



RITRANSPARENCY REPORT 2017

New Zealand Superannuation Fund





About this report

The PRI Reporting Framework is a key step in the journey towards building a common language and industry standard for reporting responsible investment (RI) activities. This RI Transparency Report is one of the key outputs of this Framework. Its primary objective is to enable signatory transparency on RI activities and facilitate dialogue between investors and their clients, beneficiaries and other stakeholders. A copy of this report will be publicly disclosed for all reporting signatories on the PRI website, ensuring accountability of the PRI Initiative and its signatories.

This report is an export of the individual Signatory organisation's response to the PRI during the 2017 reporting cycle. It includes their responses to mandatory indicators, as well as responses to voluntary indicators the signatory has agreed to make public. The information is presented exactly as it was reported. Where an indicator offers a response option that is multiple-choice, all options that were available to the signatory to select are presented in this report. Presenting the information exactly as reported is a result of signatory feedback which suggested the PRI not summarise the information. As a result, the reports can be extensive. However, to help easily locate information, there is a **Principles index** which highlights where the information can be found and summarises the indicators that signatories complete and disclose.

Understanding the Principles Index

The Principles Index summarises the response status for the individual indicators and modules and shows how these relate to the six <u>Principles for Responsible Investment</u>. It can be used by stakeholders as an 'at-a-glance' summary of reported information and to identify particular themes or areas of interest.

Indicators can refer to one or more Principles. Some indicators are not specific to any Principle. These are highlighted in the 'General' column. When multiple Principles are covered across numerous indicators, in order to avoid repetition, only the main Principle covered is highlighted.

All indicators within a module are presented below. The status of indicators is shown with the following symbols:

Symbol	Status
✓	The signatory has completed all mandatory parts of this indicator
Ø	The signatory has completed some parts of this indicator
8	This indicator was not relevant for this signatory
-	The signatory did not complete any part of this indicator
Ъ	The signatory has flagged this indicator for internal review

Within the table, indicators marked in blue are mandatory to complete. Indicators marked in grey are voluntary to complete.



Principles Index

Organisational Overview					P	rin	General			
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
OO 01	Signatory category and services	✓	Public							✓
OO 02	Headquarters and operational countries	✓	Public							✓
OO 03	Subsidiaries that are separate PRI signatories	✓	Public							✓
OO 04	Reporting year and AUM	✓	Public							✓
OO 05	Breakdown of AUM by asset class	1	Asset mix disclosed in OO 06							✓
OO 06	How would you like to disclose your asset class mix	✓	Public							✓
OO 07	Fixed income AUM breakdown	✓	Private							✓
OO 08	Segregated mandates or pooled funds	✓	Private							✓
OO 09	Breakdown of AUM by market	✓	Public							✓
OO 10	RI activities for listed equities	✓	Public							✓
00 11	RI activities in other asset classes	✓	Public							✓
OO 12	Modules and sections required to complete	✓	Public							✓
OO End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Strategy	Strategy and Governance					rin	General			
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SG 01	RI policy and coverage	✓	Public							✓
SG 02	Publicly available RI policy or guidance documents	1	Public						✓	
SG 03	Conflicts of interest	✓	Public							✓
SG 04	Identifying incidents occurring within portfolios	✓	Private							✓
SG 05	RI goals and objectives	✓	Public							✓
SG 06	Main goals/objectives this year	✓	Private							✓
SG 07	RI roles and responsibilities	✓	Public							✓
SG 08	RI in performance management, reward and/or personal development	1	Private							✓
SG 09	Collaborative organisations / initiatives	✓	Public				✓	✓		
SG 10	Promoting RI independently	✓	Public				✓			
SG 11	Dialogue with public policy makers or standard setters	✓	Private				✓	✓	✓	
SG 12	ESG issues in strategic asset allocation	✓	Public	✓						
SG 13	Long term investment risks and opportunity	✓	Public	~						
SG 14	Allocation of assets to environmental and social themed areas	✓	Public	~						
SG 15	ESG issues for internally managed assets not reported in framework	✓	Public							✓
SG 16	ESG issues for externally managed assets not reported in framework	✓	Public							✓
SG 17	Innovative features of approach to RI	✓	Public							✓
SG End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Indirect -	- Manager Selection, Appointment and Monitoring					rin	General			
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
SAM 01	Role of investment consultants/fiduciary managers	✓	Public				✓			
SAM 02	RI factors in selection, appointment and monitoring across asset classes	✓	Public	✓						
SAM 03	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private							✓
SAM 04	ESG incorporation strategies	✓	Public	✓	✓					
SAM 05	Selection processes (LE and FI)	✓	Public	✓						
SAM 06	Evaluating engagement and voting practices in manager selection (listed equity/fixed income)	✓	Public		✓					
SAM 07.1	Appointment processes (listed equity/fixed income)	✓	Public	~						
SAM 07.2-5	Appointment processes (listed equity/fixed income)	✓	Public	~						
SAM 08	Monitoring processes (listed equity/fixed income)	✓	Public	~						
SAM 09	Monitoring on active ownership (listed equity/fixed income)	✓	Public	~						
SAM 10	Percentage of (proxy) votes	✓	Public		✓					
SAM 11	Percentage of externally managed assets managed by PRI signatories	✓	Public	~						
SAM 12	Examples of ESG issues in selection, appointment and monitoring processes	✓	Public	~					✓	
SAM 13	Disclosure of RI considerations	✓	Public						✓	
SAM End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

