

# **Investment Strategy**

## **CARO Superannuation Fund**

### **Background:**

The Investment Strategy outlined below represents an expansion and clarification of the Investment Strategy agreed at on the formation of CARO Superannuation Fund.

In recognition of the sole purpose test as required under SIS legislation, this Investment Strategy has been created in compliance with the Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (SIS Act) and relevant Regulations, and supersedes any prior existing Investment Strategy.

### **Objectives:**

The objective of the Fund is to:

- Invest the assets of the Fund in such a way as to protect and enhance the superannuation benefits of its members to meet their retirement needs. In the event of a member's death before retirement, this would be to provide benefits to the dependants of the members.
- Ensure that appropriate and sufficient assets are held by the Fund in order to support these needs.
- Ensure the Fund has sufficient liquidity at all times to meet all commitments as and when they fall due.

The investment objective of the Trustees is to aim to achieve short-term growth with returns that are 1% above inflation over 3 years. In recognition of the investment time frame of members, the Fund will have a medium proportion of growth assets in the portfolio.

The Trustees recognise that the rate of return on investments can vary due to levels of risk and volatile markets and that the Trustees have no liability should the rate of return not be achieved.

### **Investment Choice:**

The Trustees have determined the Fund's Investments may include, but not be limited to all or one of the following:

- Australian Shares
- International Shares
- Property
- Australian Fixed Interest
- International Fixed Interest
- Cash
- Other (as allowed for under the SIS Act)

In formulating this Strategy, the trustees have taken into consideration relevant features of the various investments in accordance with both the Fund's objectives and appropriate SIS legislation, including:

- the risks and likely return associated with each Investment;
- the range and diversity of Investments held by the Fund;
- any risks coming from limited diversification;
- the liquidity of the Fund's investments;
- the ages and preferences of its members;
- any taxation implications of the investments (including income tax, capital gains tax, transfer duty and GST);
- expected cash flow requirements; and
- the ability of the Fund to meet its existing and prospective liabilities such as paying benefits to its members.

The Trustees have sufficient expertise, however may from time to time decide to seek external professional assistance in formulating and implementing this, or any future Fund Investment Strategy.

## Policies:

The policies adopted by the Trustees in order to achieve these objectives are:

- Regular monitoring of the performance of the Fund's investments, the overall investment mix and the expected cash flow requirements of the Fund.
- Re-balancing the Fund's investment portfolio due to changes in market conditions through asset sales and new investments as appropriate.
- Upgrade the Investment Strategy should risk tolerance or diversification strategies change.

A copy of the Investment Strategy of the Fund will be available to members of the Fund on request.

## Risk profile and risk tolerance:

The Trustees will strive to identify, measure and manage risks associated with the Funds particular investments. Taking into account the preferred investment preference of each of the individual members of the Fund (as indicated below), the Trustees have determined the acceptable level of Risk Tolerance of the Fund as being as Low-Medium Risk.

<b>Member 1 – Ronald Wildschut</b>	<b>Member 2 – Catherine Wildschut</b>
<b>Age:</b> 76	<b>Age:</b> 72
<b>Employment Status:</b> Retired	<b>Employment Status:</b> Retired
<b>Account Type:</b> Account Based Pension	<b>Account Type:</b> Account Based Pension
<b>Retirement Objectives:</b> Member is in full retirement phase now and is wanting to ensure they have sufficient funds to support their current lifestyle and family members as needed.	<b>Retirement Objectives:</b> Member is in full retirement phase now and is wanting to ensure they have sufficient funds to support their current lifestyle and family members as needed.
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## Geared Investments:

Where a limited recourse borrowing arrangement or self-Funding instalment warrant is held, the Trustees recognise the additional risk of geared investments. The Trustees understand and are prepared to accept the increased volatility of returns associated with geared investments.

## Insurance:

The Trustees note that insurance may be issued in the Fund, another Superannuation Fund or in the members own personal capacity.

The Trustees have considered insurance for the benefit of the members and are satisfied that the members currently have appropriate levels of insurance held in a personal capacity. The Trustees have determined at present no additional insurance contracts will be required to be maintained by the Fund, however this Insurance Strategy will be regularly reviewed and updated should members circumstances change.

## Liquidity:

The Trustees recognise that the Fund needs to have sufficient liquidity to pay ongoing expenses, taxation liabilities and members benefits as required. The Trustees will retain sufficient liquidity in order to meet any foreseen expenses in a timely manner.

