# Default Investment Applications The QSuper Experience

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## Who is QSuper?

# https://qsuper.qld.gov.au/

#### Background

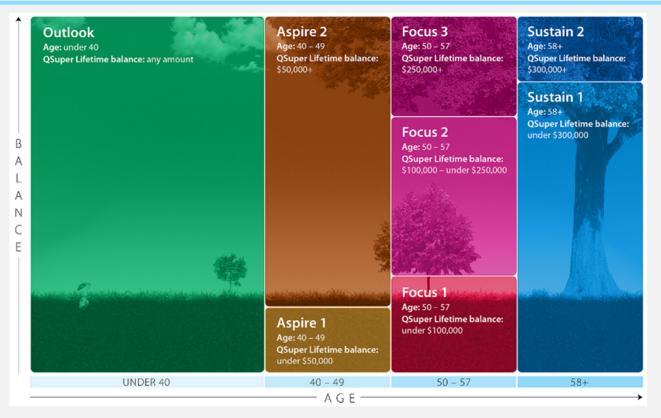
- Australia has a 3-pillar approach to retirement incomes:
  - Age Pension
  - Compulsory private savings
  - Voluntary private savings
- The superannuation system operates on a defined contribution not defined benefit basis
- All risks are borne by the individual
- Member response
  - Theory versus Reality

#### The Problem

- Trustees have a fiduciary duty to act for default members so...
- How can we design appropriate investment solutions?
- Issues to consider (not exhaustive)
  - Legislative: age and account balance, contribution rate, current salary, gender, term to retirement
  - Technological: scalability of solution
  - Data: availability, quality and frequency
  - Communication: in/external stakeholder value proposition
  - Performance: measure/s of success

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# Our solution – QSuper Lifetime



Never designed to be the final answer

Never intended to be perfect

But we started

What next?

How can we improve Lifetime?

**Build more cohorts?** 

#### Continuous improvement

- Review
  - Validate outcomes against expectations
  - Leverage accumulated evidence base to enhance arrangements
  - Retest and/or reconfirm assumptions
- Personalisation
  - Cohort of one paradigm
- Development challenges
  - Scalability
  - Decision-making
  - Communication

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# Demonstration

#### **Next Steps**

- Embedding philosophy across Group
  - Sharing principles, processes and applications more broadly
- Maintaining organisational focus and interest
  - Communicating the why is often more important than the what or how
- Continuing to build out the monitoring and reporting suite
  - Fit-for-purpose tools facilitate doing different things and/or doing things differently

# **Questions?**