Direct - I	Direct - Listed Equity Incorporation						Principle				
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6		
LEI 01	Breakdown by passive, quantitative, fundamental and other active strategies	✓	Private							✓	
LEI 02	Reporting on strategies that are <10% of actively managed listed equities	8	n/a							✓	
LEI 03	Percentage of each incorporation strategy	✓	Public	✓							
LEI 04	Type of ESG information used in investment decision	✓	Public	✓							
LEI 05	Information from engagement and/or voting used in investment decision-making	✓	Private	✓							
LEI 06	Types of screening applied	✓	Public	✓							
LEI 07	Processes to ensure screening is based on robust analysis	✓	Public	~							
LEI 08	Processes to ensure fund criteria are not breached	✓	Public	~							
LEI 09	Types of sustainability thematic funds/mandates	8	n/a	~							
LEI 10	Review ESG issues while researching companies/sectors	✓	Public	~							
LEI 11	Processes to ensure integration is based on robust analysis	✓	Private	✓							
LEI 12	Aspects of analysis ESG information is integrated into	✓	Public	~							
LEI 13	ESG issues in index construction	✓	Public	✓							
LEI 14	How ESG incorporation has influenced portfolio composition	✓	Public	~							
LEI 15	Measurement of financial and ESG outcomes of ESG incorporation	✓	Private	✓							
LEI 16	Examples of ESG issues that affected your investment view / performance	✓	Private	✓							
LEI 17	Disclosure of approach to ESG incorporation	✓	Public		✓				✓		
LEI End	Module confirmation page	✓	-								

Direct - I	irect - Listed Equity Active Ownership					Principle			General	
Indicator	Short description	Status	Disclosure	1	2	3	4	5	6	
LEA 01	Description of approach to engagement	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 02	Reasoning for interaction on ESG issues	✓	Public	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 03	Process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 04	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 05	Process for identifying and prioritising collaborative engagement	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 06	Objectives for engagement activities	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 07	Role in engagement process	✓	Public		✓		✓			
LEA 08	Monitor / discuss service provider information	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA 09	Share insights from engagements with internal/external managers	✓	Public	✓	✓					
LEA 10	Tracking number of engagements	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 11	Number of companies engaged with, intensity of engagement and effort	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 12	Engagement methods	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 13	Engagements on E, S and/or G issues	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 14	Companies changing practices / behaviour following engagement	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 15	Examples of ESG engagements	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 16	Disclosure of approach to ESG engagements	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA 17	Voting policy & approach	✓	Public	✓	✓	✓				
LEA 18	Typical approach to (proxy) voting decisions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 19	Percentage of voting recommendations reviewed	8	n/a		✓					
LEA 20	Confirmation of votes	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 21	Securities lending programme	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 22	Informing companies of the rationale of abstaining/voting against management	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 23	Percentage of (proxy) votes cast	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 24	Proportion of ballot items that were for/against/abstentions	✓	Public		✓					
LEA 25	Shareholder resolutions	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 26	Examples of (proxy) voting activities	✓	Private		✓					
LEA 27	Disclosing voting activities	✓	Public		✓				✓	
LEA End	Module confirmation page	✓	-							