## Diversification of Asset Allocation:

The Trustees recognise that diversification in the number of investments held by the Fund is an effective method of spreading risk of failure in individual investments. In order to achieve the Funds objectives and remain considerate of the Funds Risk Profile and expected Rate of Return, the Trustees have determined the following asset spread to be appropriate for the Fund:

Asset Class	Target Range		Benchmark
	To	From	
Australian Shares	50%	95%	90%
International Shares	0%	5%	1%
Cash	0%	80%	20%
Australian Fixed Interest	0%	80%	10%
International Fixed Interest	0%	0%	0%
Mortgages	0%	0%	0%
Direct Property	0%	0%	0%
Listed Property	0%	0%	0%
Other – Managed Investment Portfolio	0%	50%	20%

Diversification across currencies, economies, and asset classes is achieved through a mix of international and Australian investments, such as shares, managed investments and cash. The Trustee recognises that diversification can result in a significant reduction to return volatility while maintain the level of anticipated return.


When making investment decisions, the Trustees will review and consider these investment ranges and the associated risks and rates of return of each investment.

Signed by Trustees

This Investment Strategy has been adopted by the Trustees of the Fund, and will be reviewed annually as part of the Financial Statements and Annual Return, or when the Trustees consider it appropriate.

Signed & dated

 20/04/2023  
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Ronald Wildschut

 20/04/2023  
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Catherine Wildschut

CARO Superannuation Fund

Dear Trustees

CARO Superannuation Fund  
**Audit Engagement Letter**

**Objectives and Scope of the Audit**

You have requested that we audit the financial statements of the SMSF for the year ended 30 June 2023. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and understanding of this engagement by means of this letter.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (SISA)* and the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations (SISR)* with the objective of expressing an opinion on the financial report and the fund's compliance with the specified requirements of the SISA and the SISR.

**Our Responsibilities**

We will conduct our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing audit procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework, accounting policies used and the implementation and operation of accounting and internal control systems that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatement may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In making our risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. We will, however, communicate to you in writing any significant deficiencies in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial report that we have identified during the audit.

**Trustees' Responsibilities**

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that the trustee(s) acknowledge and understand that they have responsibilities:

- For the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, other mandatory reporting requirements and the SIS Act and SIS Regulations is that of the trustee(s);
- For such internal control as the trustee(s) determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- To provide us with:
  - Access to all information of which the trustees are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial report such as records, documentation and other matters;

- Additional information that we may request from the trustees for the purpose of the audit; and
- Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

As part of our audit process, we will request from trustees written confirmation concerning representations made to us in connection with the audit.

Australian Auditing Standards require that we determine whether the financial reporting framework applied in the preparation of this special purpose of financial report is acceptable. If we determine the financial reporting framework to be unacceptable, we will not be able to undertake the audit engagement unless the framework is amended and then determined to be acceptable.

If a qualified audit report is to be issued following the completion of our audit, we will advise the details to you in a timely manner and prior to the issue of our report.

### **Audit of SIS Compliance**

For the year ended 30 June 2023, we are required to form an opinion in respect of compliance with certain aspects of SIS. Our report must refer to the following sections and regulations:

Sections: 17A, 35AE, 35B, 35C(2), 52, 62, 65, 66, 67, 67A, 67B, 82-85, 103, 104, 104A, 105, 109, 126K

Regulations: 1.06(9A), 4.09, 4.09A, 5.03, 5.08, 6.17, 7.04, 8.02B, 13.12, 13.13, 13.14, 13.18AA, 13.22C

### **Report on Significant Matters**

Under section 129 of the SISA we are required to report to you in writing. If during the course of, or in connection with, our audit, we become aware of any contravention of the Act or Regulations which we believe has occurred, is occurring or may occur.

We are also required to report to the ATO, as regulator, any contravention of the SISA and the SISR, where we believe the contravention may affect the interests of the members of beneficiaries of the fund.

In addition, we are also required under section 130 to report to you if we believe the superannuation fund may be, or may be about to become, in an unsatisfactory financial position. If we are not satisfied with your response as trustee(s) as to the action taken to rectify the situation or we receive no response, we are obliged to report the matter to the ATO.

A failure on the part of the trustee to rectify these breaches to the satisfaction of the ATO may result in significant penalties to the trustee and the fund itself.

In addition to our report on the financial statements, we will also report to you any material weaknesses in the fund's system of accounting and internal control which come to our notice during the course of our audit.

### **Quality Control**

The conduct of our audit in accordance Australian Auditing Standards means that information acquired by us in the course of our audit is subject to strict confidentiality requirements. Information will not be disclosed by us to other parties except as required or allowed for by law or professional standards, or with your expressed consent.

Our audit files may, however, be subject to review as part of the quality control review program of Regulators and or Professional Bodies which monitors compliance with professional standards by its members.

We advise you that by signing this letter you acknowledge that, if requested, our audit files relating to this audit will be made available under this program. Should this occur, we will advise you. The same strict confidentiality requirements apply under this program as apply to us as your auditor.

**Independence/Conflict of Interest**

We have established policies and procedures designed to ensure our independence, including policies on holding financial interests in the superannuation fund and other related parties, rotation of audit partners, business relationships, employment relationships, and the provision of non-audit services in accordance with professional statement APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

**Outsourced Services**

We do not use any outsourced services in overseas locations when conducting client assignments.

