



## Media Release

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### **NEW EMPLOYER DIRECTORS APPOINTED TO GESB BOARD**

John Langoulant and Scott Ellis have been appointed as Employer Directors to the Board of GESB, the largest WA-based super provider.

GESB Chairman, Phil Harvey, said, “Mr Langoulant has more than 35 years experience in government and the private sector. As a former Under-Treasurer of Western Australia, he brings a thorough and complementary understanding of the public sector superannuation system to the Board.

“Mr Ellis is a Barrister at Francis Burt Chambers specialising in commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution. He has experience in the sector through his role with the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal.

“On behalf of the Board, I welcome them and look forward to their contribution.”

The appointments are for a period of three years, effective 31 October 2010.

Mr Langoulant is the Chief Executive Officer of Oakajee Port & Rail. His previous Chief Executive positions were at Australian Capital Equity and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia.

Mr Langoulant is also Chairman of the Board of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, a Senator at the University of Western Australia, member of the Council of Australian Governments’ Reform Council, member of the Boards Leadership WA, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA, the Committee for Perth and the West Australian Ballet.

Mr Ellis commenced practice as a lawyer in 1983. He was a partner at Freehills for more than a decade. He now practices as a barrister at Francis Burt Chambers, and as an arbitrator and mediator.

Mr Ellis holds a Bachelor of Jurisprudence, a Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Laws from the University of Western Australia. He also holds a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from Queen Mary College, University of London.

Mr Ellis is a Chartered Arbitrator and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a National Councilor of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia. He has been a member of the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal since 2005 and is a Senior Sessional Member of the State Administrative Tribunal.

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### **Notes to editors:**

#### **1. About GESB**

GESB is the largest WA-based super provider with more than 317,000 members, representing nearly one quarter of the WA workforce, and around \$10.5 billion funds under management.

With more than 70-years of superannuation experience, GESB is ideally situated to provide members with a choice of superannuation and retirement products, access to financial planning and insurance coverage through super, combined with competitive fees and a wide range of member education, information and resources.

For further information visit [gesb.com.au](http://gesb.com.au) .

#### **2. Industry ratings and awards**

SuperRatings awarded GESB Super, West State Super and Retirement Income Allocated Pension its highest Platinum rating in 2010. This is granted to only the top 15% of the best 'value for money' funds, based on an assessment of investment returns, investment methodology, fees, administration and advisory services, as well as a robust, secure and proven governance framework.

Chant West awarded GESB Super, West State Super and Retirement Income Allocated Pension its highest rating in 2010, Five Apples, following an assessment of organisational strengths, investments, fees, insurance, administration, member services and employer services.

The Heron Partnership has also awarded GESB its highest rating in 2010, 5 Quality Stars, granted to only the top 25% of super products, based on an assessment of investment arrangements, insurance, ancillary benefits, communications and contributions.

GESB member education seminars received the highest member rating in the 2009 Investor/Member Sentiment and Communications Report by Investment Trends.