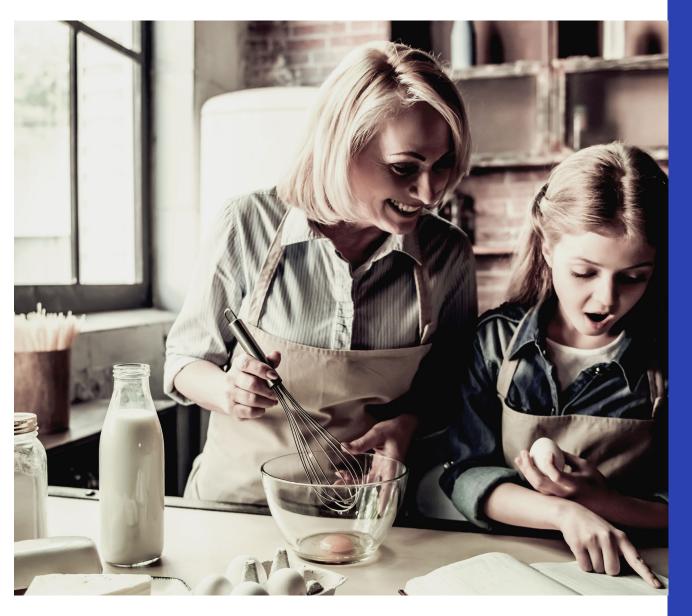


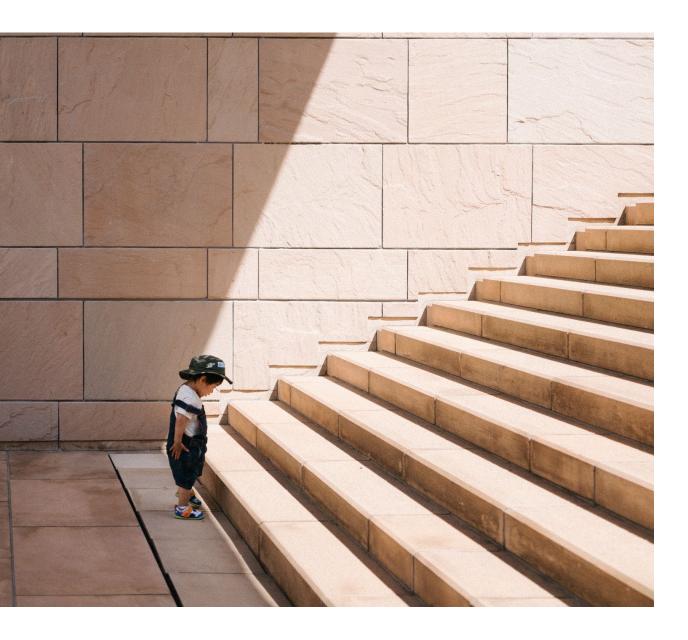
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About us

# **Discover Generation Life**

Pioneer of Australia's first truly flexible investment bond. Over \$2.8b invested with us to date. Proud to be innovating the retirement income landscape with an investment-linked lifetime annuity.





### Specialist provider

Investment bonds and investment-linked lifetime annuity

#### **Innovation focused**

Tax aware investing, estate planning and retirement income landscape

# Market leader

#1 provider of investment bond solutions with 52% market share of total inflows into investment bonds<sup>1</sup>

#### **Trusted**

APRA regulated and our parent company is listed on the ASX



Proposed changes to super

# Why the proposed changes to superannuation?

Objectives of super - Push to codify what super is for.

Treasury consultation paper proposes "to preserve savings to deliver income for a **dignified retirement**, alongside government support, **in an equitable and sustainable way**"

#### Dignified retirement

Enough to get by on comfortably (not to amass wealth)

#### **Equitable and Sustainable**

A fair system (progressive tax approach), able to be afforded by Government

#### **Deliver Income**

Australians need to think about superannuation as an asset to be drawn down on



# What are the changes and impact?

#### The proposal

Additional tax on earnings on super balances above \$3m

Measured by total superannuation balance (TSB)

Additional 15% tax on increases in TSB value over a financial year

Effective tax rate of 30% tax on portion of total superannuation balances above \$3m

Tax will apply to both realised and unrealised gains

#### Who is impacted

Anyone with a TSB greater than \$3m on or after 30 June 2026

Estimated 80,000 people impacted

#### No indexation

Equivalent to just \$925,000 in today's dollars<sup>1</sup>

Applies to both accumulation and retirement phase accounts

Members of all types of super funds including **SMSFs** 



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Proposed changes to super

# How is the additional tax calculated?

Tax is 15% on "Earnings" over a financial year on the amount of TSB above \$3m.