**Data Storage**

We use data storage located in the office but it may be replicated to other locations.

Accepting our services as part of this engagement agreement indicates your acceptance of the use of outsourced services, cloud hosted software and outsourced data storage under the conditions outlined above.

**Limitation of Liability**

Our firm’s liability to you or any other user of the audit report is limited by a Scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.

**Other**

We would appreciate acknowledgement of terms and conditions set out in this letter. Please note that this letter will be effective for future years unless the terms of the engagement are altered by future correspondence.

Please sign and return the attached copy of this letter to indicate that it is in accordance with your understanding of the arrangements for our audit of the financial report.


If you have any queries in relation to this please contact me.

To: MR ANTHONY BOYS

We hereby confirm your appointment as Auditor under the above terms of engagement.

For and on behalf of the trustees of the CARO Superannuation Fund

**Signed &  
Dated**

 5/12/2023

Yours sincerely

ANTHONY BOYS – REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR

**DATED:**

Signed document to be returned to P.O. Box 3376 Rundle Mall 5000



ANTHONY BOYS  
PO BOX 3376,  
RUNDLE MALL 5000

Dear Anthony,

CARO Superannuation Fund  
**Superannuation Fund Management/Trustee Representation Letter**

In connection with your audit examination of the financial report of CARO Superannuation Fund for the year ended 30 June 2023, hereby confirm, at your request that to best of our knowledge and belief, the following representation relating to the accounts are correct.

**Financial Report**

We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter, for the preparation of the financial report.

The management/trustee have determined that the fund is not a reporting entity for the year ended 30 June 2023 and that the requirement to apply Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory reporting requirements do not apply to the fund. Accordingly, the financial report prepared is a special purpose financial report, which is for distribution to members of the fund and to satisfy the requirement of the SISA and the SISR, and to confirm that the financial report is free of material misstatements, including omissions.

**Sole Purpose**

The fund has been maintained for the sole purpose of providing superannuation benefits to its members and their dependents.

**Superannuation Fund Books/Records/Minutes**

- (a) We have made available to you all financial records and related data, other information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit.
- (b) We have made available to you Minutes of all trustee(s)' meetings and the Trust Deed.
- (c) We have established and maintained an adequate internal control structure to facilitate the preparation of reliable financial statements, and adequate financial records have been maintained. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements.
- (d) We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying values, or classification, of assets and liabilities.
- (e) Records maintained during the period were in accordance with the Australian Taxation Office requirements.

**Asset Form**

The assets of the superannuation fund are being held in a form suitable for the benefit of the members of the fund, and have been held in accordance with the fund's investment strategy.

### **Ownership and Pledging of Assets**

The superannuation fund has satisfactory title to all assets disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position. Investments are registered in the name of the trustee(s).

No assets of the superannuation fund have been pledged to secure liabilities of the superannuation fund or of others.

### **Investments**

- (a) We have considered the requirement of generally accepted accounting standards in regards to impairment of assets when assessing the impairment of assets and in ensuring that no assets are stated in excess of their recoverable amount.
- (b) There are no commitments, fixed or contingent, for the purchase or sale of long-term investments that have not been disclosed in the financial statements.
- (c) The investment strategy has been determined with due regard to risk, return, liquidity, diversity and the insurance needs of fund members, and the assets of the fund are in line with this strategy.
- (d) All investments are acquired, maintained and disposed of on an arm's length basis.

### **Trust Deed**

The superannuation fund is being conducted in accordance with its Trust Deed.

### **Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act and Regulations**

- (a) The fund meets the definition of a self-managed superannuation fund under the SISA.
- (b) The fund has been conducted in accordance with the SISA, the SISR and its governing rules at all times during the year. Also there were no amendments to the governing rules during the year, except as notified to you.
- (c) The fund is being conducted in accordance with the SISA and the SISR, in particular the relevant requirements of the following provisions:  
  
Sections: 17A, 35AE, 35B, 35C(2), 62, 65, 66, 67,67A, 67B, 82-85, 103, 104, 104A, 105, 109, 126K  
  
Regulations: 1.06(9A), 4.09, 4.09A, 5.03, 5.08, 6.17, 7.04, 8.02B, 13.12, 13.13, 13.14, 13.18AA
- (d) The trustee(s) have been nominated and may only be removed in such manner and circumstances as are allowed in the Trust Deed.
- (e) The trustees are not disqualified persons under s126K of the SISA.
- (f) Any vacancy among the trustee(s) is filled in accordance with the Trust Deed.
- (g) The trustee(s) have complied with all trustee standards set out in SISR and the covenant prescribed by section 52 of the SISA.
- (h) The trustee(s) have complied with all investment standards set out in the SISA and the SISR.
- (i) Information retention obligations have been complied with.

