

Media Release

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Aware Super appoints State Street Global Advisors

Aware Super is delighted to announce it has appointed State Street Global Advisors (SSGA) as its index solutions provider across passive equity and fixed-income mandates.

The appointment follows a comprehensive tender process and extends Aware Super's longstanding relationship with SSGA's parent company, State Street Corporation. State Street Australia is Aware Super's custodian. The mandates covered by the appointment total more than \$30 billion.

Aware Super's Chief Investment Officer, Damian Graham, said the Fund was excited to be working with SSGA to deliver better retirement outcomes to its members.

"State Street Global Advisors will help us deliver value for our members and leverage the benefits of scale as we build on our position as one of Australia's largest and top-performing super funds," Mr Graham said.

"SSGA is a world-class investment company with strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) credentials that are very aligned to our own. Their proposal offered compelling value for money for our members and the ability to leverage scale to support our aim to provide our members with strong, sustainable, long-term returns today and for decades to come.

"We pride ourselves on doing well for our members in terms of performance while doing good in the communities where they live, work and retire. This relationship with SSGA will help us to deliver on that commitment," Mr Graham said.

James MacNevin, Head of Asia Pacific, State Street Global Advisors, said: "SSGA is proud to be expanding our relationship with Aware Super in providing a broad array of index solutions to their members."

"We also have a long history of developing innovative ESG solutions, and our team are looking forward to partnering with Aware Super to help accomplish their ESG goals today and in the future."

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About Aware Super

Previously known as First State Super we changed our name to **Aware Super** in September 2020.

Aware Super is a name that reflects our members and what we stand for. It echoes the strengths of our past, aligning to our purpose to be a force for good in superannuation, retirement, and advice, driving better outcomes for our members, their families, and communities.

First State Super's been the fund for people who value community since 1992, we're now one of Australia's largest funds and we're continuing to grow. We merged with VicSuper and WA Super last year and now manage nearly \$145 billion in savings for more than 1 million members located across the country.

Our members work in roles that breathe life into their communities and they expect us to do the same. So, we invest in assets that we believe will make a positive difference today - improving our communities, building a more a sustainable economy and supporting employment both locally and globally at the same time as providing strong long-term returns.

Discover how we're helping members do well financially while doing good in the world: Visit [aware.com.au](https://www.aware.com.au).

About State Street Global Advisors

For four decades, State Street Global Advisors has served the world's governments, institutions and financial advisers. With a rigorous, risk-aware approach built on research, analysis and market-tested experience, we build from a breadth of active and index strategies to create cost-effective solutions. As stewards, we help portfolio companies see that what is fair for people and sustainable for the planet can deliver long-term performance. And, as pioneers in index, ETF, and ESG investing, we are always inventing new ways to invest. As a result, we have become the world's third-largest asset manager with US\$3.59 trillion* under our care.

** This figure is presented as of March 31, 2021 and includes approximately US\$60.33 billion of assets with respect to SPDR products for which State Street Global Advisors Funds Distributors, LLC (SSGA FD) acts solely as the marketing agent. SSGA FD and State Street Global Advisors are affiliated.*