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MEDIA RELEASE: FSC welcomes Government closure of Superannuation Guarantee loophole

The Financial Services Council (FSC) today welcomes the Government's crackdown on unscrupulous employers that use a legislative loophole to avoid paying the full Super Guarantee (SG) entitlement to employees.

The move will protect consumers who are short-changed by their employers when they make salary sacrifice contributions to their superannuation fund.

FSC CEO Sally Loane said: "It is vital that consumers are protected from wrongdoers that seek to take advantage of the superannuation system for their own ends."

Missed superannuation entitlements can have an enormous impact on the level of income consumers receive in retirement as even small amounts missed can amount to several thousands of dollars due to the effect of compounding returns.

"The long-term sustainability of our world class superannuation system depends on the confidence of the Australian public. The FSC welcomes the Government's commitment to addressing the problem of lost super," Ms. Loane said.

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About the Financial Services Council

The Financial Services Council (FSC) has over 100 members representing Australia's retail and wholesale funds management businesses, superannuation funds, life insurers, financial advisory networks and licensed trustee companies. The industry is responsible for investing more than \$2.7 trillion on behalf of 13 million Australians. The pool of funds under management is larger than Australia's GDP and the capitalisation of the Australian Securities Exchange and is the fourth largest pool of managed funds in the world. The FSC promotes best practice for the financial services industry by setting mandatory Standards for its members and providing Guidance Notes to assist in operational efficiency.