Boost to Superannuation Guarantee deserves Parliamentary support

Industry Super Network (ISN) has endorsed the Federal Government’s decision to introduce laws boosting the superannuation guarantee from nine to 12 per cent as a crucial improvement to Australia’s retirement savings system.

In combination with the Future of Financial Advice and Stronger Super reforms, the measure will improve the retirement savings of average Australians by tens of thousands of dollars.

ISN Chief Executive, David Whiteley, said the reforms deserved Parliamentary approval.

“ISN has long advocated boosting the compulsory superannuation guarantee, while at the same time improving the efficiency and equity of the superannuation system through bans on commissions and improving tax incentives for low income earners,” Mr Whiteley said.

“Today’s legislation moves Australia closer to a vastly improved retirement savings system.

“Increasing the compulsory superannuation guarantee contribution to 12 per cent will add tens of thousands of dollars to the retirement income of average Australians.

“In addition, more than 3.6 million lower income earners are set to benefit from the low income superannuation tax rebate of up to $500 per annum, once this has been passed by Parliament.”

Mr Whiteley said the entire package of reforms represented the most comprehensive improvement to the retirement savings system since the introduction of compulsory superannuation.

“Australians deserve a dignified retirement and these laws will complement the wider reform of the superannuation and financial advice industries to help deliver that outcome,” Mr Whiteley said.

“The laws deserve the support of both houses of Parliament.”

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