 $Tax\ Liability = 15\ per\ cent \times Earnings \times Proportion\ of\ Earnings$ 

Proportion of Earnings =  $(TSB_{Current\ Financial\ Year} - \$3\ million) / TSB_{Current\ Financial\ Year}$ 





Proposed changes to super

# Uncertainties remain...

#### Legislation not final

#### Withdrawals and net contributions

What will be included and excluded from 'earnings'?

Will withdrawals include:

- Money released to pay Division 293 tax and this new tax?
- Income stream payments?

#### **Changes to TSB**

Impact and timing of events that increases TSB

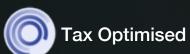
- Reversionary income streams can increase a TSB will they be excluded from the earnings formula?
- Defined benefit issues accumulation value, deducting tax from defined benefit interests?

#### Will tax be applied after death?

Ensure death benefits are paid quickly.







The new generation of investment bonds

Tax is the new alpha



# A new generation of investment bond

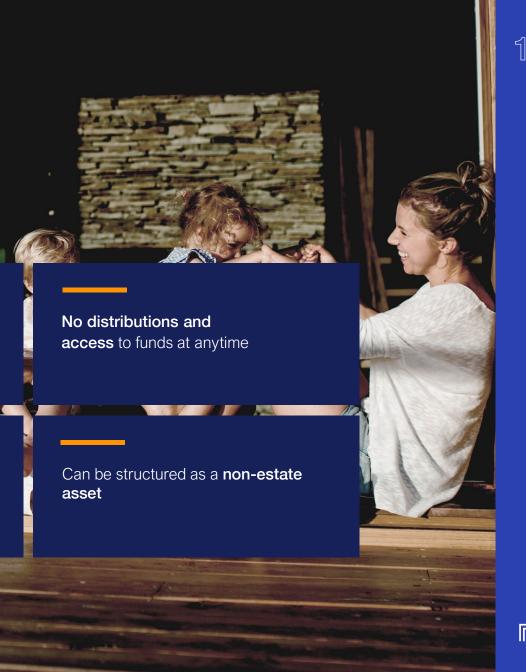
Tax paid structure that is governed by the Life Insurance and Tax Act

Our **Tax Optimised Series** generally ranges between 12% - 15%\*

Portability and tax-free transfers

**Creditor protection** 

\* Indicative effective average tax rates represent the estimated forecast average annual tax as a percentage of earnings for each 12month period over a forecast period of 15 years. Actual tax amounts payable are not guaranteed and may vary from year to year based on, amongst other things, the earnings of an investment option.





# Comparing investment bonds and superannuation...

	Tax rate	Access to funds	Contributions tax	Limits on contribution	Limits on value	Estate planning	Tax on death	Legislation
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Generation Life Investment Bonds	Maximum of 30%  Tax Optimised Series generally ranges between 12% - 15%1	Available at any time	None. No tax concessions on contributions.	No limits on investment amount, although consider the 125% rule	No balance limits	Benefits payable to any legal entity	No tax payable	Simple and stable
	<b>~</b>	×	<b>~</b>	×	×	×	×	×
Superannuation	Maximum of 15% for a complying fund.  Additional 15% on 'earnings' on balances over \$3m	Preservation age or retirement <sup>2</sup>	Tax concessions on contributions are available	Capped at \$27,500 concessional and \$110,000 non- concessional	Transfer Balance cap - \$1.9m	Restrictions apply	Additional tax may be payable to certain non- dependant beneficiaries	Complex and changing



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Some other limited circumstances may apply e.g. terminal illness.

