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Experienced Queensland Director Brendan O'Farrell joins Brighter Super Board

Brighter Super has announced the appointment of experienced Queensland Director and Superannuation Executive Brendan O'Farrell to its Board as an independent director, effective 1 January 2026 as the fund continues its program of governance renewal.

Mr O'Farrell brings two decades of experience as a director and 25 years as a senior superannuation industry executive. He is the Chair of Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) and Clubs Queensland and sits on the Board of the Queensland Rugby League, Stadiums Queensland and the Brisbane Broncos Leagues Club.

As a senior superannuation executive, Mr O'Farrell served as General Manager of Mercy Super and was the Chief Executive and Chief Investment Officer for InTrust Super from 2005 to 2021 and City Super from 2003 to 2005.

Brighter Super Chairman John Smith said he was delighted Mr O'Farrell would be joining the Board as an independent director.

"Brendan brings exceptional experience as both a seasoned director and respected superannuation executive, with a strong track record of guiding organisations to deliver meaningful outcomes for their communities.

"His extensive governance expertise – including leadership roles across Economic Development Queensland, Clubs Queensland and the Queensland Rugby League – will further strengthen our Board's capability as we continue to grow and deliver long-term value for our members. We look forward to benefiting from Brendan's deep industry insight and commitment to serving Queenslanders."

Mr O'Farrell becomes the fourth new member this year of the Brighter Super Board following the appointment of Cameron O'Neil in March, Rebecca Girard in April and Corinne Butler in July.

Capping a year of significant renewal, Ron Dewhurst will become Brighter Super Chairman from 1 December 2025 after the retirement of Mr Smith after 12 years on the Board.

Mr Smith, who was appointed to the LGIAsuper Board in 2013 and became Chair in 2016, oversaw the mergers which created a $36 billion superannuation fund with more than 348,000 members. Brighter Super has since delivered consistent strong performance, cut administration fees and emerged as Queensland's fourth-largest non-government financial institution*.

Mr Smith also thanked Teresa Dyson who will leave the business on 31 December 2025 after acting as a specialist adviser to the Board from 9 July 2025. Ms Dyson assumed the role after stepping down as a director on 8 July 2025 after a combined eight years of dedicated service to Brighter Super and Energy Super.

Kate Farrar Brighter Super Chief Executive Officer welcomed Mr O'Farrell to the Board, congratulated Mr Dewhurst on his forthcoming appointment as Chairman and thanked Ms Dyson for her contribution to the fund.

Ms Farrar said the Board changes would position Brighter Super to embrace future growth and thanked Mr Smith for his 12 years on the Board and nine years as Chair.

"John will leave a strong legacy of resilience, growth and unwavering focus on helping our members live confidently through every stage of life,'' Ms Farrar said.

"John's extraordinary leadership and steady hand have been vital as we navigated the merging of three funds over recent years ultimately growing Brighter Super to become one of Australia's leading member-owned funds.''

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About Brighter Super

Brighter Super is a 100% member-owned, Queensland-based superannuation fund, with over 348,000 members and managing more than $36 billion in retirement savings as at 1 October 2025.

Following the merger of LGIAsuper, Energy Super, and the acquisition of Suncorp Super, Brighter Super is proudly the fourth largest non-government financial institution* in Queensland.

The fund is dedicated to being right by members' sides, empowering them to retire confidently with advice, focusing on solid performance and low fees.

For more information, please call Brighter Super on 1800 444 396 (in Australia).

*Based on assets under management of non-government financial institutions in Queensland.