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Organisational Overview

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	Basic	Info	mation									
00 0	1	Mar	ndatory	Public	Gateway/Peering	General						
	00 01	.1	Select the type that best describes	your organisation o	or the services you provide.							
	○ Nor	n-corp	orate pension or superannuation or re	tirement or provide	ent fund or plan							
		-	pension or superannuation or retiren	nent or provident fu	ind or plan							
	○ Insurance company											
	FoundationEndowment											
			nent finance institution									
		-	sovereign or government controlled f	und								
	○ Fan	nily off	ice									
	O Oth	er, spe	ecify									
00 02	2	Mar	ndatory	Public	Peering	General						
	00 02	.1	Select the location of your organisa	tion's headquarters	3.							
	New Z	'ealan	d									
	00 02	.2	Indicate the number of countries in	which you have off	ices (including your headquarters	s).						
•	• 1											
	○ 2-5											
	0 6-1											
	○ >10)										
	00 02	3	Indicate the approximate number of	f staff in your orgar	nisation in full-time equivalents (F	ΤЕ).						
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	1110											
	114.8											
00 03	3	Mar	ndatory	Public	Descriptive	General						
	OO 03	.1	Indicate whether you have subsidia their own right.	ries within your org	ganisation that are also PRI signa	tories in						
	○ Yes	5										
	No											
00 04	4	Mar	ndatory	Public	Gateway/Peering	General						



00 04.1

Indicate the year end date for your reporting year.

31/12/2016

00 04.2

Indicate your total AUM at the end of your reporting year, excluding subsidiaries you have chosen not to report on.

	trillions	billions	millions	thousands	hundreds
Total AUM		32	702	016	000
Currency	NZD				
Assets in USD		23	166	081	996

OO 06 Mandatory Public Descriptive General

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

OO 06.1

How you would like to disclose your asset class mix.

O as percentage breakdown

as broad ranges

	Internally managed (%)	Externally managed (%)
Listed equity	<10%	10-50%
Fixed income	<10%	10-50%
Private equity	<10%	<10%
Property	0	0
Infrastructure	<10%	<10%
Commodities	0	0
Hedge funds	0	<10%
Forestry	<10%	<10%
Farmland	0	<10%
Inclusive finance	0	0
Cash	0	0



Other (1), specify	10-50%	0
Other (2), specify	0	0

'Other (1)' specified

Foreign Exchange, Tilts, Synthetics, the Liquidity Pool, Portfolio Completion Cash Offset and market neutral positions.

OO 06.2

Publish our asset class mix as per attached image [Optional].

OO 09 Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose Public Peering General

OO 09.1

Indicate the breakdown of your organisation's AUM by market.

	O 0%
	○ <10%
Dayalanad Markata	O 10-50%
Developed Markets	● >50 %
	○ 0%
	○ <10%
Facesting Faceting and Other Markets	10-50%
Emerging, Frontier and Other Markets	○ >50 %
Total	100%

OO 09.2

Additional information. [Optional]

For this indicator, we have broken AUM down by specialised emerging market mandates versus global mandates. Therefore, there may be a small amount of exposure to emerging markets accounted for in the 'Developed Markets' statistic.

Gateway asset class implementation indicators

OO 10 Mandatory Public Gateway General



Select the direct or indirect ESG incorporation activities your organisation implemented for listed 00 10.1 equities in the reporting year. ☑ We incorporate ESG in our investment decisions on our internally managed assets We address ESG incorporation in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes ☐ We do not incorporate ESG in our directly managed listed equity and/or we do not address ESG incorporation in our external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes. Select the direct or indirect engagement activities your organisation implemented for listed equity 00 10.2 in the reporting year. ☑ We engage with companies on ESG factors via our staff, collaborations or service providers ☑ We require our external managers to engage with companies on ESG issues on our behalf ☐ We do not engage directly and do not require external managers to engage with companies on ESG factors. Select the direct or indirect voting activities your organisation implemented for listed equity in the 00 10.3 reporting year ☑ We cast our (proxy) votes directly or via dedicated voting providers ☑ We require our external managers to vote on our behalf ☐ We do not cast our (proxy) votes directly and do not require external managers to vote on our behalf 00 11 **Mandatory Public Gateway** General

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00 11.1

Select the internally managed asset classes in which you addressed ESG incorporation into your investment decisions and/or your active ownership practices (during the reporting year).

