



Responsible Investment at UniSuper

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Agenda

- …→ Who is UniSuper?
- …→ Our members
- …→ UniSuper's approach to Responsible Investment
- …→ Thematic sustainable investment options
- …→ UniSuper and World Bank Green Bonds

Who is UniSuper

- ❖ One of the largest superannuation funds in Australia
 - » ~450,000 members
 - » \$45 billion of net funds under management
 - » Projected to grow to around \$80 billion in 10 years
- ❖ The dedicated superannuation and retirement fund for the university and research sector
- ❖ Growing in-house investment capabilities
 - » Today public market assets internally managed: \$17 billion and growing
- ❖ Open Defined Benefit Scheme (which is fully funded)
 - » Accounts for ~40% of funds under management

Who are our members

- ❖ University staff including many academics
 - » Highly educated
 - » Interested in the world around them
 - » Very engaged regarding ESG issues
- ❖ We receive many enquiries from our members regarding a range of ESG issues:
 - » Climate change
 - » Holdings in various mining companies
 - » Human rights
 - » Animal rights
 - » Investments in different countries
 - » How we voted at different company meetings

The rise of civil society activism



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the GATE**
TO COAL & GAS COMPANIES

**THE VITAL
FEW**
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UniSuper's approach to responsible investment

Fiduciary Duty

Active ownership

- Proxy voting
- Company engagement
- Member engagement

Investment specific activities

- Company reviews
- Fund manager reviews
- Thematic options

Collaboration

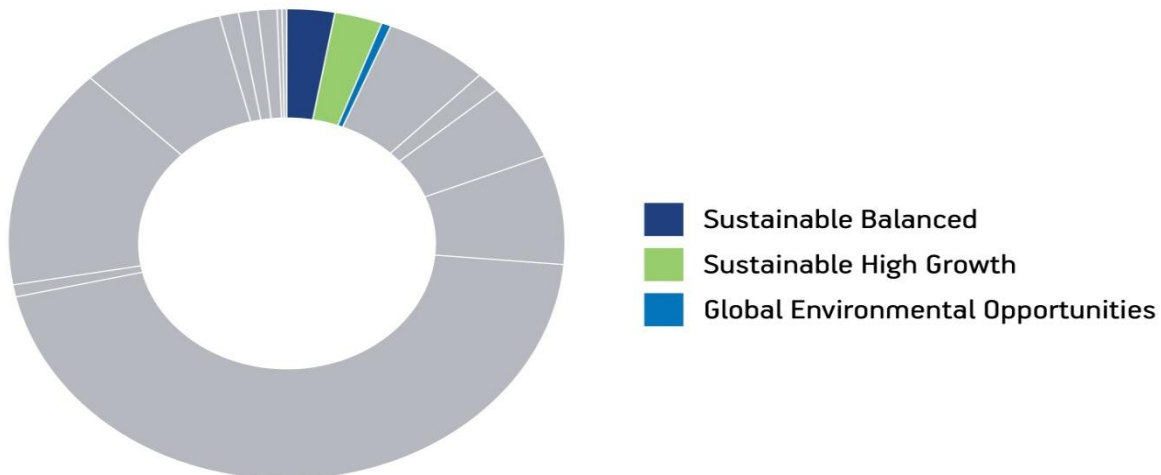
- Working with other investors (e.g. peers)
- All 'stakeholders'
- Government & regulators

Thematic sustainable investment options for our members include

Two sustainable investment options

- ...> Excludes fossil fuels, gambling, tobacco, alcohol, armaments
- ...> Includes the first-ever “green bonds” in Australia

Global Environmental Opportunities investment option



UniSuper and World Bank Green Bonds

Why World Bank Green Bonds?

- ❖ First deal of its type in Australia, wanted to pick one of the stronger issuers in the market. Ensuring:
 - » The deal got critical mass
 - » Better secondary liquidity
- ❖ AAA rating
- ❖ Investment in a pool of projects rather than one specific project
- ❖ Reputation of the World Bank and the rigour it applies to its lending practices (and the associated due diligence process)
- ❖ Ease of transacting with the World Bank
- ❖ Relatively attractive pricing and liquidity compared to other potential sources of green bonds

Questions?