

# Dexus Global REIT Fund (Formerly APN Global REIT Income Fund) Interim Report 31 December 2022

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Dexus Global REIT Fund (the Fund) is a registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia that invests in a portfolio of listed global Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). Dexus Asset Management Limited (DXAM) is the Responsible Entity of the Fund. DXAM oversees the management and strategic direction of the Fund in its role as Responsible Entity.

The registered office of the Responsible Entity of the Fund is Level 25, Australia Square, 264-278 George Street, Sydney, NSW 2000 and its principal place of business is Level 5, 80 Collins Street (South Tower), Melbourne, VIC 3000.

## **HY23 Operating and Financial Review**

#### Strategy

The principal activity of the Fund is to invest primarily in real estate investment entities (including REITs and Mortgage REITs) listed on securities exchanges around the world (including Australia) as well as cash and fixed interest investments. The investment return objective is to provide investors with a consistent and relatively high level of income combined with some capital growth.

#### **Review of operations**

The results of Fund's operations are disclosed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. A summary of results for the six months to 31 December 2022 is as follows:

Key financial performance metrics:	31 December 2022	31 December 2021	Change
Net (loss)/profit after tax (\$'000)	(665)	1,701	(2,366)
Distribution per security (cents)	4.9500	4.500	0.45
Distributions paid (\$'000)	355	200	155
Total assets (\$'000)	17,674	13,918	3,756
Average NAV (\$'000)	17,191	11,755	5,436

#### Investment objectives

	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Fund income yield ^	4.80%	4.78%
GPR 250 REIT Index (AU) Yield	3.94%	3.35%

^ Fund average gross annual income yield (before fees management fees and expenses) over calendar year period

#### Investment performance

	6 months	1 year (annualised)	2 years (annualised)	Since inception* (annualised)
Fund performance (after fees and costs)	-3.44%	-14.53%	8.71%	7.96%
GPR 250 REIT Index (AU) Index Return	-3.53%	-18.52%	8.17%	6.69%

\*Fund inception 1 April 2020

#### **Financial result**

The Fund's total comprehensive loss was \$0.67 million for the half year ended 31 December 2022 (31 December 2021: \$1.70 million total comprehensive income), down \$2.4 million, primarily driven by \$2.4 million of valuation declines on financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss.

The Fund continued to manage its assets in accordance with its governing documents and the Constitution.

### HY23 Operating and Financial Review (continued)

#### Fund and market summary

The first half of FY23 saw global REIT's (GPR 250 REIT Index (AU)) deliver a return of -3.53%, a significant improvement on the prior six-month period return (Jan to Jun 2022) of -11.49% which saw investors struggle with the emergence and implications of rising inflation and interest rates. Over the half the Dexus Global REIT Fund ("the Fund") return 3.44%, which was 0.09% ahead of the benchmark.

Investors in the Fund have experienced highly variable levels of return because of the pandemic lockdowns, asynchronous reopening across regions followed by a rapidly changing interest rate regime more recently. While REITs often underperform when facing a rising interest rate environment, the level of underperformance relative to broader equities markets has been a surprise. Through the first half of FY23 this amounted to underperformance of 7.92% for global REITs against equities (MSCI World Index), improving to 5.93% over calendar year 2022. Pleasingly, however, the Fund outperformed the global REIT index by 3.99%.

Through the first half of FY23 the Fund's positioning within select health care REITs proved the largest attributor to relative return, followed by residential REITs which was pleasing given this sector was the second worst performer over the full calendar year 2022 period behind only industrial REITs. Indeed, residential and industrial REITs, key contributors to the global REIT sector's strong performance through the prior years, experienced a material derating of their sector-high valuation multiples as investors factored in higher interest rates and elevated recessionary risks.

In local currency terms, the Fund's relative performance through the first half of FY23 benefited from its higher allocation to Australia and France, which were up 6.7% and 8.7% respectively, along with its lower investment in the United States, which returned -5.9%. The Fund's higher allocation to both Singapore and Canada were detrimental to relative performance as REITs in the former were -6.2% and the latter 1.6%.

