



Member Outcomes  
Assessment 2022

How we are promoting members  
best financial interests

*PortfolioCare* Elements  
Super and Pension

Financial Year ending 30 June 2022

**About this document and assessment** - Issued by N.M. Superannuation Proprietary Limited (NM Super) ABN 31 008 428 322 AFSL 234654 RSE L0002523 as Trustee for the Wealth Personal Superannuation and Pension Fund (Wealth Fund) ABN 92 381 911 598. *PortfolioCare* is a registered trademark of Hillross Financial Services Ltd ABN 77 003 323 055 AFSL 232705. Incorporating *PortfolioCare* Elements Super, *PortfolioCare* Elements Pension and *PortfolioCare* Elements Term Allocated Pension. Note: *PortfolioCare* Elements closed to new super and pension members in 2016 and new term allocated pension members in 2007. This Product Determination is for current members of *PortfolioCare* Elements only.

## Acknowledgment of country

N.M. Superannuation Proprietary Limited acknowledges all First Nations Peoples across Australia.

We recognise the Traditional Custodians of the land and value the connection to Country, waterways and sky.

We pay our respects to the Elders for their resilience, courage and wisdom; for ensuring the survival of this country's rich culture and heritage.

Our hope for the future is to unite as one people, to listen and learn from each other with respect and walk the path to reconciliation together.



## Introduction

N.M. Superannuation Proprietary Limited (NM Super) is the Trustee for AMP's superannuation and retirement savings with over \$106bn in funds under management and over 1 million member accounts across two super funds, making us the 5th largest superannuation provider in Australia<sup>1</sup>.

*PortfolioCare Elements Super and Pension (PortfolioCare Elements)* is a small product with approximately \$80m in assets and 750 member accounts and is part of the Wealth Personal Superannuation and Pension Fund (Wealth Fund), one of Australia's largest super funds with over \$50 billion in member funds and over 300,000 member accounts.

*PortfolioCare Elements* provides members (via their financial advisers) access to a reasonably diverse menu of investments. By making active investment choices, members can save and grow their super and, at the right time, convert their super savings into regular pension payments. *PortfolioCare Elements Super* does not offer an authorised MySuper product.

### **Making our assessment and determination**

Using a range of factors, each year we are required to assess whether we are promoting the best financial interests of members and publish the assessments including comparisons.

Our assessment compares how *PortfolioCare Elements* has performed during the financial year ending 30 June 2022 across the following areas:

<sup>1</sup> APRA Annual Fund Statistics as at 30 June 2022.



### Investment performance

including investment strategy, investment risk & net returns\*



### Fees & Costs

including the basis for setting fees & appropriateness for members



### Scale of the Fund

including operating expenses & benefits to members



### Member experience

including the options, benefits & facilities offered to members



### Insurance offering

for members including the insurance strategy & level of premiums

## Progress made against our strategy

### Member services

Throughout the year our administration service providers have focussed on improving member and adviser processes, technology and systems to ensure efficiency, security and stability. There's also been additional focus on uplifting identification processes to ensure our member accounts are safeguarded against fraud.

### Investment governance

Investment monitoring and governance has been strengthened to ensure outcomes are fit for purpose. This includes the termination of underperforming funds where necessary and streamlining the investment menu where there is low member investment in options. We continue to monitor investment options and our investment teams meet with Fund Managers to assess performance where trigger events have occurred.

### Retirement income strategy and solution

We introduced a new retirement strategy as part of the government's Retirement Income Covenant. You can read more about the strategy [here](#).

### Governance & ESG

We're continuing to invest in our systems, processes, people and structures to ensure your retirement savings are well managed.

We've also developed a new sustainability framework and strategy in early 2022, with a focus area on climate change and member financial wellness. Implementation will commence from FY2022/23. For more information see the [Wealth Fund Annual Report 2022](#).

\* It is important to remember that past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## Our focus for FY22/23 and beyond

- Ensuring our investment options are competitive and meet the needs of our member segments.
- Continue to review our product sets for competitiveness.
- Implementing our strategy to ensure appropriate products and services are available for those members who no longer have an active financial advice relationship.



# Our assessment and determination summary

The Trustee has considered its results compared to other peer products across key assessment factors. The Trustee has also considered the progress it has made against the strategy in making a determination.

The Trustee has determined that it is promoting the financial interests of members based on the following:



## Investment Performance

The investment strategy, risk exposure and performance are appropriate for the types of members invested. The investment menu offers members investment choice spanning the investment risk spectrum and there are governance processes to make sure investments are fit for purpose.