- ☑ Fixed income SSA
- ☑ Fixed income corporate (financial)
- ☑ Fixed income corporate (non-financial)
- ☑ Fixed income securitised
- ☑ Private equity
- ✓ Infrastructure
- ☑ Other (1)
- ☐ None of the above

'Other (1)' [as defined in OO 05]

Foreign Exchange, Tilts, Synthetics, the Liquidity Pool, Portfolio Completion Cash Offset and market neutral positions.



00 11.2

Select the externally managed assets classes where you addressed ESG incorporation and/or active ownership in your external manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring processes (during the reporting year)

- ☑ Fixed income SSA
- ☑ Fixed income corporate (financial)
- ☑ Fixed income corporate (non-financial)
- ☑ Fixed income securitised
- ☑ Private equity
- ☑ Infrastructure

- ☐ None of the above

00 11.3

Additional information. [Optional]

As part of our RI policy, our exclusion policy applies to our investment portfolio. Therefore, there is, at minimum, some form of ESG incorporation across the entire portfolio. However, there are two pooled hedge funds where we are unable to impose our exclusions as they are servicing multiple other investors. The managers that run these funds are still subject to our RI review and rating process.

OO 12 Mandatory Public Gateway General

You will need to make a selection in OO 12.1onlyif you have any voluntary modules that you can choose to report on.

00 12.1

Select from below any additional applicable modules or sections you would like to report on voluntarily. You are only required to report on asset classes that represent 10% or more of your AUM.

Core modules

- ☑ Organisational Overview

RI implementation directly or via service providers

Direct - Listed Equity incorporation

 $\ensuremath{\square}$ Listed Equity incorporation

Direct - Listed Equity active ownership

- ☑ Engagements
- ☑ (Proxy) voting



Direct - Fixed Income							
☐ Fixed income - SSA							
☐ Fixed income - Corporate (financial)							
☐ Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)							
☐ Fixed income - Securitised							
Direct - Other asset classes with dedicated modules							
□ Private Equity							
□ Infrastructure							
RI implementation via external managers							
Ki implementation via external managers							
Indirect - Selection, Appointment and Monitoring of External Managers							
☑ Listed Equities							
☑ Fixed income - SSA							
☐ Fixed income - Corporate (financial)							
☑ Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)							
☑ Fixed income - Securitised							
☐ Private Equity							
□ Infrastructure							
Closing module							
☑ Closing module							

OO 12.2 Additional information. [Optional]

Note: Last year we voluntary reported on 'Private Equity' as part of Selection, Appointment and Monitoring of External Managers. This year, we have chosen not to report as we have been dialling down our PE exposure. It now accounts for less that 6% of our total AUM.



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Investment policy

SG 01 Mandatory Public Core Assessed General

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SG 01.1

Indicate if you have an investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach.

Yes

SG 01.2

Indicate the components/types and coverage of your policy.

Select all that apply

Policy components/types	Coverage by AUM
☑ Policy setting out your overall approach	Applicable policies cover all AUM
☑ Formalised guidelines on environmental factors	O Applicable policies cover a majority of AUM
☑ Formalised guidelines on social factors	O Applicable policies cover a minority of AUM
☑ Formalised guidelines on corporate governance factors	
☑ Asset class-specific RI guidelines	
☐ Sector specific RI guidelines	
☑ Screening / exclusions policy	
☑ Engagement policy	
☑ (Proxy) voting policy	
☐ Other, specify (1)	
☐ Other, specify(2)	

	SG 01.3	Indicate if the investment policy covers any of the following			
	☑ Your organisation's definition of ESG and/or responsible investment and it's relation to investments				
	$\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ Your investment objectives that take ESG factors/real economy influence into account				
	☑ Processes / approaches to incorporating ESG				
	☑ Time horizon of your investment				
☐ Governance structure of organisational ESG responsibilities					
	☑ ESG incorporation approaches				
	☑ Active ow	vnership approaches			
	☑ Reporting	3			
	☐ Other RI	considerations, specify (1)			
	☐ Other RI	considerations, specify (2)			



SG 01.4

Indicate what norms you have used to develop your investment policy that covers your responsible investment approach.

