

Media Release

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Christian Super helps establish Australia's first social enterprise investment fund

Christian Super today announced its investment in Australia's first community fund investment – the Community Finance Fund. Teaming up with the Brisbane based Foresters Community Finance and the Australian Government, this social impact investment allows Christian Super to continue its tradition as a pioneer in the Australian responsible investment community.

“We continue to look for investments that provide a good return whilst at the same time deliver good social benefits” said Peter Murphy, CEO of Christian Super. “With traditional investment markets so susceptible to market volatility it is important to diversify into assets that are not exposed to those same market risks.”

The community finance sector seeks to provide an alternate form of capital to service organisations, which can use their general recurrent funding to grow their asset based on their normal trading operations. “Instead of community service organisations paying rent to a landlord, community finance funding can facilitate community services organisations to build equity in their own premises” said Murphy.

From an investment perspective, Tim Macready, Christian Super's Chief Investment Officer commented “We believe that Foresters' Community Finance Fund complements our investment strategy. It brings exposure to an emerging sector which has traditionally had less accessibility to finance but which has the potential to provide diversification to the more traditional assets that we have in the portfolio and meet our risk-adjusted investment performance objectives.”

Speaking on the arrangement with Foresters and the Australian government Macready commented that “This investment, like all investments, involves risk, but the partnership with the Australian Government and Foresters adds security to a new asset class and protects our members' interests by making sure that those risks are both minimised and rewarded.”

For more information, visit the Christian Super web site.

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