme and contributions grow this \$2.9 trillion industry.

\$37 billion is almost enough to pay for the entire cost of the age pension every year. Management of our Superannuation system by the Government owned Future Fund would put a substantial amount of that \$37 billion back in the hands of workers and retirees, and substantially increase account balances at retirement. I expect that with a 12% contribution rate and savings in management and advisors fees most people would have sufficient funds for retirement without having to draw down the age pension.

I believe this could save our economy from higher taxes which would otherwise be needed to fund pensions, and enable government to run budget surpluses.

The Future Fund would also have access to a wider range of investment options, including government infrastructure projects.

It would obviously be opposed by the existing players, however, my view is that, by and large, they haven't covered themselves in glory, generally charging excessive fees and practising other serious failings highlighted in the Haynes Royal Commission. From what I read, it seems that many of these offensive practices have continued post the Commission.

Self Funded options should be retained so anyone wanting to control their own fund could continue to do so.

I believe this review presents the Government with an excellent opportunity to rework this industry to better serve our citizens and our public purse.

Regards
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