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Christian Super statement regarding potential fund merger

Sydney – Christian Super today announced to members that it would be working with various stakeholders, including the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, as it continues to explore options for a possible merger next year.

CEO Ross Piper said the Fund is seeking a collaboration partner who can deliver holistic improved financial outcomes for members and shares its vision and approach to values-based responsible investing, retaining what has contributed to the fund's leadership in ethical and impact investing, coupled with continued strong growth and innovation.

'Upholding your values in super will be a key goal as we evaluate which potential partner will provide the best financial outcome for you,' Mr Piper said to members.

Christian Super has been recognised globally and locally as a pioneer and leader in impact investing, with around \$150 million invested in programs and companies that have a measurable social or environmental impact as well as a market rate risk adjusted financial return.

In addition, its \$2 billion investment portfolio excludes companies identified as failing minimum ethical standards. [Read more about how Christian Super invests here.](#)

'Our members choose us because they want their super invested in line with their Christian values. This means investments that do right by humankind and the environment,' Mr Piper said.

'We've been exploring collaboration opportunities with peer funds for some time, because a bigger fund, with more members and pooled savings, could potentially deliver important scale benefits to our members and their retirement.

'As we continue this process, our members' values will remain a key consideration for us, recognising that fees and returns are important but are not the only reason Australians choose their superannuation fund.

'It is my sincere hope that the super system of tomorrow retains the variety of choice we have today for Australians who want to invest in line with their values. This is what we'll be working towards on behalf of our members.'

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About Christian Super:

Christian Super is a growing, profit-to-members superannuation fund with over 30,000 members and \$2 billion in funds under management, which are ethically invested in line with Christian beliefs. The Fund is a global leader and pioneer in the impact investing community, which is outworked locally through their deep engagement with the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA), and globally through their membership of the Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN) Investors' Council. The Fund is also a founding signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment which were launched in 2006. In 2019, Christian Super became the first Australian superannuation fund to become a Signatory to the International Finance Corporation's Operating Principles for Impact Management. More information is available at www.christiansuper.com.au