☑ UN Global Compact Principles

☐ UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

☑ Universal Declaration of Human Rights

☐ International Bill of Human Rights

☑ International Labour Organization Conventions

☑ United Nations Convention Against Corruption

☐ OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

☑ Other, specify (1)

other (1) description

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

☑ Other, specify (2)

other (2) description

Convention on Cluster Munitions, Cluster Munitions Prohibition Act (NZ), Ottawa Treaty (Mine Ban Treaty)

☑ Other, specify (3)

other (3) description

Nuclear Disarmament & Arms Control Act NZ (1987), Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, South Pacific Nuclear Free Treaty

☐ None of the above

SG 01.5

Describe your organisation's investment principles, and overall investment strategy, and how they consider ESG factors and real economy impact.

Our investment beliefs, which complement and underpin our endowments, and are a key driver of our investment decisions. One of our investment beliefs is: "Responsible investors must have concern for environmental, social and governance factors because they are material to long-term returns."

Our approach to Responsible Investment (RI) is governed by our Statement of Investment Policies, Standards and Procedures (SIPSP) which can be found on our public website here:

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-

sys/Statement % 20 of % 20 Investment % 20 Policies, % 20 Standards % 20 and % 20 Procedures % 20 (SIPSP).pdf

The SIPSP includes a specific section on Responsible Investment, which states our policy, standards and procedures as they relate to responsible investment. It defines RI activities and embeds the RI Framework as the process for implementation. The RI Framework is also available on our website:

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/2016-

Responsible_Investment_Framework.pdf

Our Board have overall responsibility for the SIPSP and RI Framework.

Our RI work is integrated across our investment activities. For example, understanding ESG issues is an important part of our risk assessment and due diligence on prospective individual investments.

O No



SG 02 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 6

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

Indicate which of your investment policy documents (if any) are publicly available. Provide a URL SG 02.1 and an attachment of the document. ☑ Policy setting out your overall approach **URL/Attachment ☑** URL URL https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest/responsible-investment ☐ Attachment (will be made public) ☐ Formalised guidelines on environmental factors ☐ Formalised guidelines on social factors ☐ Formalised guidelines on corporate governance factors ☐ Asset class-specific RI guidelines ☑ Screening / exclusions policy **URL/Attachment ☑** URL **URL** https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest-responsible-investment/exclusions ☐ Attachment (will be made public) ☑ Engagement policy **URL/Attachment ☑** URL **URL** https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest-responsible-investment/engagement



☑ (Proxy) voting policy

☐ Attachment (will be made public)

URL/Attachment ☑ URL **URL** https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/performance-esg-management/voting-reports ☐ Attachment (will be made public) \square We do not publicly disclose our investment policy documents Indicate if any of your investment policy components are publicly available. Provide URL and an SG 02.2 attachment of the document. ☑ Your organisation's definition of ESG and/or responsible investment and it's relation to investments **URL/Attachment ☑** URL **URL** https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documentssys/2016%20Statement of Investment Policies and Procedures (SIPSP).pdf □ Attachment \square Your investment objectives that take ESG factors/real economy influence into account ☑ Processes / approaches to incorporating ESG **URL/Attachment ☑** URL **URL** https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/2016-Responsible Investment Framework.pdf □ Attachment ☑ Time horizon of your investment **URL/Attachment ☑** URL



URL https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest/endowments ☐ Attachment ☑ ESG incorporation approaches **URL/Attachment ☑** URL **URL** https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/2016-Responsible_Investment_Framework.pdf □ Attachment ☑ Active ownership approaches **URL/Attachment ☑** URL **URL** https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/2016-Responsible_Investment_Framework.pdf □ Attachment ☑ Reporting **URL/Attachment ☑** URL **URL** https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/performance/esg-management □ Attachment ☐ We do not publicly disclose any investment policy components Indicate if your organisation's investment principles, and overall investment strategy is publicly SG 02.3



available



Yes

URL

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest/beliefs

 \bigcirc No

SG 02.4

Additional information [Optional]

Investment beliefs - which includes ESG: https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest/beliefs

White paper on why we believe responsible investing pays off:

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/White%20Paper%20ESG%20Beliefs.pdf

New Zealand legislation (http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2001/0084/latest/DLM113924.html) which says that we must administer the Fund on a prudent, commercial basis and, in doing so, must manage and administer the Fund in a manner consistent with:

- Best practice portfolio management;
- Maximising return without undue risk to the Fund as a whole;
- Avoiding prejudice to New Zealand's reputation as a responsible investor of the world community

Information about our approach to RI is available on our website: https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest/responsible-investment.

