

# **Superannuation Trust Deed for a Self- Managed Fund**

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## **The Emerald Super Fund**

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Executed by  
[Insert company name]  
ACN [Insert ACN] in its capacity as trustee, in  
accordance with section 127(1) of the  
Corporations Act 2001 (Cwth):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of director/Sole director and sole  
company secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of director/secretary

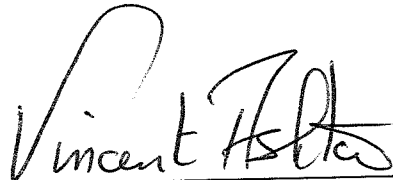
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Name of director/Sole director and sole  
company secretary (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of director/secretary (please print)

**[If the Fund's trustees are individuals, then each of them needs one of these signing clauses**

Signed sealed and delivered by  
[Insert trustee's name]  
in the capacity of trustee in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of trustee

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of witness (please print)

**First Notice: The types of death benefit arrangements and the order in which they take effect**

The Fund's Deed allows three types of death benefit payment arrangements. They, and the order in which they take effect, are as follows:

- the above form of **death benefit agreement** — which binds the trustee and which does not expire, see Part H of the Deed;
- **binding death benefit notices** — which bind the trustee but which expire after 3 years or earlier if replaced or revoked; and
- **non-binding nomination forms** — which do not bind the trustee but which do not expire until replaced or revoked.

**Death benefit agreements take priority over binding death benefit notices and non-binding nomination forms.**

**What you need to consider**

When you, as a member, are considering signing a binding death benefit notice or a non-binding nomination form it is important to consider that:

- a death benefit agreement *takes priority* over any binding death benefit notice or any non-binding nomination form;
- to the extent permitted by superannuation law, the trustee must pay or apply the relevant benefit in accordance with the death benefit agreement. Therefore if you sign a binding death benefit notice or a non-binding nomination form, then they will have no effect on any earlier or later death benefit agreement that you sign; and
- if any part of a death benefit agreement is invalid, then the trustee (as required by the Fund's Deed) will pay or apply the "invalid" part of the death benefit in accordance with any binding death benefit notice, or by reference to any non-binding nomination form, you have signed.

**Second Notice: Consider consistency with pension terms**

Consider how any death benefit nomination or death benefit agreement interacts with the arrangements for payment of a pension to a reversionary beneficiary. The terms of the pension, and the terms of the death benefit nomination or death benefit agreement should be consistent. If the member wants a reversionary pension to be paid to someone different than the person nominated in a death benefit nomination or death benefit agreement, then careful drafting is required and the parties should seek professional advice.



## Superannuation Trust Deed Definitions

**Annuity** means what it means under superannuation law.

**Approved benefit arrangement** means an arrangement into which or from which assets of the fund can be transferred without a breach of superannuation law. It includes a roll over fund, a complying superannuation fund, an approved deposit fund and an annuity arrangement.

**Approved deposit fund** means a fund which is a complying ADF under the Tax Act.

**Amount standing to the credit** in relation to an accumulation account, includes an amount the trustee decides to pay to that account from the equalisation account (if any).

**Assets** means the cash, investments and other property of the fund held by the trustee (or by a nominee or custodian for the trustee) on the trusts established by or under this deed, including:

- any amount standing to the credit of the fund on or after the date when this deed commences.
- contributions made by a member.
- contributions made by an employer.
- contributions allowed by this deed that are superannuation lawfully made by another person.
- interest, dividends, distributions, profits and other benefits of any kind arising from investments and accumulation of income.
- the proceeds of any annuity or insurance policy effected by the trustee.
- the value of any annuity or insurance policy effected by the trustee.
- money, investments and other property received by the trustee as a roll over payment.
- shortfall components and financial assistance received by the trustee.

**ATO release authority** means a written authority given by the Commissioner of Taxation to the trustee to release funds in accordance with section 292-410 of the Tax Act.

**Beneficiary** means a person immediately and absolutely entitled to a benefit under this deed in respect of a member. It does not include a member except where that member is immediately and absolutely entitled to a benefit under this deed in respect of another member.

**Benefit** means an amount payable out of the fund to or in respect of a member or beneficiary.

**Benefit entitlement** means an amount in the fund which may become payable to a member, dependant or beneficiary, but to which that person has not become absolutely entitled. It includes a contingent right to payment.

**Binding death benefit notice** means a notice given by a member or beneficiary to the trustee in accordance with regulation 6.17A of the SIS Regulations and with this deed.

**Business day** means Monday to Friday excluding public holidays in the state or territory identified in clause 199.

**Business hours** means between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on a business day.

**Cash** means what it means under superannuation law.

**Complying superannuation fund** means a complying superannuation fund under superannuation law.

**Contributions** means gross contributions made to the fund before tax in accordance with this deed.

**Corporation** means a constitutional corporation under superannuation law.

**Death Benefit Agreement** means all, or that part of, an agreement (in the form set out in Schedule 7 to this deed) describing the trustee's obligations concerning the payment of benefits on a member's death which:

- directs the trustee to pay the benefits to a person to whom those benefits may be paid in accordance with superannuation law;
- has been executed by the trustee and the member; and
- has not later been:
  - terminated by the member; or
  - replaced by a separate death benefit agreement with the agreement of the trustee and the member.