#### FY23 Market outlook

Despite geopolitical and macroeconomic headwinds impacting the sector through the first half of FY23 we are hopeful for a return to underlying REIT fundamentals as a driver of investor returns over the coming period. The effects of rising interest rates and inflation though are likely to continue to be felt by global REITs however this may provide opportunities for investors. In our view, select global REITs still have the potential to provide investors with liquid access to a defensive real asset class with inflation hedging characteristics and the prospects of attractive long-term returns. Historically when nearing the top of interest rate cycles, REIT performance improves and often outperforms as this cycle turns. A repeat of prior trends will be positive for both existing and new global REIT investors in 2023 but the backdrop of inflation curbing momentum over the year remains a threat.

## **Directors' Report**

The Directors of Dexus Asset Management Limited (DXAM) as the Responsible Entity of Dexus Global REIT Fund (formerly APN Global REIT Fund) present their Directors' Report together with the Interim Financial Statements for the half year ended 31 December 2022.

On 31 October 2022, the Responsible Entity approved the change of name for the Fund from APN Global REIT Income Fund to Dexus Global REIT Fund.

### Directors

The following persons were Directors of DXAM at all times during the half year and to the date of this Directors' Report, unless otherwise stated:

Directors	Appointed
Howard Brenchley, BEc <sup>1</sup>	16 March 1998
Danielle Carter, BA/BCom, Grad DipAppFin, CA, GAICD <sup>2</sup>	17 October 2022
Deborah Coakley, BBus, GAICD	19 August 2021
Jennifer Horrigan, BBus, GradDipMgt, GradDipAppFin, MAICD	30 April 2012
Michael Johnstone, BTRP, LS, AMP (Harvard) <sup>3</sup>	25 November 2009
Emily Smith, BCom, GAICD	19 April 2022
Jonathan Sweeney, BCom, LLB, CFA, GAICD <sup>4</sup>	17 October 2022
Brett Cameron, LLB/BA, GAICD, FGIA – Alternate Director for Deborah Coakley	1 March 2022

1. Mr Brenchley resigned from the DXAM Board effective 17 October 2022.

2. Ms Carter was appointed as a Non-Executive Director on 17 October 2022.

3. Mr Johnstone resigned from the DXAM Board effective 17 October 2022.

4. Mr Sweeney was appointed as a Non-Executive Director on 17 October 2022.

### **Operating and financial review**

Information on the operations and financial position of the Fund and its business strategies and prospects is set out on pages 2 to 3 of this Interim Report and form part of this Directors' Report.

### **Principal activities**

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme domiciled in Australia. The principal activity of the Fund is to invest primarily in real estate investment entities (including REITs and Mortgage REITs) listed on securities exchanges around the world (including Australia) as well as cash and fixed interest investments. There has been no significant change in the activities of the Fund during the half year period. The Fund did not have any employees during the period.

### Significant changes in the state of affairs

During the financial period, the Fund had no significant changes in its state of affairs.

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the external Auditor's Independence Declaration, as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* is set out on page 6.

### Rounding of amounts and currency

As the Fund is an entity of the kind referred to in *ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191*, the Directors have chosen to round amounts in this Directors' Report and the accompanying Interim Financial Statements to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated. All figures in this Directors' Report and the Interim Financial Statements, except where otherwise stated, are expressed in Australian dollars.

### Directors' Report (continued)

### **Directors' authorisation**

The Directors' Report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors. The Interim Financial Statements were authorised for issue by the Directors on 16 March 2023.

