

# ESG Risk Management Policy

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 PURPOSE

Under FSC Standard No.20 all FSC members who are trustees operating a registrable superannuation entity (RSE) are required to implement and develop an 'Environmental Social Governance (ESG) Policy' and disclose that policy to RSE members.

### 1.2 APPLICATION

The FSC standard applies only to an RSE's employer default superannuation product offered by relevant 'MySuper' authorised licensees, which includes OnePath Custodians Pty Limited (the Trustee).

This document constitutes the ESG Risk Management Policy for the Trustee as required by FSC Standard No.20 and only addresses the ESG approach as it applies to ANZ's 'MySuper' product - ANZ Smart Choice, and the lifestage investment options in which MySuper members are invested.

## 2 ESG APPROACH

Within Wealth Australia, the Office of the CIO manages all investment portfolios and funds, including the selection and oversight of external investment managers. ANZ Smart Choice is issued by OnePath Custodians Pty Ltd as a default superannuation product under the 'MySuper' regime.

OnePath Funds Management Limited (OPFM) is the Responsible Entity of the investment funds into which the ANZ Smart Choice lifestage fund monies are invested. OPFM has engaged Vanguard Investments Australia Limited (Vanguard) through investment mandates to provide investment services in relation to the investment funds that ANZ Smart Choice invests into. These investments are applied to passively managed index pools across a broad range of defensive and growth asset sectors.

Given the Smart Choice investment pools are managed by replicating index benchmarks, ESG factors are not actively considered in terms of security selection. However, please refer to Wealth Australia's Responsible Investment Position Statement for further information on how the various OnePath entities incorporate ESG risks and opportunities in the portfolios managed on behalf of our customers.

## 3 WHERE TO GET HELP

For more information or assistance with this document contact:

- ESG Research Manager (Document Custodian)
- Head of CIO Governance
- Chief Investment Officer

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### 4 COMPLIANCE WITH FSC STANDARD 20-SUPERANNUATION GOVERNANCE

In accordance with specific disclosure requirements of FSC Standard No.20, in developing and formulating our approach to ESG matters, we respond to the specific requirements of the Standard in the table below.

Question	Our response in formulating and implanting our ESG policy
<p>1. How will the <b>fund incorporate a consideration of ESG</b> in the investment decisions that it makes?</p>	<p>Assets of the MySuper portfolios are implemented by replicating the underlying index benchmarks.</p> <p>Index or passive managers are essentially long-term, and in some circumstance, near permanent investors given they are required to replicate an index. Unlike active equity managers, passive managers are generally unable to take direct action and sell out of companies that demonstrate poor ESG characteristics. Therefore active management of environmental and social factors is not a feature of these investment options.</p> <p>However, governance issues are considered with company engagement and exercising ownership rights (proxy voting), the primary mechanism for effecting responsible investment. These are important activities that should be used to effect positive change. The Trustee, via the Responsible Entity of underlying schemes, evaluates the ESG capabilities of passive or index managers by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assessing and monitoring the extent of active ownership in the form of company engagement and demonstration of investment stewardship; and</li> <li>• engaging and actively encouraging managers to enhance their proxy voting practices.</li> </ul>
<p>2. How will the fund <b>monitor the ESG exposure</b> across its portfolio of investments?</p>	<p>MySuper portfolios are passively implemented and the ESG exposures are the same as the underlying benchmark indices.</p>
<p>3. How will the fund <b>act on ESG risks</b>?</p>	<p>Although MySuper monies are invested passively, the Trustee, via the Responsible Entity of underlying schemes, requires external investment managers to exercise all voting rights in the best interest of its members.</p> <p>However, there are some circumstances where it is either not possible or not in the best interest of the unit holder to vote. In these circumstances, and consistent with the Financial Services Council Standard 13, the Trustee requires managers to retain and provide on request, information relating to why a resolution was either "Not Voted" or "Abstained".</p> <p>The Trustee has also reserved the right to provide specific direction on how a manager should vote on particular matters of interest to OnePath corporate entities.</p> <p>Further, the Trustee, via the Responsible Entity of underlying schemes, engages and actively encourages external investment managers to enhance their proxy voting practices.</p>
<p>4. How will the fund <b>report to its members on the actions it has taken in relation to an ESG issue</b>?</p>	<p>The Trustee does not currently report ESG actions to ANZ Smart Choice members as MySuper assets are invested in index pools that are managed by replicating the index benchmarks.</p>

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