

## SUNCORP SUPER CLASS ACTION

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

(Supreme Court of New South Wales Proceedings numbered 2019/193556)

#### WHY IS THIS NOTICE IMPORTANT?

**This is an important notice issued by the Supreme Court of New South Wales**

The Plaintiff has proposed to make amendments to clarify that Suncorp products known as "risk-only products" are not the subject of this Suncorp Super Class Action.

**If you did not hold a "risk-only" product with Suncorp during the Relevant Period, you do not need to do anything in relation to this notice as the proposed amendments do not affect you.**

If you held a "risk-only" product with Suncorp during the period 1 July 2013 to 21 June 2019 (**Relevant Period**), you may:

1. **do nothing**; or
2. **object** to the proposed amendments by 3 September 2021 (4.00PM (Sydney time)), by completing the Notice of Objection at Annexure 1 (**Notice of Objection**) and filing it with the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

If you are unsure whether you did hold a "risk-only" product with Suncorp during the Relevant Period, you may contact William Roberts Lawyers by sending an email to [SSFclassaction@williamroberts.com.au](mailto:SSFclassaction@williamroberts.com.au), calling their offices in Sydney 02 9552 2111, Melbourne 03 9321 9111 or Brisbane 07 3894 0780, or seek your own legal advice without delay.

#### SOME THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE CLASS ACTION

1. As you may know, a class action has been commenced in the Supreme Court of New South Wales by Kerry Michael Quirk (**Mr Quirk**) on his own behalf and on behalf of all persons who are "**Class Members**" against Suncorp Portfolio Services Limited, as trustee of the Suncorp Master Trust (**Suncorp**), and also against Geoffrey Edward Summerhayes and Sean Carroll, who were directors of Suncorp.
2. The class action seeks compensation (that is, money) from Suncorp, Mr Summerhayes and Mr Carroll in relation to certain fees charged by Suncorp to Class Members' superannuation account(s) and certain payments made by Suncorp to Financial Services Providers (including financial advisers).
3. The solicitors running the case are William Roberts Lawyers. A company named LCM Operations Pty Ltd (**LCM**) is funding the case.
4. Whether the class action wins or loses, the Class Members are not, and will not be, liable for any "out of pocket" legal costs by remaining in this class action.
5. If the class action wins (and the money compensation is recovered by judgment or settlement), one order which the Court may make is to distribute the legal and funding expenses equally among all persons who have benefitted from the class action. The effect of any such order, if made, would be that all Class Members who benefit from the recovery of

the compensation will contribute, from the money compensation recovered, an equal percentage of their compensation to pay the expenses and pay reasonable litigation funding charges to LCM and William Roberts Lawyers (for legal costs not paid to them by LCM). If there is insufficient recovery to cover the legal and funding expenses, Class Members will not be required to pay the difference.

## WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS?

6. The Plaintiff proposes to make changes to the Amended Summons (**Proposed Further Amended Summons**) and the Amended Commercial List Statement (**Proposed Further Amended Commercial List Statement**), to clarify that compensation is not sought in this class action in respect of fees charged by, or payments made by, Suncorp that are only in respect of products known as "risk-only" products.
7. A copy of the Proposed Further Amended Summons and Proposed Further Amended Commercial List Statement:
  - a. can be found on William Roberts Lawyers' web site at: <https://www.williamroberts.com.au/Class-Actions/Suncorp-Super-Class-Action>; and
  - b. can be inspected between 9am and 5pm at the offices of William Roberts Lawyers in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane by pre-arranged appointment, contact details for which are available from [www.williamroberts.com.au](http://www.williamroberts.com.au) or by calling (02) 9552 2111.

### **What are "risk-only" products?**

8. A "risk-only" product is a life risk insurance product (within the meaning of s963B(1)(b)(i) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**)) which has no investment component or balance and is not either:
  - a. a group life policy for members of a superannuation entity; or
  - b. a life policy for a member of a default superannuation fund within the meaning of s963B(1)(b)(ii) of the Corporations Act.
9. If you are unsure whether you did or did not hold a "risk-only" product with Suncorp during the Relevant Period, you may contact William Roberts Lawyers by sending an email to [SSFclassaction@williamroberts.com.au](mailto:SSFclassaction@williamroberts.com.au), calling their offices in Sydney 02 9552 2111, Melbourne 03 9321 9111 or Brisbane 07 3894 0780, or seek your own legal advice without delay.