Improving returns with no additional investment risk by reducing tax costs

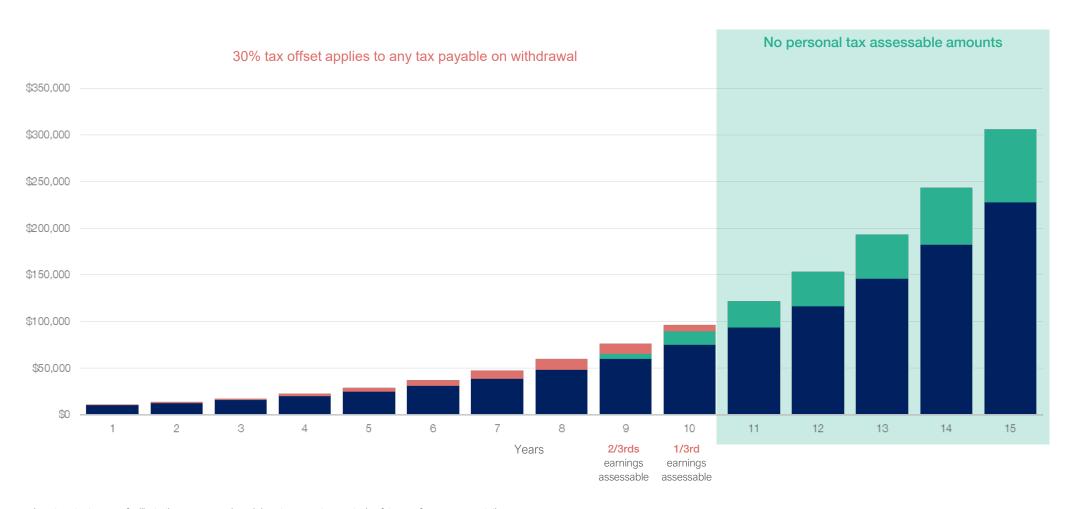
How? Unique structure, approach to trading, mandate structure, compounding returns

Good turnover of assets – ability to offset a capital loss with an income gain

Not buying into unrealised and realised gains tax positions – all tax positions factored into unit price



# Investment bond tax structure and 10-year advantage period



# Myths of investment bonds

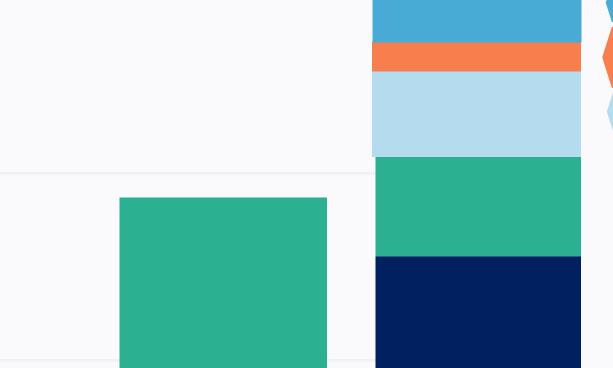
Investment bond can offset realised capital losses against income<sup>1</sup>

All tax losses generally can be utilised immediately, rather than waiting for any future income that's generated from a capital gain or otherwise.<sup>1</sup>

Don't pay tax on unrealised capital gains – tax provision creates equity<sup>1</sup>

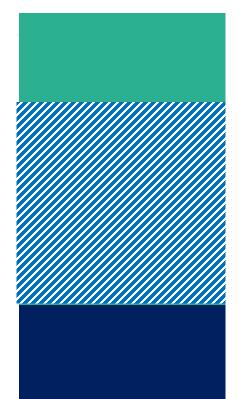
1. Capital gains or losses refer to gains or losses realised on the disposal of a fund's investments which are treated as a revenue gain or loss for tax purposes.





**Tax Optimised Series** 

# No personal tax liability



Only tax assessable portion



# Performance comparison of Vanguard High Growth Portfolio

As at 31 March 2023

Gross investment return (pre fees and tax)	Tax Optimised return (pre fees)	47% MTR return	39% MTR return	Return at Company tax rate	Tax Optimised return (after fees)*
-0.60%	-0.24%	-2.63%	-2.31%	-2.29%	-0.64%
4.14%	3.20%	1.64%	2.07%	2.01%	2.80%
12.60%	10.01%	8.77%	9.43%	8.85%	9.61%
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<sup>\*</sup>The administration fee is deducted directly from the investment option before unit prices are declared.

Past performance is not an indication of future performance. Tax optimised fund returns are net of fund taxes, management fees, performance and other operating expenses (if applicable) and are based on the unit prices for the quoted periods and exclude the effect of any investor specific transactions such as transaction costs, stamp duty and management fee rebates.

Direct investment return -Tax amounts withheld from distributions are received with the non-taxable distribution amounts are reinvested into the underlying strategy on the date the distribution is made payable. Tax calculated based on annual rate derived from estimated tax components supplied by fund manager to investors. Discounted capital gains method applied for periods post 30 September 1999. Capital gains tax concessions applied to unrealised gain balances when clients in a tax payable position on realised capital gains. Returns may be based on preliminary or estimated data and subject to change.



