

Industry Funds Forum to become part of AIST

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The Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST) and Industry Funds Forum (IFF) are delighted to announce that IFF has become part of AIST following an agreement between the two industry associations.

AIST CEO Eva Scheerlinck said AIST already had a long history of collaboration on various projects with IFF and she looked forward to working even more closely with the chief executive officers of Australia's 18 largest industry super funds who make up IFF's membership.

"IFF is a natural fit with AIST's policy and research work as well as our peer-to-peer professional development programs," Ms Scheerlinck said.

In line with AIST's highly regarded Chairs forums, AIST will now be holding CEO forums – the first of which is scheduled in Melbourne next week on December 7, 2017.

IFF Chair Julie Lander said becoming part of AIST would provide more opportunities for fund CEOs to be actively involved in shaping policy and sharing information, ideas and views in a collegiate environment.

"This merger will enable the IFF member CEOs to engage with a wider group of profit-to-member fund CEOs within the AIST structure to discuss the issues impacting our industry and funds," Ms Lander said. "We look forward to continuing a meaningful forum for discussion and to building on the many years of successful outcomes driven by IFF."

Ms Lander said IFF project highlights included input into SuperStream data standards, the insurance in super working group and Future of Financial Advice reforms. The opportunities to liaise directly with representatives of the regulators had also brought about improved understandings and practical implementation of new regulations and guidelines for all parties.

"There are many people to thank for the success of IFF including previous Chairs, Ian Silk and Damian Hill, as well as the Executive Officers, in particular, Helen Hewitt and Chris Matthews. We look forward to operating within the AIST framework."

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AIST is the peak industry body for the \$700 billion profit-to-member super sector which includes industry, corporate and public sector funds.