**Dependant**, in relation to a member, former member or beneficiary (the 'primary person'), means each of the following:

- the spouse or widow or widower of that primary person.
- any child of that primary person, including a person who, in the trustee's opinion, is or was actually maintained by the primary person as the child of the primary person.
- any person with whom the primary person has an interdependency relationship.
- any other person who, in the trustee's opinion, was substantially dependent on the primary person at the relevant time.

**Doctor** means a registered medical practitioner.

**Eligible roll over fund** means what it means in Part 24 of the SIS Act.

**Employee** means a person who is an eligible person under superannuation law. However, it also includes a person whom the employer-sponsor decides is to be treated as an employee, for a period and on terms decided by the employer-sponsor, for the purpose of an employer making contributions in order to avoid a liability for the superannuation guarantee charge under the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*.

**Employer** means what it means under superannuation law and includes the employer-sponsor and a participating employer.

**Employer-sponsor** is the employer named as such in Schedule 1, or the employer that is carrying on business in succession to or in amalgamation with that employer, and has elected to assume the obligations of that employer in accordance with this deed.

**Employment relationship** – an employment relationship exists between 2 persons if any of the following applies:

- one person is an employee of the other within the ordinary meaning of that term, or within the meaning of section 15A of the SIS Act, or is taken to be an employee under superannuation law.

- one person is an employee of the employer-sponsor of the fund, and that employer is any of the following:
  - a relative of that person;
  - a body corporate of which the other person, or a relative of the other person, is a director;
  - a body corporate related to that body corporate.
- one person is the trustee of a trust of which the other person, or a relative of the other person, is a beneficiary.
- one person is a member of a partnership in which the other person, or a relative of the other person, is either a partner or a director of a body corporate that is a partner.
- one person is a member of a partnership in which the other person, or a relative of the other person, is a beneficiary of a trust, the trustee of which is a partner.

However, an employment relationship does not exist between 2 persons if superannuation law has the contrary effect.

**Excess contributions** means contributions by or on behalf of a fund member which exceed the annual cap amounts for concessional contributions and non-concessional contributions as defined in sections 292-20 and 292-85 respectively of the Tax Act.

**Expenses of the fund** means the expenses for which the trustee is entitled to be reimbursed under this deed.

**Family Law Act** means the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth).

**Fund earning rate** means the positive or negative earning rate the trustee determines after taking account of any provision or reserve for future contingencies.

**Fund employer** means the employer-sponsor or a participating employer.

**Fund year** means the 12 month period ending on 30 June or a substitute date decided on by the trustee. At the beginning of the trust, and at the end of the trust, it means the lesser period ending on that date, or commencing on the following day.

**Gainful employment** means what it means under superannuation law. It includes gainful employment on a full-time basis and gainful employment on a part-time basis.

**Insurance policy** means an insurance policy effected on the life of the member or a beneficiary of the member or in respect of the member's or beneficiary's illness, accident or disablement.

**Interdependency relationship** has the same meaning as in the SIS Act.

**Levy** means a levy payable by the fund under superannuation law.

**Life expectancy** means the period which a person is expected to live in addition to their age, calculated in accordance with the life expectancy table published by the Australian Government Actuary.

**Member release authority** means a written authority given by a member to the trustee to release funds in accordance with section 292-410 of the Tax Act.

**Nominated dependant** means a person nominated (except in a death benefit notice) by a member as his or her 'nominated dependant'. The nomination must, in the trustee's opinion, be in accordance with superannuation law.

**Non-binding nomination form** means a notice given by a member or beneficiary to the trustee in the form set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2, but which does not meet the requirements of regulation 6.17A of the SIS Regulations.

**Non-member spouse** means a person who is:

- a spouse or former spouse of a member; or
- a Non-Member Spouse within the meaning of that term under Part VIII B of the Family Law Act.

**Non-preserved amount** means an amount (including a roll over payment) that is payable to or in respect of a member that is not subject to cashing restrictions under superannuation law at the time of payment.

**Normal retirement age** means 65, or a substitute age that is at least 55 (or, if the trustee is not a corporation, 60) that is accepted or required by superannuation law and is agreed by the trustee.

**Participating employer** means an employer the trustee admits as a participating employer under clause 48 including the participating employer specified in schedule 1.

**Payment flag** means an agreement or court order referred to in clause 134.

**Payment split** means a payment split under Part VIII B of the Family Law Act.

**Pension account** means a pension account established under clause 89.

**Pension age** means what it means under superannuation law.

**Pension dependant** means a dependant of a member to whom a pension may be paid on the member's death, as defined by r6.21(2A) of the SIS Regulations.

