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### AIST expands its policy team

The peak body for the \$500 billion not-for-profit super sector, the **Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST)**, has restructured and strengthened its policy department with the appointment of **David Haynes** as Executive Manager – Policy and Research and **Karen Volpato** as Senior Policy Advisor, based in Sydney.

Both Mr Haynes and Ms Volpato are well-known to many in the super industry, and have more than 50 years of super experience between them.

Mr Haynes has been a Project Director at AIST since 2010 and is a former head of Industry Fund Services and AUSfund. During his time at AIST, David has worked closely with the Government, Treasury, APRA, ASIC, ATO and other key stakeholders to help develop superannuation policy and lead consultation on the Stronger Super reform package.

A long-standing member of AIST's policy committee, Ms Volpato was Marketing Manager at First State Super for 12 years, and before that an Executive Manager at Retirement Benefits Fund.

**AIST CEO Tom Garcia** said the strengthening of AIST's policy team would help ensure that the policy settings around super were in the best interests of the members of not-for-profit funds, the industry and the broader community.

"David's passion, knowledge and grasp of super policy are highly regarded by all who have worked with him over the years. Similarly, Ms Volpato's expertise in policy, research and marketing will be an invaluable addition to AIST," said Mr Garcia.

Mr Garcia said key objectives for AIST's policy team this year were to help funds implement the Stronger Super reforms and continue AIST's active role in stakeholder discussions on adequacy, post-retirement and the sustainability of the super system.

As a result of her appointment to AIST, Ms Volpato forfeits her scholarship place in the AIST/Women in Super Springboard program. Ms Volpato's participation in the trustee educational program will now be directly funded by AIST, with the scholarship place awarded to Cathy Doyle of BNP Paribas.

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