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Economics and Governance Committee
Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Inquiry into the *Superannuation (State Public Sector) (Scheme Administration) Amendment Bill 2021* (the Bill).

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland (CCIQ) welcomes the Bill which will facilitate a merger between Sunsuper and QSuper. CCIQ is supportive of the proposed merger and believes it will be in the best interests of the members of both funds and will be beneficial to Queensland businesses and the economy as a whole.

Ensuring Australia has the right superannuation policy is one of the most important economic issues facing Australia's ageing population. Queensland businesses deal with the superannuation system on a daily basis as part of their operations and intuitively understand that certainty and stability in superannuation policy settings and in the industry more broadly are beneficial for business.

CCIQ recognises that both Sunsuper and QSuper are high performing and award-winning funds in their own right. We believe that the merger of these two highly successful funds will create a dynamic, innovative, and highly competitive financial entity, headquartered in Brisbane, that will drive better superannuation outcomes for members and seek to make superannuation easier to manage for business.

CCIQ has a longstanding association with Sunsuper. Working in close consultation with the current board, CCIQ selects and nominates three trustees to the Sunsuper Board. This commitment to skills based appointments is a key initiative of CCIQ. If the merger of Sunsuper and QSuper proceeds as intended, CCIQ looks forward to continuing to have a voice in nominating directors to the board of the merged fund on behalf of Queensland business.

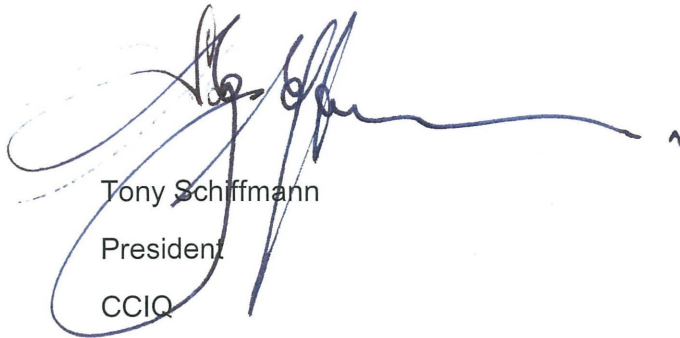
CCIQ is aware that there is significant consolidation underway in the superannuation industry. If the benefits of size and scale can be brought to life for Sunsuper and QSuper members as a result of the merger it will lead to lower fees and larger retirement balances for members. We note the positive indication made by the funds that they intend to deliver fee reductions as a result of the merger.

Additionally, CCIQ believes that there are significant potential benefits for the Queensland economy as a result of the merger of Sunsuper and QSuper. These include:

- A globally significant entity and the second largest superannuation fund in Australia managing \$200B+ that is headquartered in Brisbane.
- Having such a significant fund headquartered in Brisbane will stimulate and diversify the financial services, IT, and professional services sectors in Queensland.
- The benefits of scale will flow through to enhanced investment returns for members, providing Queensland retirees with a greater standard of living in their retirement - with more income to spend in local economies which drives economic activity.

CCIQ is supportive of the passage of the Bill in its current form. If we can assist the committee further regarding the contents of this submission, please contact myself.

Yours faithfully



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