

**Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993
Local Authorities Superannuation Fund****Funding & Solvency Certificate**

- 1 Regulation 9.09(1) of the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Regulations* (the Regulations) requires the trustee of a defined benefit fund to obtain a funding and solvency certificate from an actuary, where the fund is being used by an employer to meet its obligations under the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act*.
- 2 This Certificate has been prepared at the request of Vision Super Pty Ltd, the Trustee of the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (the Fund), pursuant to Regulation 9.09(1).
- 3 The *Miscellaneous Acts (Omnibus No. 1) Act 1998* required all entities liable to make contributions to the Fund immediately before 1 July 1998 to execute certain documents prior to 31 December 1998. The Employer Agreement requires the Employer “to continue to have the same funding obligations with respect to the Fund as it had under the 1988 Act” as described in Circular 12/97 (attached to the agreement). The amount invoiced, relating to the Authority’s share of the unfunded liability of the Fund as at 1 July 1997 referred to in Circular 12/97, is also attached to the agreement.

We understand that the following amounts of the actuarial shortfall, plus contribution tax have been invoiced and that the authorities have taken account of their share of the expense remaining (if any) outstanding in their financial statements:

Defined Benefit Plan (Division C of the Trust Deed):

- The actuarial shortfall of \$321 million as at 30 June 1997;
- The actuarial shortfall of \$127 million as at 31 December 2002;
- The actuarial shortfall of \$71 million as at 31 December 2008 (which has been invoiced effective 1 July 2011); and
- The actuarial shortfall of \$406 million as at 31 December 2011 (which has been invoiced effective 1 July 2013).

To the extent that any of these amounts are outstanding, they are included in the Fund’s financial statements and have therefore been treated as an asset for the purpose of this Certificate.

- 4 Name of Regulated Fund to which this Certificate Relates:

Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (“the Fund”).

- 5 Date of Effect of this Certificate:

1 July 2020

This Certificate replaces my Certificate issued effective 1 July 2018 and dated 23 October 2018 due to the occurrence of notifiable events. The previous Certificate was due to expire on 30 June 2022.

The current Certificate has been issued for a term of 5 years. Under the Regulations the current Certificate must be replaced 12 months before the Certificate expires. This means in practice we will replace it before 30 June 2024.

6 Date this Certificate Ceases to have Effect:

30 June 2025

7 Notifiable Events:

The Certificate will also cease to have effect should any of the following events occur:

- the Minimum Requisite Benefits described in the Benefit Certificate referred to in 8 below are varied;
- any actual or possible misappropriation of assets of \$2 million or more for the Defined Benefit plan or Vision Super Saver, and \$200,000 or more for the City of Melbourne plan or Parks Victoria plan, unless within three months the actuary advises that the Certificate should not cease to have effect. The date of occurrence of the event shall be the date the Trustee becomes aware that the event has occurred;
- the ratio of the net market value of the assets of the Defined Benefit plan, City of Melbourne plan or Parks Victoria plan have been calculated to be less than 90% of the vested benefits at any time after the date of signing this Certificate, unless within three months of the date of the occurrence of the event the actuary advises that the Certificate should not cease to have effect on this account. The date of occurrence of the event shall be the date the Trustee becomes aware that the event has occurred;
- The Defined Benefit plan's, City of Melbourne plan's or Parks Victoria plan's investment return in any quarter is less than negative 10%, unless within three months of the date of the occurrence of the event the actuary advises that the Certificate should not cease to have effect on this account. The date of occurrence of the event shall be the date the Trustee becomes aware that the event has occurred;
- average salary increases within a quarter exceed 10% for any one of the Defined Benefit plan, City of Melbourne plan or Parks Victoria plan members, unless within three months of the date of the occurrence of the event the actuary advises that the Certificate should not cease to have effect on this account. The date of occurrence of the event shall be the date the Trustee becomes aware that the event has occurred;
- the Trustee becomes aware that, in any financial year, more than 25% of the Defined Benefit plan's, City of Melbourne plan or Parks Victoria plan's defined benefit assets have been paid out as benefits or rolled over to the Fund's accumulation divisions, unless within three months of the date of the occurrence of the event the actuary advises that the Certificate should not cease to have effect on this account. The date of occurrence of the event shall be the date the Trustee becomes aware that the event has occurred.

In addition to these notifiable events, the Certificate will automatically expire under the SIS legislation if (and when):

- another Funding and Solvency Certificate takes effect in respect of the Fund;
- the Actuary to the Fund withdraws the Certificate by written notice to the Trustee;
- the employer fails to pay contributions at the rates specified in the Certificate;
- any payment of surplus is made to an employer sponsor; or

- any changes are made to the level or method of calculation of the benefits payable from the Fund, whether by amendment to the Trust Deed of the Fund or otherwise.

Should any of these events occur, the Certificate must be replaced within three months. The Actuary may be required to carry out calculations before issuing a replacement certificate. Therefore it is important that the Trustee regularly monitor the Fund for the occurrence of such an event and notify the Actuary as soon as possible should such an event occur.

8 Minimum Requisite Benefits

The Certificate relates to the Minimum Requisite Benefits (MRBs) described in the Benefit Certificate effective 1 July 2020 issued by me on 9 November 2020, with an expiry date of 30 June 2025, and assumes that when it is replaced the MRBs specified in its replacement will be in the same form as the MRBs in the current Benefit Certificate.

