

## Panel Discussion: Risk of Obsession with Peer Risk

Presented by: The Wealth Management Sub Committee of the Life Insurance & Wealth Management Practice Committee

Moderator: Russel Chesler

Panel Members: Chris Condon, Alistair Barker, Jeff Bresnahan and Dr Jack Gray

Tuesday 29 May 2012  
12.00pm – 2.00pm  
Actuaries Institute • Level 7, 4 Martin Place, Sydney 2000

'Asset managers and super funds have become obsessed with peer risk. Many asset managers hug indices to ensure that they do not fall to the bottom of performance tables. Default options in the major super funds have amazingly similar asset allocation despite their differing membership base.'  
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Come join us for a panel discussion on the obsession with peer risk and hear the views and opinions from a range of investment and superannuation experts.

The session is interactive - audience participation is encouraged.

See next page for details and further information on the presenters.

- Places are limited so registration is essential.
- A light lunch will be provided from 12 noon.
- The panel session will start from 12.30pm.

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## Moderator and Panel Members



### **Russel Chesler**

Russel is an Executive Director at Sunstone Partners a boutique management consulting company specialising in Asset and Wealth Management. He has over 20 years' experience in financial services with key expertise in funds management, structured products, retirement income and liability driven investments.



### **Chris Condon**

In 2010 Chris established a new advisory firm leveraging off his experience over nearly three decades investment management and asset consulting. Prior to establishing this business, Chris was MLC's Chief Investment Officer. In this capacity he led a substantial investment team charged with managing the \$60 billion in MLC's manager of managers' products.



### **Alistair Barker**

Alistair is an Investment Manager with AustralianSuper. Together with the Fund's Chief Investment Officer, he is responsible for portfolio and product construction, monitoring overall fund performance and the assessment of new investment opportunities. Prior to joining AustralianSuper, Alistair was an Investment Director at Hastings Funds Management, responsible for developing portfolio strategy and investment research.



### **Jeff Bresnahan**

Jeff co-founded The Australian Superannuation Group in the mid 1990's and the firm rapidly grew to become one of the largest independent consulting/administration houses in Australia with over 70 staff. Jeff established SuperRatings in 2002 as an independent provider of information and opinion on Australian super funds. Jeff appears regularly on national television news and business programs, and his views are often published in newspapers and magazines.



### **Jack Gray**

Jack is currently Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Capital Market Dysfunctionality at the University of Technology, Sydney; a Director of Brookvine, a specialist adviser on alternative assets; and an independent advisor to funds in Australia and overseas. He is regularly invited to speak at international and domestic conferences on investing, and regularly publishes in both popular and professional journals. He is also one of Australia's Special Representatives for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.