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Jennifer Horrigan

Chair

16 March 2023



### Auditor's Independence Declaration

As lead auditor for the review of Dexus Global REIT Fund (Formerly APN Global REIT Income Fund) for the half-year ended 31 December 2022, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the review; and
- (b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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Sydney 16 March 2023

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## **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the half year ended 31 December 2022

	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue from ordinary activities		
Distribution income	389	289
Interest revenue	2	
Total revenue from ordinary activities	391	289
Other income		
Net gains on foreign exchange	6	-
Net fair value gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		1,498
Total other income	6	1,498
Total income	397	1,787
Expenses		
Management fees expense	(37)	(20)
Net fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(949)	-
Net losses on foreign exchange	-	(7)
Other expenses	(76)	(59)
Total expenses	(1,062)	(86)
(Loss)/profit for the period	(665)	1,701
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period	(665)	1,701

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## **Statement of Financial Position**

As at 31 December 2022

	Note	31 Dec 2022 \$'000	30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		182	240
Distribution receivable		99	83
Receivables		66	77
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		17,327	14,939
Total assets		17,674	15,339
Current liabilities			
Payables		76	138
Provisions		63	52
Total liabilities		139	190
Net assets		17,535	15,149
Equity			
Contributed equity	5	18,190	14,784
Retained (losses)/earnings		(655)	365
Total equity		17,535	15,149

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## **Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the half year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Contributed equity \$'000	Retained earnings / (losses) \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2021		8,516	986	9,502
Profit for the period		-	1,701	1,701
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	1,701	1,701
Transactions with owners in their capacity as unitholders:				
Issue of contributed equity net of transaction costs		2,919	-	2,919
Unit redemptions including transaction costs		(233)	-	(233)
Units issued under distribution reinvestment plan (DRP)		135	-	135
Distributions paid or payable	2	-	(200)	(200)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as unitholders		2,821	(200)	2,621
Balance at 31 December 2021		11,337	2,487	13,824
Balance at 1 July 2022		14,784	365	15,149
Loss for the period		-	(665)	(665)
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	(665)	(665)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as unitholders:				
Issue of contributed equity net of transaction costs	5	3,226	-	3,226
Unit redemptions including transaction costs	5	(70)	-	(70)
Units issued under distribution reinvestment plan (DRP)	5	250	-	250
Distributions paid or payable	2	-	(355)	(355)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as unitholders		3,406	(355)	3,051
Balance at 31 December 2022		18,190	(655)	17,535

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

For the half year ended 31 December 2022

	31 Dec 2022 \$'000	31 Dec 2021 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts in the course of operations (inclusive of GST)	374	280
Payments in the course of operations (inclusive of GST)	(122)	(90)
Interest received	2	-
Net cash inflow from operating activities	254	190
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payments for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(11,913)	(6,733)
Proceeds from sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8,554	4,007
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(3,359)	(2,726)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issue of contributed equity	3,206	2,919
Payments for redemption of units	(71)	(233)
Distributions paid to unitholders	(94)	(57)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	3,041	2,629
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(64)	93
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	240	96
Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies	6	(7)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	182	182

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### In this section

This section sets out the basis upon which the Fund's Interim Financial Statements are prepared.

### **Basis of preparation**

These general purpose Interim Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Fund, the *Corporations Act 2001* and AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

These Interim Financial Statements do not include notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, these Interim Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Unless otherwise stated, these Interim Financial Statements have been prepared using consistent accounting policies in line with those of the previous financial year and corresponding Interim reporting period. Where required, comparative information has been restated for consistency with the current period's presentation.

The Interim Financial Statements are presented in Australian dollars, with all values rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191, unless otherwise stated.

#### Going concern

The Directors of the Responsible Entity of the Fund remain of the opinion that the Fund can continue as a going concern considering its underlying investments are fully liquid, diversified and will be able to meet redemption requests as per the Fund's Product Disclosure Statement (PDS).

The Interim Financial Statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis using historical cost conventions, except for investments in listed equities which are stated at fair value.

#### **Critical accounting estimates**

The preparation of Interim Financial Statements may require the use of certain critical accounting estimates and management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies.

In the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies, management has considered the current economic environment including the impacts of inflation and rising interest rates.

Other than foreign currency impacts, there are no key assumptions concerning the future or areas of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period that have a significant risk of causing material adjustments to the Interim Financial Statements.

