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ACSI members and influence grows with addition of Equip

The Australian Council of Superannuation Investors (ACSI) is pleased to announce that Equisuper has joined as a member.

ACSI CEO Louise Davidson said, "Collective action has proven to be extremely effective at holding companies to account and ensuring the principles ACSI members value are supported in markets and regulatory settings.

"As we grow, so too does our ability to achieve improvements in environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices."

Equip is a profit to member superannuation fund managing more than \$15 billion on behalf of 75,000 members. Equip CEO Nicholas Vamvakas said, "Equip's strong and consistent investment performance over 87 years has been built on a sustainable, risk-managed and outcomes-focused approach to investing.

"Our ACSI membership will provide us with access to broader information and perspectives on investment sustainability that will complement the skills and experience of our internal team and external managers.

"We are impressed that ACSI has also shown consistent leadership in active engagement with companies to advocate for sustainable governance and management practices that will benefit fund members," he said.

The addition of Equip brings the number of ACSI members to 39. A full list of our members is available [here](#).

Davidson said, "Our members are committed to the delivery of sustainable long-term investment returns to their beneficiaries. We create value by influencing companies and financial markets in the interests of our members as long-term investors."

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About ACSI

Established in 2001, ACSI exists to provide a strong, collective voice on environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues on behalf of our members. Our members include 38 Australian and international asset owners and institutional investors. Collectively, they manage over \$2.2 trillion in assets and own on average 10 per cent of every ASX200 company. Our members believe that ESG risks and opportunities have a material impact on investment outcomes. As fiduciary investors, they have a responsibility to act to enhance the long-term value of the savings entrusted to them. Through ACSI, our members collaborate to achieve genuine, measurable and permanent improvements in the ESG practices and performance of the companies they invest in. ACSI staff undertake a year-round program of research, engagement, advocacy and voting advice. These activities provide a solid basis for our members to exercise their ownership rights.

About Equip

Equip manages assets of \$15 billion for more than 75,000 members and their employers. The fund is multi-sector, servicing employers and members from the energy, resources, water, infrastructure, manufacturing, health, legal and services sectors. Equip was founded in 1931 as the staff fund of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria staff fund, but broadened its coverage beyond the energy sector from the late 1990s.