## Fees and costs

Administration fees for the majority of members are competitive when compared to a broad range of wrap platform products in the market<sup>2</sup>.

The basis for setting fees is appropriate and based on the costs of operating the product. This includes administering the product, range of product features and functionality and the services provided. Declining product scale has not impacted member fee arrangements.



## Scale of the fund

The scale of the Wealth Fund ranks in the top quartile by size with over \$50bn in assets with positive cashflows. While product membership and funds under management for *PortfolioCare Elements* has been declining overtime, administration fees have not increased.



## Member experience

Member options, benefits and facilities are appropriate for members invested in *PortfolioCare Elements*. The service levels that members receive are appropriate and within the expectations of the Trustee.



## Insurance offer

Members can choose to take out insurance cover through AIA Australia. Insurance is appropriate and in line with our insurance strategy. Claims outcomes are appropriate.

<sup>2</sup> Assessed using Chant West Wrap Comparator tool. The analysis was completed in February 2023.



# Investments

**PortfolioCare Elements offers a broad range of investment options including single and multi-sector managed funds with access to active and passive approaches and term deposits.**

## Investment strategy and governance

The investment strategy for *PortfolioCare Elements* is to give members access to leading Australian and international investment markets and investment managers with a range of asset allocations to accommodate varying risk appetites. We provide the flexibility to enable members to switch investment options, implement investment strategies that are tailored to their needs and create portfolios to complement their risk appetites.

Our investment governance framework outlines the structures, policies and processes for managing investment options. This is supported by expert independent investment advice provided by JANA Investment Advisers. During FY21/22, we continued to improve our investment option due diligence process by increasing the number of investment options placed 'on watch' and closing investment options that weren't meeting expectations.

The *PortfolioCare Elements* investment menu offers members over 90 managed funds. You can find out more about investment options and risk in the *PortfolioCare Elements Investment Options* document at [amp.com.au/portfoliocare](http://amp.com.au/portfoliocare).

## Risk

The *PortfolioCare Elements* investment menu spans the investment risk spectrum. We monitor investment risk through the volatility or deviation from return objectives. This volatility measure or Standard Risk Measure (SRM)<sup>3</sup> is used by all super funds. Volatility indicates the tendency of returns to rise or fall in a certain period. Monitoring volatility enables our members to choose appropriate investments based on their risk tolerance combined with their investment horizon.

We analysed data from Morningstar<sup>4</sup>, which revealed that most of the managed funds available on *PortfolioCare Elements* are relatively less volatile than the Morningstar peer groups<sup>5</sup>. We found that nearly 47% of the investment options on the platform have relatively lower risk of losing money during negative volatile market conditions compared to their peers in the industry, especially for investment options in the highest risk category. Additionally, we observed that 43% of the investment options available on *PortfolioCare Elements* tend to incur lower losses than comparable investments in adverse market conditions over a 12 month period to 30 June 2022.

<sup>3</sup> Standard Risk Measure is an indicator based on guidance from the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). PortfolioCare has introduced the SRM in accordance with recommendations from the Financial Services Council (FSC) and Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA).

<sup>4</sup> Morningstar Australia (Morningstar) is a data provider to the financial services industry.

<sup>5</sup> Morningstar groups managed funds into peer group categories which can be reasonably considered to be close investment alternatives (for example, the tax treatment and legal characteristics of the managed funds are the same, or benchmarks, asset class and/or total exposures to various sectors are similar) and for which performance and other measures, such as fees, are comparable.

## Performance

We assessed investment options' performance against similar investment options, using the minimum investment time frame provided in the investment options' target market determination. When compared to Morningstar data, 59% of *PortfolioCare* Elements investment options outperformed similar investment options over the stated investment time horizon<sup>6</sup>. This represents investment return outperformance for over 73% of assets on *PortfolioCare* Elements Super and over 66% of assets on *PortfolioCare* Elements Pension.

We regularly monitor underperforming managed funds to make sure the investment strategy, risk exposure and investment objectives remain appropriate for members. In FY22/23 we will continue to monitor and assess investment option performance across our products investment menus.

## Retirement solutions

We offer a range of solutions to help members manage the many challenges with retirement, including the risk of outliving their savings, not having enough or ensuring members have access to their money when it's needed.

Members have access to a range of solutions through our existing transition to retirement and account-based pension offers. Through financial advice, members can invest in income generating options based on their goals and objectives.

In July 2022 we introduced a new retirement strategy as part of the government's Retirement Income Covenant. You can read about it [here](#).