- (j) All contributions accepted and benefits paid have been in accordance with the governing rules of the fund and relevant provisions of the SISA and the SISR.

There are no breaches or possible breaches of the SIS legislation whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial report or to the Australian Taxation Office.

#### **Commitments**

- (a) There are no material commitments for construction or acquisition of property, plant and equipment to acquire other non-current assets, such as investments or intangibles, other than those disclosed in the financial report.
- (b) There were no commitments for purchase or sale of securities or assets or any options given by the fund including options over share capital.

#### **Taxation**

- (a) We have calculated income tax expense, current tax liability, deferred tax liability and deferred tax asset according to the definitions of taxable income and allowable deductions. We have calculated and recognised all other applicable taxes according to the relevant tax legislation.
- (b) There are no activities that invoke the anti-avoidance provisions of any applicable tax legislation.

#### **Borrowings**

The trustees have not borrowed money on behalf of the superannuation fund with the exception of borrowings which were allowable under the SIS Act and the SIS Regulations.

#### **Related Parties**

- (a) The fund has not made any loans to, or provided financial assistance to members of the fund or their relatives.
- (b) No asset has been acquired from a member or related party other than as permitted under the SISA and the SISR.
- (c) Related party transactions and related amounts receivable or payable have been properly disclosed in the financial statements.
- (d) All related party transactions have been conducted on commercial terms as if the transaction was undertaken on an arms length basis in accordance with section 109 of the SIS Act, **AND** those related party transactions do not contravene *practical Compliance Guidelines* issued by the Regulator regarding non arms length Income and non arms length expenditure.

#### **Accounting Misstatement Detected by Audit**

There has been no misstatement noted by audit during the course of the current year audit.

#### **Insurance**

The superannuation fund has an established procedure whereby an officer reviews at least annually the adequacy of insurance cover on all assets and insurable risks where relevant. This review has been

performed and where it is considered appropriate, assets and insurable risks of the superannuation fund are adequately covered by insurance.

#### **Accounting Estimates**

We confirm the significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates are reasonable.

#### **Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures**

We confirm that significant assumptions used in fair value measurements and disclosures are reasonable and appropriately reflect our intent and ability to carry out specific courses of action on behalf of the fund.

#### **Going Concern**

In the opinion of the trustees there are reasonable grounds to believe that the superannuation fund will be able to:

- Pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- Continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

We, therefore, confirm that the going concern basis is appropriate for the financial report.

#### **Events after Balance Sheet Date**

We are not aware of any events that have occurred between the financial reporting date to the date of this letter that we need to disclose or recognise in the financial report.

#### **Comparative Information**

We confirm that there have been no restatements made to correct a material misstatement in the prior period financial report that affects the comparative information.

#### **Fraud and Error**

- (a) There has been no:
  - (i) Fraud, error, or non-compliance with laws and regulations involving management or employees who have a significant role in the internal control structure.
  - (ii) Fraud, error, or non-compliance with laws and regulations that could have a material effect on the financial report.
  - (iii) Communication from regulatory agencies concerning non-compliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial report.
- (b) The superannuation fund has disclosed to the auditor all significant facts relating to any frauds or suspected frauds known to management that may have affected the superannuation fund.
- (c) The superannuation fund has disclosed to the auditor the results of its assessment of the risk that the financial report may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- (d) The superannuation fund has disclosed to the auditor the results of its assessment of the risk that the financial report may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

## Legal Matters

We confirm that all matters that may result in legal action against the fund or the trustees in respect of the fund, have been discussed with a solicitor and brought to the attention of the auditor so that a solicitor's representation letter may be obtained.

## General

- (a) Neither the superannuation fund nor any Trustees have any plans or intentions that may materially affect the book value or classification of assets and liabilities at balance sheet date.
- (b) The superannuation fund accepts responsibility for the implementation and operations of accounting and internal control systems that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error. We have established and maintained adequate internal control to facilitate the preparation of a reliable financial report, and adequate financial records have been maintained. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial report.
- (c) There are no violations or possible violations of laws or regulations whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial report or as a basis for recording an expense.
- (d) The superannuation fund has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial report in the event of non-compliance.

We understand that your examination was made in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards and was, therefore, designed primarily for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial report of the fund taken as a whole, and that your tests of the financial records and other auditing procedures were limited to those which you considered necessary for that purpose.

## Additional Matters

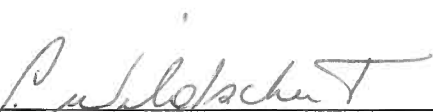

There are no additional matters.

## Signed by the Trustees of CARO Superannuation Fund

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**Ronald Wildschut**

**Trustee**

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**Catherine Wildschut**

**Trustee**