Strategy

Complementing superannuation to transfer wealth







Strategy: Complementing superannuation to transfer wealth

# Meet Sue...

Sue is a general counsel in her mid 60s, with a SMSF worth \$5m and is not subject to preservation.

She is married and has 2 kids in their mid 30s.



Strategy: Complementing superannuation to transfer wealth

# Sue's situation...

Due to the recent proposed changes to superannuation tax, Sue's financial adviser pro-actively contacted her regarding the changes and recommended a restructure to Sue's superannuation.





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# Sue invests \$2m in two investment bonds and has \$3m remaining in superannuation

#### **Alternative strategy**

	\$5m invested under current super rules	\$5m invested under new super rules	\$3m invested under new super rules	\$2m to commence two investment bonds
Gross value	\$5,436,238	\$5,436,238	\$3,261,743	\$2,164,023
Large balance tax	-	-\$29,324	-\$3,150	-
Net value	\$5,436,238	\$5,406,913	\$3,258,592	\$2,164,023
Net value after 15 years	\$17,734,817	\$15,806,320	\$9,870,884	\$7,853,890
Total net value after 15 years	\$17,734,817	\$15,806,320	\$17,08	30,077

#### **Assumptions**

Income	4.83% p.a.
Growth	3.62% p.a.
Total Return	8.45% p.a.
Franking level	81.40%



# Outcome for Sue...

Easy, convenient and effective way to pass on wealth

Each investment bond can be transferred tax-free as part of Sue's estate planning wishes to her children

Sue has access to funds whenever she needs them and can set up tax-paid regular withdrawals after 10 years before her passing

Children may not have any assessable income to declare on withdrawals if the transfers occur after 10 years of Sue's original investment







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# Investment bond estate planning benefits

#### Life insurance contract

A type of life insurance policy which is investment-based governed by the Life Act

#### **Automatic transfer**

Automatic transfer at specific ages, dates or on death can be selected

#### Non-estate asset

Investment bond can be structured as a non-estate asset

No tax reporting

No tax reporting if no withdrawal made in the first 10 years

#### Tax-free proceeds

Proceeds on death are paid tax-free even to non-dependants

#### **Avoids conflict**

Avoids potential for conflict and solves complex wills





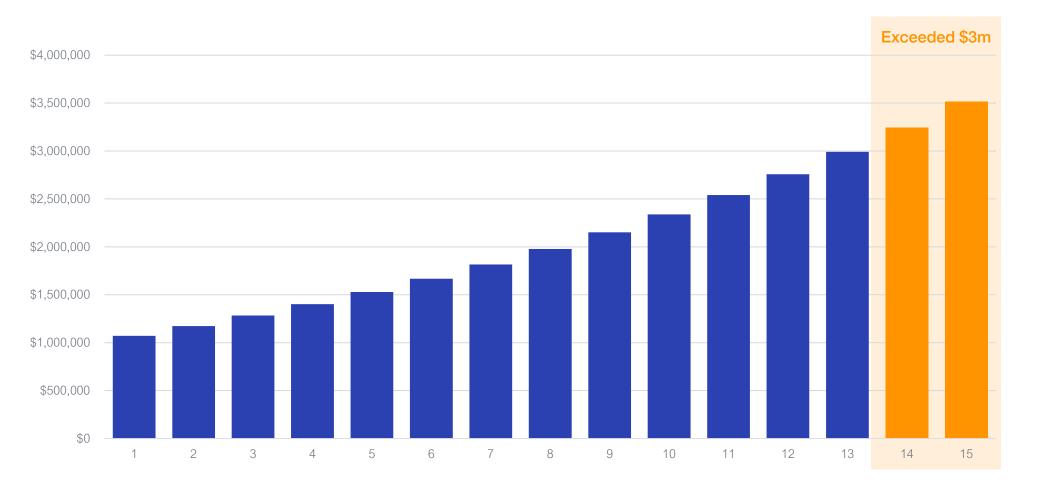
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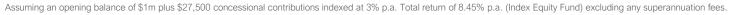
# Comparing other investment strategies





# Not difficult to hit \$3m







### **Considerations for Financial Advisers**

#### Spouse equalisation strategies

Cannot transfer super balances – taking advantage of two sets of caps can take years to implement contributions

### Reducing TSB to less than \$3m

For non-preservation age - time to look at alternate strategies and legal tax structures to super

### Smaller proportion of 'earnings'

Reducing amount of super balance over \$3m to decrease proportion of 'earnings' subject to new tax

#### Watch for the final legislation

Consider making super withdrawals before 30 June 2026 and delaying making contributions\*

#### Review contribution strategies

Both ongoing and one-off in light of new tax. Smaller account balances and no indexation - be vigilant and plan ahead

#### Start planning now for 2025

EG. direct property held in SMSF – when is the right time to sell down?



