# NTGPASS Management and Administration Reforms



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#### NT Superannuation Office

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#### **Recap - How NTGPASS currently works**

- Members contribute between 2% and 6% of salary into their accumulation account
  - This money and the earnings on it belong to the member
  - These individual savings accounts make up the NTGPASS fund
  - Superannuation Trustee Board responsible for investing the NTGPASS fund
- In return for making their contributions, members earn 'benefit points' each year
  - 1 benefit point for each % of contributions (e.g. 6% contribution = 6 points)
- When a member leaves NTGPASS, these benefit points are used to calculate their NTG-funded lump sum **defined benefit** 
  - Benefit points \* 2.5% \* benefit salary (average of last 3 contribution salaries)
  - Example: 120 benefit points \* 2.5% \* \$112 138 (AO7) = \$336 414
- On leaving NTGPASS, the member receives their savings (plus earnings) plus the lump sum. NTGPASS members also belong to NTSSS (additional 3%p.a.)



### **Recap - How NTGPASS currently works**

#### Your accumulation account:

- 2% to 6% compulsory member contribution
- Personal/voluntary contributions
- Rollovers from other superannuation accounts

#### **NTGPASS** employer benefit

- Untaxed Defined benefit calculated by a formula
- Payable when you leave NTG or Opt Out
- Not invested monies

**Total benefit** 

Administered by the NT Superannuation Office

## NTSSS employer benefit

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#### Why are we reforming?

- NTGPASS closed to new members in August 1999
  - Membership of 12 000 is now just over 2400 members
  - Declining membership means we are locked out of some long term growth assets, resulting in lower investment returns for our members
- Small specialized team within the Superannuation Office (NTSO)
  - But we are a government fund, so cannot offer the same range of member services as larger funds
- Increasingly onerous ATO and APRA reporting
  - NTGPASS has similar regulatory reporting obligations to funds with many more members and billions of dollars of member money
  - With status quo, the NTSO faces need to recruit more staff with specialised expertise to keep delivering the same services to a declining membership
- New IT system needed, as current system (SuperB) is unsupported beyond 2020



#### What are the reforms?

- Successor fund transfer of members' accumulation accounts (\$556M) to an external fund
  - Statewide Superannuation has been selected as that fund
  - After the transfer to Statewide, members can choose to leave their accumulation accounts with them, or roll them over to another fund of their choice
  - Expect the transfer to Statewide to happen in mid-May 2019
- Government-funded lump sum defined benefit will not change and will continue to be managed and paid by the NTSO when you leave
  - You still need to contribute to a fund each fortnight to earn benefit points
  - Death and invalidity defined benefits both remain unchanged
  - After the transfer you will receive two annual superannuation statements
    - One from the NTSO for the NTGPASS and NTSSS defined benefits
    - One from Statewide for your contributions and savings



## **How NTGPASS will change**

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# Accumulation benefit

Administered by Statewide Superannuation

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Employer benefit

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#### What we need you to do now...

 Update your contact details in myHR, to ensure that the NTSO and Statewide can write to you





#### **Progress on the reforms**

- In February 2019, the Legislative Assembly passed legislation to:
  - Allow the transfer of the NTGPASS fund to an external fund
    - External fund needs to provide members with "equivalent rights" in respect of their benefits
    - Transfer needs to be in the best interest of members.
  - Ensure NTGPASS members keep making their compulsory contributions, and earning their benefit points
  - Allow members to choose who manages their accumulation account
- Statewide Superannuation has been selected by the NTGPASS trustees as the fund to receive and manage the NTGPASS fund on behalf of members
  - We expect the transfer to Statewide to happen in mid-May 2019
  - Currently negotiating the terms of the transfer to Statewide
  - Equivalent rights analysis being undertaken by lawyers for both trustees



#### **Next steps**

- We expect the final terms of the NTGPASS fund transfer to be agreed by both sets of trustees by the end of March 2019
  - The trustees will then sign a transfer agreement, provided they are satisfied:
    - the transfer is in the best interests of NTGPASS members, and
    - members will receive "equivalent rights" in respect of their benefits
- We will then write to you, to formally advise:
  - the date of the transfer
  - the last dates to claim your benefits (if leaving) or change investment options
  - the implications of the transfer
- Statewide will also write to you in preparation for opening an account with them
- Once the NTGPASS fund transfers to Statewide, both the NTSO and Statewide will write to you to confirm the amount transferred to Statewide



#### Selecting the new fund - what we wanted

- Offers a MySuper product
- Provides superior <u>member</u> services
- Northern Territory presence to service members
- Highly competitive fees and investment returns
- Account-based retirement products
- Offer financial advice services.
- Sustainable economies of scale
- Provide competitive insurance products
- Compliant with the letter and the spirit of the law



#### Why Statewide was selected

- Statewide is an award winning fund
- Statewide's investment returns were the highest of all funds considered after all fees were deducted
- Statewide have competitive fees
  - An account-keeping fee of \$1.50 per week per account
  - Other fees are deducted from investment returns, making the returns 'net' of those fees – NTGPASS has similar fees already
- Statewide had an existing NT presence, and committed to:
  - Hiring two NT-based associate financial planners/financial planners
    - These planners can provide a level of free advice to members
  - Have dedicated staff in their call centre who are familiar with how NTGPASS works
    - Changing their call centre hours to match NT business hours



#### Why Statewide was selected (continued)

- Statewide also offered:
  - A suite of ten investment options
    - Ability to invest in only one option, or split how your savings are invested between options
  - Online account access, including the ability to switch investment options
  - A tailored insurance solution for NTGPASS members
    - Recognised the death and invalidity defined benefits already applying up to age 60
  - Account-based retirement products
  - The ability for members to withdraw money from their superannuation (where allowed by law), while continuing as an NTGPASS member (and so growing their defined benefit)



#### NTGPASS returns compared to Statewide's

Year	NTGPASS Growth	Statewide Growth
2013-14	14.04%	14.95%
2014-15	10.79%	11.48%
2015-16	1.66%	5.08%
2016-17	10.63%	11.10%
2017-18	8.16%	11.34%
2018-19*	2.36%	3.39%

<sup>\*</sup> Up to 12 March 2019

- NTGPASS's five year average annual return to 30 June 2018 is 8.98%
- Statewide's five year average annual return to 30 June 2018 is 10.74%



#### **NTGPASS Fees**

- Statement/quote fees
  - Annual 30 June statement is free
  - \$35 for quotes during the year (fee ceasing after the transfer)
- Investment switch fees
  - First is free, second and subsequent are \$35
- Investment fees based on account balance, depend on your investment option chosen
  - Investment fee 0.138% and 0.546%, after rebates
  - Floating custody costs 0.008% and 0.036%
  - Custody fee 0.021% on all investment options
  - Investment returns shown are <u>after</u> these fees are deducted