The Notes to the Interim Financial Statements are organised into the following sections:

Fund performance	Capital management	Other disclosures
1. Operating segment	3. Fair value measurement	6. Related parties
2. Distributions paid and payable	4. Commitments and contingencies	7. Subsequent events
	5. Contributed equity	

## **Fund performance**

### In this section

This section explains the results and performance of the Fund.

It provides additional information about those individual line items in the Interim Financial Statements that the Directors of the Responsible Entity consider most relevant in the context of the operations of the Fund, including operating segments and distributions paid and payable.

### Note 1 Operating segment

The Fund derives its income in the form of distributions from listed property securities and is deemed to have only one operating segment which is consistent with the reporting reviewed by the chief operating decision makers.

### Note 2 Distributions paid and payable

Distributions are recognised when declared.

#### a) Distribution to unitholders

	31 Dec 2022 \$'000	31 Dec 2021 \$'000
31 July 2022 (paid 10 August 2022)	54	31
31 August 2022 (paid 12 September 2022)	56	32
30 September 2022 (paid 10 October 2022)	58	32
31 October 2022 (paid 10 November 2022)	61	34
30 November 2022 (paid 9 December 2022)	63	34
31 December 2022 (paid 10 January 2023)	63	37
Total distributions to unitholders	355	200

#### b) Distribution rate

	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
	Cents per unit	Cents per unit
31 July 2022 (paid 10 August 2022)	0.8250	0.7500
31 August 2022 (paid 12 September 2022)	0.8250	0.7500
30 September 2022 (paid 10 October 2022)	0.8250	0.7500
31 October 2022 (paid 10 November 2022)	0.8250	0.7500
30 November 2022 (paid 9 December 2022)	0.8250	0.7500
_31 December 2022 (paid 10 January 2023)	0.8250	0.7500
Total distribution rate	4.9500	4.5000

## **Capital management**

### In this section

The Directors of the Responsible Entity determines the appropriate capital structure of the Fund, and how much is raised from unitholders (equity) in order to finance the Fund's activities both now and in the future. This capital structure is detailed in the following notes:

- Assets and liabilities: *Fair value measurement* in note 3 and *Commitments and contingencies* in note 4;
- Equity: Contributed equity in note 5.

### Note 3 Fair value measurement

The Fund uses the following methods in the determination and disclosure of the fair value of financial instruments:

Level 1: the fair value is calculated using quoted prices in active markets.

Level 2: the fair value is determined using inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).

Level 3: the fair value is estimated using inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable data.

All listed equities included within Financial assets recognised at fair value through profit or loss within the Statement of Financial Position were measured at Level 1 for the periods presented in this report.

During the half year, there were no transfers between Level 1, 2 and 3 fair value measurements.

### Note 4 Commitments and contingencies

The Directors of the Responsible Entity are not aware of any commitments or contingent liabilities in relation to the Fund (30 June 2022: nil), other than those disclosed in the Interim Financial Statements, which should be brought to the attention of unitholders as at the date of completion of this report.

### Note 5 Contributed equity

### a) Carrying amount

	For the 6 months to 31 Dec 2022 \$'000	For the 12 months to 30 Jun 2022 \$'000
Opening balance at the beginning of the period	14,784	8,516
Issue of contributed equity, net of transaction costs	3,226	6,389
Unit redemptions including transaction costs	(70)	(434)
Units issued under distribution reinvestment plan	250	313
Closing balance at the end of the period	18,190	14,784

#### b) Number of units on issue

	For the 6 months to 31 Dec 2022 No.	For the 12 months to 30 Jun 2022 No.
Opening balance at the beginning of the period	6,264,375	3,887,658
Issue of contributed equity	1,327,068	2,426,063
Unit redemptions	(28,725)	(168,434)
Units issued under distribution reinvestment plan	103,987	119,088
Closing balance at the end of the period	7,666,705	6,264,375

## Other disclosures

#### In this section

This section includes other information that must be disclosed to comply with the Accounting Standards, the Corporations Act 2001 or the Corporations Regulations.