- 9 The Certificate is based on the benefits, data and assumptions described in the Attachment.
- 10 I certify that the Fund was solvent (as that term is defined in Regulation 9.06(2)) as at 30 June 2020.
- 11 The adjusted minimum benefit index, as defined in Regulation 9.15(2), is one, which was set as at 1 July 1997.
- 12 I certify that, on the basis described in this Certificate, I expect that the Fund will be solvent on 30 June 2025, the expiry date of the Certificate, if contributions are made by the Employers of the Members of the Fund, in addition to salary sacrifice contributions, as follows:

Defined Benefit Plan:

- 9.5% of members' salaries;
- Outstanding amounts that have already been invoiced to Employers and are included in the Fund's financial statements as contributions receivable; and
- Additional payments as a consequence of retrenchment.

City of Melbourne plan:

- Nil in relation to funding of defined benefits; and
- Outstanding amounts that have already been invoiced to Employers and are included in the Fund's financial statements as contributions receivable.

Parks Victoria plan:

- 12% of members' salaries for Division E members;
- Outstanding amounts that have already been invoiced to Employers and are included in the Fund's financial statements as contributions receivable;
- Quarterly additional payments for exiting members (which may not be required for exits other than retrenchments when the Vested Benefit Index is 100% or more); and

- For Division F members, the contribution rates set out in the table below:

Former fund	Current Member Contribution Rate % of salaries	Employer Accruing Cost Contribution Rates % of salaries
Transport Scheme	0.0	9.5
	2.5	9.5
	5.0	13.5
	7.5	18.0
Revised Scheme	N/A	17.0

- The salary related payments specified above for the defined benefit sub-plans should be based on the monthly salaries of members and must be paid not later than 28 July following the year of income in respect of which the contributions are payable.
- Quarterly top up payments may be made for some employees to Vision Super Saver to ensure the Notional Employer Contribution Rate specified in the Benefit Certificate is at least the applicable Superannuation Guarantee Charge rate. Such top up payments should be made in accordance with the timing requirements for the Superannuation Guarantee contributions made to accumulation funds as set out in Section 23 of the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act.
- Employers should also make contributions in respect of accumulation members of the Fund in accordance with the Trust Deed.
- The contributions set out in this certificate are expected to be greater than the minimum required to fully fund the MRBs at 30 June 2025.
- I am not aware of any occurrence between the effective date and the date of signing that would affect the contents of this Certificate.
- This Certificate has been prepared in accordance with Professional Standard 407 issued by the Institute of Actuaries of Australia.

Matthew Burgess

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Date: 10 November 2020

**Attachment to Funding & Solvency Certificate
Local Authorities Superannuation Fund**

Membership Data

Vision Super Pty Ltd has provided the membership data used for this certificate.

A summary of the membership as at 30 June 2020 is set out below:

Sub-plan	Number of Members	Total Salaries (\$m)
Defined Benefit	1,954	183.4
City of Melbourne	78	8.0
Parks Victoria	50	5.4

In addition there were:

- 4,189 lifetime pensioners with total annual pension entitlements of \$59.4 million;
- 5 fixed term pensioners with total annual pension entitlement of \$0.2 million;
- 1,292 deferred beneficiaries.

Assets

I have been supplied by Vision Super with an audited copy of the Fund's financial statements as at 30 June 2020. We have confirmed the asset value in the audited statements are materially reflective of the draft financial statements, which were used to determine the value of assets as provided below:

Value of Assets as at 30 June 2020	
	\$ Million
Defined Benefit plan*	2,226.98
City of Melbourne plan	54.6
Parks Victoria plan	31.2

* includes beneficiaries and lifetime pensioners

The Vested Benefits Index of the defined benefit sub plans as at 30 June 2020 are summarised in the table below:

Vested Benefit Indices as at 30 June 2020	
	VBI (%)
Defined Benefit plan	104.6%
City of Melbourne plan	136.9%
Parks Victoria plan	108.7%

Benefits

The benefits provided by the defined benefit sub plans are as described in Benefit Certificate effective 1 July 2020 and the following reports:

- Defined Benefit plan: Appendix A of my report dated 8 September 2020 on the actuarial investigation as at 30 June 2020;
- City of Melbourne plan: Appendix A of my report dated 1 November 2017 on the actuarial investigation as at 30 June 2020; and
- Parks Victoria plan: Appendix A of my report dated 19 October 2020 on the actuarial investigation as at 30 June 2020.

All Trust Deed amendments to the date of this certificate are reflected.

Assumptions

The assumptions used to value Minimum Requisite Benefits and to carry out projections of benefits and assets of the defined benefit sub plans to 30 June 2025, the expiry date of the Certificate, and in determining the employer contribution rates, are the same as those described in Appendix C of my report on the actuarial investigation of the Defined Benefit plan as at 30 June 2020 and Appendix D of my report on the actuarial investigation of the Parks Victoria plan as at 30 June 2020.

The assumptions used for the City of Melbourne are detailed in my assumptions letter dated 14 July 2020 for the purpose of AASB 1056 disclosures and the currently ongoing actuarial investigation of the City of Melbourne plan as at 30 June 2020.

The defined benefit sub plans are closed to new members. All new members join Vision Super Saver and receive accumulation style benefits.

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