## Outlook and actions

In FY22/23 we'll continue to focus on improving member outcomes by continuing to review our range and quality of investment options available to members and their advisers.

Assets on *PortfolioCare*  
Elements Super

**73%**

**Investment return  
outperformance**

Assets on *PortfolioCare*  
Elements Pension

**66%**

**Investment return  
outperformance**

**59%**

of *PortfolioCare* Elements  
investment options outperformed  
similar investment options

Compared to Morningstar data

<sup>6</sup> The Trustee's investment time horizon for a managed fund is generally in accordance with its asset class time horizon.



# Fees and Costs

The fee structure of *PortfolioCare Elements Super and Pension* is appropriate for the majority of members<sup>7</sup>, when compared to a broad range of platform products in the market.

## The basis for setting fees

The basis for setting fees is to meet the operating expenses of the product which includes administration of member accounts, member and advice services, product management, technology and functionality on the Platform. Our basis for setting fees is to provide a value for money wrap offer to members, whilst ensuring the viability of the Wealth Fund.

## Administration fee structures

Administrations fees paid by members is a flat 0.59% per annum of their account balance and the minimum administration fee is \$58.80 per annum on account balances less than \$10,000.

Using the analysis from Chant West's Wrap Comparator Tool, we compared the *PortfolioCare Elements Super and Pension* administration fees against the benchmark products reported by Chant West. We tested account balances of \$50k, \$100k to \$1 million at intervals of \$100k, \$1.2 million, \$1.5 million and \$2 million as at February 2023. We found that:

- ***PortfolioCare Elements Super*** administration fees were competitive (lower than median and within small tolerances of the median) for balances up to \$300k which represents approximately 96% of members, and account balances of \$400k and above the fees are above median (higher than competitor averages) for approximately 4% of members, when compared to Chant West peer products<sup>8</sup>.
- ***PortfolioCare Elements Pension*** administration fees were competitive (at or below peer median) for balances up to \$200k which represents approximately 97% of members, and account balances of \$300k and above the fees are above median (higher than competitor averages) for approximately 3% of members, when compared to Chant West peer products<sup>9</sup>.

## Investment fees

Fees paid by members for investments will depend on various factors, including the investment option selected, how actively the investment is managed and often the balance invested. Management fees will vary between investments (even within the same asset class) and are set independently by fund managers (as product issuers). These factors, along with a member's investment objective and risk appetite, will mean that each member's overall investment fee rate will vary.

## Outlook and actions.

We will continue to ensure our administration fees, including the investment management costs of our investment options are competitive to ensure outcomes for members and value for money is achieved.

<sup>7</sup> PortfolioCare Elements has approximately 96% of super members who are charged administration fees lower than median, or within 10% above the median, and 97% of pension members who are charged administration fees lower than median or within 10% median, when compared to those competitors identified by the Chant West Wrap Comparator Tool.

<sup>8</sup> PortfolioCare Elements Super has been compared to 41 peer products.

<sup>9</sup> PortfolioCare Elements Pension has been compared to 36 peer products.





# Scale and operating expenses

## Size and fund growth

*PortfolioCare* Elements has approximately \$80m in funds under administration and approximately 750 member accounts. The membership size of *PortfolioCare* Elements has been declining as advisers transition members to other wrap platform offers.

The Wealth Fund, where *PortfolioCare* Elements is held, had around \$50.4bn in assets and over 300,000 member accounts at the end of 30 June 2022, ranking in the top 20 super funds in Australia by size.

Across its two super funds, NM Super oversees \$106bn in member retirement savings. This size enables the Trustee to continually invest in product, service and investment outcomes for members through outsourced service providers, and attract and retain high quality employees, further enabling scale benefits.

## Operating expenses

NM Super outsources platform administration services to NMMT Limited (NMMT), a related party of NM Super and part of the AMP Group. Through NMMT, administration, call centre and platform technology services are subcontracted to AWM Services Pty Ltd (also part of the AMP Group) who in turn subcontracts these services to Asgard Capital Management Limited (Asgard) for the *PortfolioCare* Elements products range.

While the product size has been declining, fee and cost arrangements have not been impacted due to the scale of our service provider.

We continually ensure that we receive value for money regarding the services and fees that we pay. We do this through regular monitoring of service standards and benchmarking product features, fees and functionality. Importantly, through the arrangement with our service providers, our members do not directly pay for operational costs such as regulatory change, errors and fines.

Our costs as a percentage of Wealth Fund assets is 0.26%, which is better than the market average<sup>10</sup>. This includes the costs for providing *PortfolioCare* Elements. We will continue to focus on reducing operating costs and ensuring members are receiving value for money services.

