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Submission – Inquiry into *Superannuation (Excess Transfer Balance Tax) Imposition Bill 2016* and *Treasury Laws Amendment (Fair and Sustainable Superannuation) Bill 2016*

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand welcomes the invitation to make a submission to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee's above inquiry

Please note: our submission responds solely to the issues raised in the introduced legislation and related material and does not imply our views on other aspects of the superannuation system or on any past or future policy proposals.

Chartered Accountants ANZ also made submissions to the three exposure draft legislation tranche releases put in place by the government in September and October 2016. Treasury has published our submissions at the following links:

Tranche One: https://consult.treasury.gov.au/retirement-income-policy-division/superannuation-reform-package/consultation/view_respondent?uuld=573621407

Tranche Two: https://consult.treasury.gov.au/retirement-income-policy-division/super-reform-package-tranche-2/consultation/view_respondent?uuld=252583336

Tranche Three: https://consult.treasury.gov.au/retirement-income-policy-division/super-reform-package-tranche-3/consultation/view_respondent?uuld=882916210

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Based on our quick examination of the above Bills and their explanatory memorandum we note that the government's high level policy ideas have not changed significantly.

The government has said that its purpose in proposing these new rules was to make superannuation more sustainable and flexible and to improve integrity. As can be seen in our submissions above overall we do not think many of the government's policies achieve these stated objectives and have outlined a number of alternative policy solutions in the submissions.

We note however that the government has evolved how these new rules will be administered by government departments such as the Tax Office, the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and super funds, accountants, auditors, financial advisers and individual taxpayers.

Unfortunately we have had insufficient time to examine these new provisions so we can provide our detailed thoughts on their overall practical application. It is our belief that many of these changes will significantly add to the cost of administering the superannuation sector.

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