## HOW DO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AFFECT ME?

*If you held no "risk-only" product in the Relevant Period*

10. You are not affected by the proposed amendments if you did not hold any "risk-only" product during the Relevant Period and you do not need to do anything.

*If you only held "risk-only" products in the Relevant Period*

11. If you only held a "risk-only" product with Suncorp during the Relevant Period (that is, if, other than "risk-only products", you held no other products with Suncorp during the Relevant Period), you will not be a Class Member in this class action if the proposed amendments are made.
12. If you are not a Class Member of this class action, any rights you may have will not be affected by the outcome of this class action. You may commence your own proceedings, if you wish to do so, and you should seek your own legal advice in relation to whether you have a claim to commence separate legal proceedings.

*If you held both "risk-only" products and non "risk-only" products in the Relevant Period*

13. If you held both "risk-only" products, and non "risk-only" products with Suncorp in the Relevant Period, the proposed amendments:
  - a. will not affect whether or not you are a Class Member; but
  - b. will clarify that compensation is not sought for you in respect of fees charged or payments made by Suncorp that are only in relation to "risk-only" products.

## **OPTIONS FOR CLASS MEMBERS WHO HELD "RISK-ONLY" PRODUCTS DURING THE RELEVANT PERIOD**

### **Option 1 – Do nothing**

14. If you do not wish to object to the proposed amendments, you do not need to do anything.

### **Option 2- Object to the proposed amendments**

15. If you held a "risk-only" product during the Relevant Period, you may object to the proposed amendments if you wish to do so.
16. To object to the proposed amendments, you need to complete the below "Notice of Objection" contained at **Annexure 1**, and then return it to the Registrar of the Supreme Court of New South Wales at the address on the form. The Notice of Objection must reach the Registrar by no later than **4:00pm (Sydney time) on 3 September 2021**, otherwise it will not be effective.

**ANNEXURE 1**  
**NOTICE OF OBJECTION**

**COURT DETAILS**

Court	Supreme Court of New South Wales
Division	Equity Division
List	Commercial List
Registry	Sydney
Case number	2019/193556

**TITLE OF PROCEEDINGS**

Plaintiff	<b>Kerry Michael Quirk</b>
First Defendant	<b>Suncorp Portfolio Services Limited</b> in its capacity as trustee for the Suncorp Master Trust
Second Defendant	<b>Geoffrey Edward Summerhayes</b>
Third Defendant	<b>Sean Carroll</b>

**FILING DETAILS**

Filed for: .....

*(Name of person objecting)*

Legal representative: .....

*(If applicable)*

Legal representative reference: .....

*(If applicable)*

Contact name and telephone:

Contact email:

**NOTICE OF OBJECTION**

Name of person objecting

Address of person objecting

I....., a Class Member in these representative proceedings, object to leave being granted for the Plaintiff to file the Proposed Further Amended Summons

and the Proposed Further Amended Commercial List Statement in the proceedings for the following reasons:

Please indicate whether you intend to give or lead evidence in support of your objection:

- I intend to give or lead evidence in support of my objection.
- I do not intend to give or lead evidence in support of my objection.

Please indicate whether you intend to appear at the hearing of the application (your objection will be before the Court whether you choose to appear at the hearing or not):

- I intend to appear at the hearing.
- I do not intend to appear at the hearing.

**SIGNATURE**

Signature of legal representative

Signature of or on behalf of  
person objecting if not legally  
represented

Capacity

.....  
(eg solicitor, authorised officer of person objecting,  
person objecting)

Date of signature

## NOTICE TO PERSON OBJECTING

You must, within the time specified in the notice to Class Members:

- 1 file this form in the registry of the court at the address below, or in the manner provided in the notice to Class Members; and
- 2 serve a copy of this form on the representative party at the address, or in the manner provided, in the notice to Class Members.

## REGISTRY ADDRESS

Street address	Supreme Court of NSW Law Courts Building, Queen's Square 184 Phillip Street Sydney NSW 2000
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