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Energy Super welcomes Royal Commission Final Report

A message to members from Energy Super CEO Robyn Petrou

I wish to advise you that the Final Report of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry has now been published.

The recommendations from the Royal Commission can be found [here](#).

As you are aware, Energy Super was a part of the Royal Commission, as a leading Fund in Australia.

Throughout the process, many super funds including Energy Super were asked to provide a great level of detail about their funds going back 10 years, including financial statements, Board papers, governance policies and expense items, which were scrutinised during the process.

We welcome the publication of the Final Report as we understand the need to continue to evolve as a business.

We are presently reviewing the Report and its recommendations in detail, and we are broadly supportive of the recommendations. We believe these will be instructive as part of the Fund's focus on continuous improvement to meet ever-changing community expectations.

The Royal Commission also asked us why we were unable to reach agreement on a potential merger with Equip Super and this matter was mentioned in the Final Report.

The Commissioner's commentary in the Final Report about Energy Super's conduct in relation to the proposed merger has been characterised by one media outlet as a breach of the law. We want to assure you this is false. Commissioner Hayne did not indicate in any way that Energy Super's conduct amounted to misconduct, a breach of law or breach of any broader regulatory requirements.

Energy Super believed that our Members would expect us to ensure their interests in any merged fund would be represented by both employer and union representation on the merged Board.

The principles of the merger were set and agreed by both parties from the outset. To ensure discussions would be fruitful, it was agreed that it would be managed as a merger of equals. This would involve each party's views, their history and their constituencies' interests being considered as equally important and forming the basis of all decisions.

In agreeing to the above, Energy Super's request that there be some ongoing union representation, albeit a minority of Directors, on the merged Board was aligned with this and ensured all members interests were appropriately considered. Ultimately Equip Super withdrew from the merger discussions before we could resolve this element of the merger.

Members can be assured that we will only pursue future mergers if they are in the best interests of our Members, and the strategies, culture and commitment to Member services that have delivered strong and consistent returns can be guaranteed in any merged fund.

We are open to answering any questions Members have in relation to these matters. Please [email](#) us or call us on **1300 436 374** if you wish to discuss.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Energy Super. We will continue to provide updates on our response to the Royal Commission's Recommendations as we work through the details of the Final Report.