

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Industry funds getting desperate**

The latest protectionist, self-interested policy from Industry Super Australia (ISA) is a further desperate effort to protect their monopoly over the default superannuation market.

“Industry funds are calling for new measures to restrict competition and cement their monopoly position in industrial awards. This would exclude the country’s best performing default funds from being available to millions of employees.”

“Retail funds have outperformed industry funds since the GFC and the latest MySuper data from APRA supports this trend,” John Brogden, CEO of the Financial Services Council said today in his address to the National Press Club.

“The Fair Work process is not in the best interest of working Australians.”

“It is anticompetitive, it is not merit based and it must be abolished,” Mr Brogden said.

“We cannot continue to have a selection process for default superannuation that allows only unions and employer organisations to determine which funds are selected for awards.”

“When you strip away the rhetoric, the industry funds are simply protecting their conflicted and closed shop model.”

“Without independent directors, unions and employers will continue to dominate industry fund boards and the Fair Work Commission process.”

Mr Brogden added: “The Fair Work Commission process is a closed shop.”

“Trustee boards must have independent directors to end the conflicted relationship between industry funds and the Fair Work Commission.”

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