We report on our performance at https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/performance/esg-management and in a dedicated RI report in our Annual Report for the Guardians and Fund. The Annual Report was prepared in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) G4 Core option. https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/publications/annual-reports.

In October 2016, we also published our carbon footprint for the first time:

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/NZSF%202015%20Carbon%20Footprint.pdf

SG 03 Mandatory Public Core Assessed General

SG 03.1

Indicate if your organisation has a policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

Yes

SG 03.2

Describe your policy on managing potential conflicts of interest in the investment process.

We have a Board and Staff Code of Conduct.

For the Board when a situation arises, they recuse themselves from the issue/matter where the conflict of interest exists.

A copy of the Board's Charter is available at: https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/Board%20Charter.pdf

A copy of the Board Code of Conduct is available at: https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/documents/board-code-conduct

For the Staff, the staff are required to as part of the code of conduct to raise the conflict and step aside. The matter is then discussed with the CEO.

We take a precautionary approach and ask staff and board members to disclose any matter where there could be a perceived conflict.

A copy of our Human Resources Policy (including Code of Conduct and Securities Trading Procedure) is available at: https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/Human%20Resources%20Policy.pdf



○ No

SG 03.3

Additional information. [Optional]

Specific details of potential Guardians Board and staff conflicts, and how they are managed, are detailed in our annual disclosures to the Commerce Select Committee (a Parliamentary Committee). See our response to question 40 at:

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents/publications/Select%20Committee%20Written%20Responses.pdf

Objectives and strategies

SG 05 Mandatory Public Gateway/Core Assessed General

SG 05.1

Indicate if and how frequently your organisation sets and reviews objectives for its responsible investment activities.

- O Quarterly or more frequently
- Biannually
- Annually
- O Less frequently than annually
- O Ad-hoc basis
- O It is not reviewed

SG 05.2

Additional information. [Optional]

Progress on our RI objectives is reviewed by the Investment Committee biannually via a RI dashboard and to the Board annually. In addition, there is a dedicated RI report within each Annual Report and a dedicated section within a confidential Quarterly Report to the New Zealand Minister of Finance.

Further, RI is integrated into the Guardians' Statement of Intent which is produced at least every three years. The Statement of Intent provides an overview of the Guardians and Fund, summarises our five-year strategic plan, and is a vehicle for agreeing, with the Minister of Finance, a set of performance measures against which we are required to report publicly. These performance measures include responsible investment measures. Annually, we also publish a complementary document, the Statement of Performance Expectations. The Statement of Performance Expectations sets out high priority activities (drawn from our strategic plan) and forecast financial statements for the relevant financial year. We report on how we have performed against the Statement of Intent and Statement of Performance Expectations in the Statement of Performance in our Annual Reports.

For dedicated RI staff, perfomance objectives are set annually and progress is reviewed every 6 months. Performance objectives can be influenced by the reviews that internal staff do regarding the RI capabilities of our managers.

Governance and human resources

SG 07 Mandatory Public Core Assessed General



SG 07.1

Indicate the roles present in your organisation and for each, indicate whether they have oversight and/or implementation responsibilities for responsible investment.

Roles present in your organisation

☑ Board members or trustees
☑ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
☐ Implementation of responsible investment
$\hfill \square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
$\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Investment Officer (CIO), Investment Committee
☑ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
☐ Implementation of responsible investment
$\hfill \square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
☑ Other Chief-level staff or head of department, specify
Head of Responsible Investment
☑ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
☑ Implementation of responsible investment
$\hfill\square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
☑ Portfolio managers
☑ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
☑ Implementation of responsible investment
$\hfill\square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
✓ Investment analysts
☑ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
☑ Implementation of responsible investment
$\hfill\square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
☑ Dedicated responsible investment staff
☑ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
☑ Implementation of responsible investment
$\hfill\square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
☑ External managers or service providers
☑ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment
☑ Implementation of responsible investment
$\hfill\square$ No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment
☐ Investor relations
☑ Other role, specify (1)
Corporate Strategy and Operations



		Other description (1)				
•	☐ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment					
	☑ Implementation of responsible investment					
	\square No oversight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment					
V	Other role, s	pecify (2)				
		Other description (2)				
ı	Leadership T	-eam				
	☑ Oversight/accountability for responsible investment					
	☑ Implementation of responsible investment					
	☐ No over	rsight/accountability or implementation responsibility for responsible investment				
	For	the roles for which you have RI oversight/accountability or implementation responsibilities,				

Note that Corporate Strategy covers the Communications, Legal & Strategy Teams.

indicate how you execute these responsibilities.