Alternative strategi	ies to conside
Investment Bond	Company structure
Taxation:	Taxation:

#### **Trust structure**

Contribute to spouse super or children's super

- Maximum 30%
- Effective rate of tax on earnings between 6% – 25% at Generation Life

30%

#### Taxation:

• Personal Marginal tax rate or 30% (for corporate beneficiaries)

#### Taxation:

- Accumulation 15%
- Drawdown 0%
- Death tax to non-SIS dependents

#### Opportunity:

- · Tax effective and not subject to preservation age
- Non-distributing asset control personal tax events
- Portable and transferable with no CGT on transfers
- Can be held by individual, jointly or through trust structure
- Flexible and secure estate planning solution (where structured as nonestate asset)
- Similar bankruptcy protection as super

#### Limitations:

- · Not as tax effective as super or investment bond
- No CGT discount
- Cannot offset capital losses against income to reduce effective annual tax
- Tax deferral mechanism as will need to eventually distribute dividends to shareholders
- No bankruptcy protection
- Consider Div 7A compliance

#### Limitations:

- Quarantines risk
- Income entitlement flows through to ultimate beneficiaries and taxed at their marginal tax rate
- More complicated than super and ongoing costs to consider

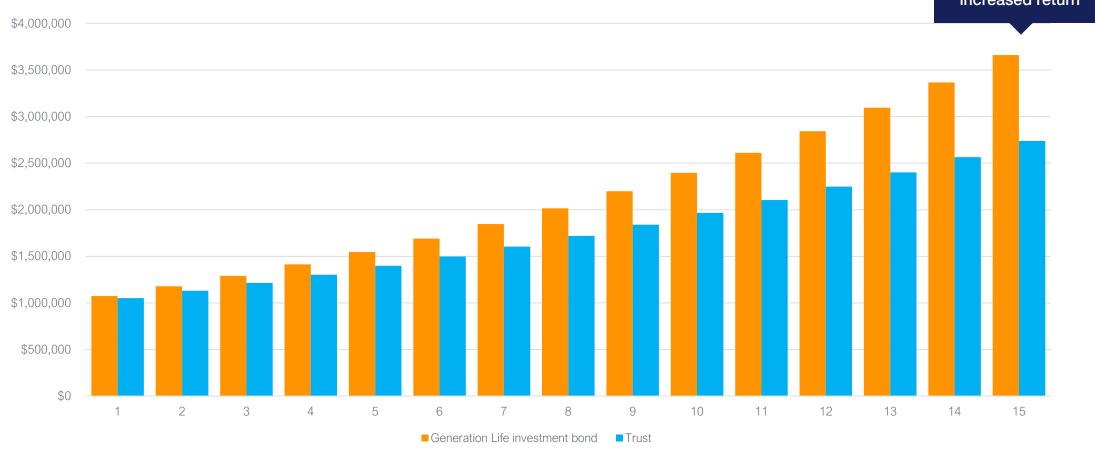
#### Limitations:

- Only possible to transfer benefits post preservation
- Ownership of investment resides with spouse or child. And only able to access post preservation age
- Contribution rules and caps apply<sup>1</sup>



# Comparing other investment strategies





Assuming an opening balance of \$1m plus regular contributions of \$23,375 increasing by 3% p.a. Total return of 8.45% p.a. (Index Equity Fund). Investment in a trust assumes beneficiaries at 47% marginal tax rate (including levies) and excludes any trust establishment and maintenance cost.



# Comparing investment bonds vs. trusts

Investment bonds do not require income or gains to be distributed.

Trusts do.

Investment bonds are an estate planning vehicle with tax free inheritances.

Investment bonds are simple to administer. No trustee required. No annual accounts or tax returns required to be completed.

#### But...

Trusts can also own investment bonds.

Best of both worlds.





# The best of all options in one structure

#### **Income splitting**

Not required - Investment Bonds do not produce any capital or income distribution to split

#### Tax arbitrage

Most tax-effective structure that complements superannuation via our Tax Optimised Series

### Estate planning & asset protection

Can be protected from creditors and the ability to set up as a non-estate asset with features similar to testamentary trusts





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