**Preservation age** means what it means under superannuation law.

**Preserved payment** means a payment made to the fund which is required to be preserved under superannuation law if the fund is to be a complying superannuation fund.

**Preserved payment benefit** means a benefit arising from a preserved payment.

**Regulator** means the particular Commonwealth body responsible for the administration of the relevant aspect of superannuation. It may be the Regulator of Taxation, the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission or some other body.

**Relative** for the purpose of the definition of 'employment relationship' and for the purpose of eligibility to be a trustee, means each of the following in respect of a person:

- a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, uncle, aunt, great aunt, great uncle, nephew, niece, first cousin or second cousin of the person;
- another person who has any such relationship to the person by reason of adoption or re-marriage;
- the spouse or former spouse of the person or of any of the persons listed in the previous bullet points.

For any other purpose, means each of the following in respect of a person:

- the parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, lineal descendant or adopted child of the person or of the spouse of the person;
- the spouse of the person or of any person listed in the previous bullet point.

**Retires** in relation to employment, means retirement for the purpose of the payment of benefits under superannuation law.

**Reversionary beneficiary** means an eligible dependant for the purpose of superannuation law, including a Pension Dependant, nominated by a pensioner at the commencement of the pension as his or her residuary beneficiary.

**Roll over payment** includes a transitional employment termination payment made or received by the trustee in accordance with superannuation law and an eligible benefit payment rolled out of or in to a complying superannuation fund.

**Securities** includes fully paid and partly paid shares, fully paid and partly paid stocks, debentures, notes, bonds, mortgages, options and other similar securities. Neither security nor registration is required.

**Self managed superannuation fund** means what it means under the SIS Act.

**Shortfall component** means what it means in section 64 of the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act* 1992 and regulations made under that Act.

**SIS Act** means the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act* 1993, as amended from time to time.

**SIS Regulations** means the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations* 1994, as amended from time to time.

**Spouse** means a person legally married to the member at any time; and a person who is not legally married to the member, but who, in the trustee's opinion, lives or lived with the member on a bona fide domestic basis as the partner of that member.

If there are 2 or more persons who are spouses within this definition, 'spouse' means that person or those persons whom the trustee decides to treat as the spouse or spouses.

**Superannuation law** means any law of the Commonwealth of Australia including the *Corporations Act* 2001 and the *Social Security Act* 1991, which deals with any aspect of superannuation or taxation in relation to superannuation, or any lawful requirement in relation to the fund by the Commissioner of Taxation, the Australian Taxation Office, APRA, ASIC or any other body that has responsibility in connection with the regulation of superannuation. It includes changes to any superannuation law after the date of this deed. It also includes any proposed law or lawful requirement that the trustee believes may have retrospective effect.

**Tax** includes any form of taxation, surcharge, levy, duty or other government charge that the trustee is required to pay out of the fund, or a member, former member or beneficiary is required to pay.

**Tax Act** means the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1936 or the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1997, as appropriate, and the regulations made under the relevant Act.

**Taxation** includes any tax, charge duty or levy of any type paid or payable by the trustee, or by a member, former member or beneficiary, in relation to any part of the fund.

**Temporary total disablement** means what it means in the relevant policy effected by the trustee.

If there is no such policy, it means total physical or mental disablement that is not total and permanent disablement that makes the relevant member incapable of continuing in the gainful employment that the member was in immediately before the incapacity.

**Total permanent disablement** means what it means in the relevant policy effected by the trustee.

If there is no such policy, it means such total physical or mental disablement that the trustee is reasonably satisfied that the relevant member is unlikely ever again to be able to engage in gainful employment for which the member is reasonably qualified by education, training or experience.

**Transition to retirement pension** means a transition to retirement income stream paid as a pension, as defined by r6.01(2) of the SIS Regulations.

**Transitional employment termination payment** means the same as it means in section 82-130 of the *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* (Cth).

**Trustee** means the trustee or the trustees as set out in Schedule 1.

**Unclaimed benefits** means benefits described as 'unclaimed money' under superannuation law.

**Unrestricted non-preserved benefit** means what it means under superannuation law.

**Withdrawal benefit** means the minimum benefit that must be paid to a member on withdrawal from the fund under superannuation law.

To the extent that a member's contributions have been applied towards an endowment or whole of life policy, the member's withdrawal benefit is the surrender value of that policy.

**Execution**

Executed as a deed.

Dated: 25/5/2012

Signed sealed and delivered by Douglas Vincent Ashton, in the capacity of trustee, in the presence of:

Jason Carlyon  
Signature of witness

Vincent Ashton  
Signature of individual

JASON LESLIE CARLYON  
Name of witness (please print)

Signed sealed and delivered by Helena Maria Ashton, in the capacity of trustee, in the presence of:

Jason Carlyon  
Signature of witness

Helena Maria Ashton  
Signature of individual

JASON LESLIE CARLYON  
Name of witness (please print)