#### Note 6 **Related parties**

#### a) Transactions with key management personnel

The Fund does not employ personnel in its own right. However, it is required to have a Responsible Entity to manage the activities of the Fund. As such there are no staff costs (including fees paid to Directors of the Responsible Entity) included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### b) Transactions with the Responsible Entity and related body corporate

The Responsible Entity and Manager of the Fund is DXAM. Dexus PG Limited (DXPG) (ACN 109 846 068), the immediate parent entity of DXAM and its controlled entities, are wholly owned subsidiaries of Dexus.

Accordingly, transactions with entities related to DXPG are disclosed below:

	31 December 2022		31 December 2021	
	Paid / (Received) \$'000	Payable / (Receivable) \$'000	Paid / (Received) \$'000	Payable / (Receivable) \$'000
Management fees <sup>1</sup>	56	11	37	9
Registry fees <sup>1</sup>	11	-	9	2
Accounting fees <sup>1</sup>	10	10	10	10
Net expense recoveries and MER rebates <sup>2</sup>	(39)	(40)	(35)	(55)
Reimbursement of costs paid on behalf of the Fund	32	3	22	1
Distributions	174	40	99	22
Total	244	24	142	(11)

Management, registry and accounting fees disclosed above exclude expense recoveries and Management Expense Ratio ("MER") rebates. Net expense recoveries and MER rebates are presented net of the expenses that the Responsible Entity is entitled to recover as and when they are incurred

2 in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### c) Unitholdings and associated transactions with related parties

The below table shows the number of units held by related parties and also sets out the associated distributions paid or payable to the related parties.

	31 Decem	ber 2022	31 December 2021		
	Number of units	Distributions paid / payable \$	Number of units	Distributions paid / payable \$	
APD Trust	4,899,561	213,809	2,764,622	112,031	
Howard Brenchley <sup>1</sup>	-	-	49,824	2,224	
Geoff Brunsdon <sup>2</sup>	-	-	157,141	7,017	
Total	4,899,561	213,809	2,971,587	121,272	

<sup>1</sup> Mr Brenchley resigned as a Director of DXAM on 17 October 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Mr Brunsdon resigned as a Director of DXAM on 28 February 2022.

### Note 6 Related parties (continued)

#### d) Related party investments held by the Fund

The Fund may acquire investments in entities that are also managed by DXPG or its related body corporates (Related Parties), in accordance with its PDS. The Fund did not hold any interests in related parties as at the half year end or throughout the period (31 December 2021: nil).

### Note 7 Subsequent events

Since the end of the period, the Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance not otherwise dealt with in their Directors' Report or the Interim Financial Statements that has significantly or may significantly affect the operations of the Fund, the results of those operations, or the state of the Fund's affairs in future financial periods.

## **Directors' Declaration**

In the Directors' opinion:

- a) the Interim Financial Statements and Notes set out on pages 7 to 16 are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - (i) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Corporations Regulations 2001* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
  - (ii) giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the half year ended on that date.
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Fund will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

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Jennifer Horrigan

Chair

16 March 2023



### Independent auditor's review report to the unitholders of Dexus Global REIT Fund (Formerly APN Global REIT Income Fund)

### Report on the half-year financial report

### Conclusion

We have reviewed the half-year financial report of Dexus Global REIT Fund (Formerly APN Global REIT Income Fund) (the Fund) which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2022, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the half-year ended on that date, significant accounting policies and explanatory notes and the Directors' Declaration of Dexus Asset Management Limited (the Responsible Entity).

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the accompanying half-year financial report of the Fund does not comply with the *Corporations Act 2001* including:

- 1. giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date
- 2. complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001.*

### Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* (ASRE 2410). Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to the audit of the annual financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

## Responsibilities of the Directors of the Responsible Entity for the half-year financial report

The Directors of the Responsible Entity (the Directors) are responsible for the preparation of the halfyear financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

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### Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the half-year financial report

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. ASRE 2410 requires us to conclude whether we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including giving a true and fair view of the Fund's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date, and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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