<sup>10</sup> Source: APRA Annual Statistics as at 30 June 2022.



# Member experience

**We regularly review, monitor and compare the product features, functionality and services we provide, so that members have access to value for money solutions.**

## **Technology and service delivery to members and advisers**

Key to offering quality products and services is measuring and monitoring feedback from our members and financial advice partners. We also measure how well our service providers are meeting performance standards.

We outsource member and adviser administration and call centre services to Asgard. Throughout the year Asgard have focused on improving member and adviser processes, technology and systems for efficiency, security and stability.

There's also been additional focus on uplifting identification processes so that our member accounts are safeguarded against fraud.

Asgard have met expected performance levels across key administration and call centre services, including the timely resolution of complaints.

## **Financial advice**

Many of our *PortfolioCare* Elements members have a financial adviser relationship. In the year we created more flexibility in how advice fees can be paid from your account with four installments within a year.

In addition to financial advice provided by many independently licensed financial advisers across the nation, our members also have access to financial advice provided by AMP, one of Australia's oldest and largest financial advice networks.

Increasingly, we are observing members who no longer have an active advice relationship. We are reviewing our product and service offering for these members.

## **Outlook and actions**

In FY22/23 we will continue to actively monitor service providers against administration standards to deliver quality services to members and their advisers. A key improvement is the review and implementation of services for members that no longer have an active ongoing advice relationship to ensure product and service arrangements are fit for purpose.



## Insurance

Through *PortfolioCare* Elements super, members can obtain insurance cover from AIA Australia. The insurance available to members, balances cost with the level of benefits. *PortfolioCare* Elements super members can choose from Life, Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) and Income Protection (IP) insurance. AIA Australia provides a competitive offer with additional benefits such as rehabilitation, wellness and adviser education programs which further strengthens their proposition.

Some *PortfolioCare* Elements Super members may also hold group insurance cover, which is closed to new applications. Existing members with this cover may continue to hold and amend their insurance.

It's important that members' super balances aren't eroded by insurance premiums. While members with insurance have selected the type and level of insurance cover to meet their needs, usually through the help of a financial adviser, we reminded members during the year of the risks that insurance premiums may pose to retirement income streams.

We apply an insurance philosophy of fairness and empathy. There were only a small number of claims during the reporting period, which were all accepted. Due to the small sample size, claims acceptance rates were not able to be assessed.

We actively monitor claims outcomes, claims service provision, and claims dispute levels so members can be confident that a claim will be assessed within reasonable timeframes and the final decision will be appropriate.



# Wealth Fund and PortfolioCare Elements

as at 30 June 2022



## \$80m

In member assets in PortfolioCare Elements

## \$50.4bn

Net member assets in the Wealth Fund. Top quartile by size and one of the largest platforms regulated by APRA



## 750

(approx) Member accounts in PortfolioCare Element

## Over 300,000

member accounts in the Wealth Fund<sup>11</sup>

## 0.26%

Fund operating expense to assets.



## \$1.56bn

In retirement payments from the Wealth Fund with \$25bn in pension assets. The 8th largest super fund in Australia for pension payments.



## \$100k

Average account balance in PortfolioCare Elements Super and Pension

## \$160k

Average account balance in the Wealth Fund <sup>11</sup>



## -\$20m

Negative cashflows from PortfolioCare Elements in FY21/22

## Almost \$1bn

Cashflows into the Wealth Fund in FY21/22



Approximately

## 228

members have insurance cover

Access to over

## 90

managed funds

## FUND DEMOGRAPHICS

## 65%

Of accounts in accumulation phase

## 35%

Of accounts in pension phase

## 56%

male

## 44%

female

## 60

Average age

## 50%

of members have tenure greater than 15 years

<sup>11</sup> Included reopened accounts for the purposes of tax and dividend payments.

## Further information

For additional information in relation to the investment objectives, fees and costs and associated with investing in superannuation please refer to the PortfolioCare Elements Super/Pension Product Disclosure Statement you were given when you first applied to PortfolioCare Elements and any subsequent significant event notices you may have received.

For information on the Wealth Personal Superannuation and Pension Fund, which offers the PortfolioCare Elements plans, please refer to the [Wealth Personal Superannuation and Pension Fund Annual Report 2021/22](#).

The information provided in this Product Determination is general information only. It is not financial product advice nor is it a substitute for obtaining proper financial advice that is tailored to your personal circumstances, financial goals and needs. It's important to remember past performance is not an indicator of future performance.

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