The Guardians has a long-standing commitment to Responsible Investment. In addition, our governing legislation requires us to avoid prejudice to New Zealand's reputation in the world community.

ESG considerations are therefore integrated into all aspects of the Fund's investment activities, from investment selection and due diligence to ownership activities such as monitoring our external investment managers, exercising our voting rights and engaging with companies to improve their ESG policies and practices.

Our responsible investment work programme is led by the RI team, which acts as a RI Centre of Excellence for the Fund. The programme is wide ranging and touches most teams within the organisation. Investment professionals have their own responsibilities to integrate ESG issues within investment decisions. In addition, the operational side (Communiations, Legal, Investment Operations etc.) provide relevant support for the RI work that is undertaken.

The Board, CEO, CIO, Leadership Team and Investment Committee have oversight of the RI Programme. The Head of RI reports directly to the CIO, reports bi-annually to the Investment Committee and annually to the Board. Any changes made to the RI Policy and Framework must be approved by the Board.

The Risk Committee also plays a role in oversight of ESG risks that are identified with investments.

We provide responsible investment resources to two other New Zealand Crown Financial Institutions: the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) and the Government Superannuation Fund Authority.

As well as applying ESG principles when making investment decisions, we aim to run the Guardians as an organisation in a way that demonstrates good ESG practice and reporting.

SG 07.3	Indicate the number of dedicated responsible investment staff your organisation has.	
	Number	
1.8		
SG 07.4	Additional information. [Optional]	

The number of dedicated RI staff is increasing from 1.8 to 2.8 in January 2017.

Promoting responsible investment



SG 07.2

SG 09 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 4,5

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SG 09.1

Select the collaborative organisation and/or initiatives of which your organisation is a member or in which it participated during the reporting year, and the role you played.

Select all that apply

☑ Principles for Responsible Investment

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)

☐ Basic
☐ Moderate
☑ Advanced

Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]

NZSF is involved in the following PRI-coordinated collaborative engagements:

- Investor Working Group on Palm Oil
- Carbon Footprint Disclosure
- · Human Rights in the Extractive Industries

In addition, Anne-Maree O'Connor is on the Policy & Research Steering Committee; we attended the PRI in Person Conference, including the side trip to Indonesia to visit palm oil plantations; we signed the Global Statement on Investor Obligations and Duties which launched in Paris in June; and we signed a letter to G20 Leaders to ratify the Paris Agreement swiftly, double global investment in clean energy, strengthen climate disclosure, adopt carbon pricing and phase out fossil fuel subsidies.

Further, in November, we hosted the International Forum for Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF) annual conference. This is a market that the UNPRI is not yet widely connected to. We invited Martin Skancke and Lorenzo Saa to come to NZ and speak at the conference, providing the opportunity to promote the UNPRI.

☐ AFIC – La Co	ommission ESG
☐ Asian Corpor	ate Governance Association
☑ Australian Co	ouncil of Superannuation Investors
	Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)
☑ Basic	
☑ Basic	
	rate



☑ CDP Climate Change

Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see delimitions)
☑ Basic
☐ Moderate
☐ Advanced
Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]
We are a paying member of the organisation. In September, we hosted a CDP workshop for institutional investors.
□ CDP Forests
□ CDP Water
☐ CFA Institute Centre for Financial Market Integrity
□ Code for Responsible Investment in SA (CRISA)
☐ Code for Responsible Finance in the 21st Century
☐ Council of Institutional Investors (CII)
☐ ESG Research Australia
□ Eumedion
□ EVCA – Responsible Investment Roundtable
☐ Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
☐ Global Investors Governance Network (GIGN)
☐ Global Impact Investing Network (GIIN)
☐ Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB)
☐ Green Bond Principles
☐ Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC)
☐ Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR)
☑ International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN)
Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)
☑ Basic
☐ Moderate
☐ Advanced
☑ Investor Group on Climate Change, Australia/New Zealand (IGCC)



	Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)
☑ Basic	
□ Mode	rate
☐ Advar	nced
☐ International	Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)
☐ Investor Netw	vork on Climate Risk (INCR)/CERES
☐ Local Authori	ty Pension Fund Forum
☐ Principles for	Sustainable Insurance
☑ Regional or N	lational Social Investment Forums (e.g. UKSIF, Eurosif, ASRIA, RIAA), specify
Responsible	Investment Association of Australasia (RIAA)
	Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting period (see definitions)
☐ Basic	
☐ Mode	rate
	nced
	Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]
play a key rol	RI is on the Board of the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA). We sponsor and e in organising the NZ RIAA Conference. We also sponsored the RIAA 2016 Responsible enchmarking Report (New Zealand and Australia).
□ Responsible	Finance Principles in Inclusive Finance
☐ Shareholder	Association for Research and Education (Share)
☐ United Nation	ns Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP FI)
☐ United Nation	s Global Compact
Other collaboration Other collaboration	rative organisation/initiative, specify
NZ Crown Fir	nancial Institutions resource sharing collaboration
	Your organisation's role in the initiative during the reporting year (see definitions)
☐ Basic	
□ Mode	rate
☑ Advar	nced
	Provide a brief commentary on the level of your organisation's involvement in the initiative. [Optional]
CFIs (Accider also UNPRI s	RI resource sharing agreement with two other Crown Financial institutions (CFIs) in NZ. The two nt Compensation Corporation (ACC) and the Government Superannuation Fund Authority) are signatories. We act as their secretariat on RI activities. Meetings are held quarterly to discuss and y RI activities such as policies and practices, engagement activities, research and reference and on.
Other collaboration ✓ Other collaboration	rative organisation/initiative, specify
NZ Corporate	Governance Forum
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		Your organisation's role in the i	nitiative during th	ne reporting year (see definitions)	
	☐ Bas	sic			
	□Мо	derate			
	☑ Adv	vanced			
		Provide a brief commentary on [Optional]	the level of your	organisation's involvement in the	initiative.
O'C Cha	onnor i air posit	been a key driver behind the establis s the current chair and NZSF has pro- ion comes to an end in early 2017. No nsition for this important initiative.	ovided the secret	ariat function for two years. Anne	-Maree's
✓ Oth	er colla	borative organisation/initiative, speci	ify		
		Rights Commission			
		Your organisation's role in the i	nitiative during th	ne reporting year (see definitions)	
	□ Bas	sic			
	☑ Mo	derate			
	□ Adv	vanced			
۱		Provide a brief commentary on [Optional]	the level of your	organisation's involvement in the	initiative.
Zea	ıland's d	nsored a week-long programme of excorporate human rights practice. This Directors.			
□ Oth	er colla	borative organisation/initiative, spec	ify		
	Man	datory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 4
SG 10	.1	Indicate if your organisation promot initiatives.	tes responsible ir	nvestment, independently of colla	borative



Yes

SG 10.2

Indicate which of the following actions your organisation has taken to promote responsible investment, independently of collaborative initiatives.

☑ Provided or supported education or training programmes for clients, investment managers, broker/dealers, investment consultants, legal advisers or other investment organisations
☑ Provided financial support for academic or industry research on responsible investment
$\ensuremath{\square}$ Encouraged better transparency and disclosure of responsible investment practices across the investment industry
☑ Spoke publicly at events and conferences to promote responsible investment
☑ Wrote and published in-house research papers on responsible investment
☑ Encouraged the adoption of the PRI
☐ Wrote articles on responsible investment in the media.

 \bigcirc No

SG 10.3

Describe any additional actions and initiatives that your organisation has taken part in during the reporting year to promote responsible investment [Optional]

Over 2016, RI team members as well as the CEO, CIO and Chair of the Board all spoke at public events on various RI related topics. In addition, we:

hosted an investor meeting for the CDP;

 $\hfill\square$ Other, specify

- supported a week long training event on business and human rights for the Human Rights Comission;
- sponsored the RIAA NZ Benchmark Report and annual RIAA NZ Conference;
- hosted the annual conference of the International Forum for Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF) where climate change was a key agenda focus;
- held educations sessions with Treasury on responsible investment;
- provided consultation with a number of investment managers in NZ regarding their approach to RI, particularly in regard to exclusions policies;
- provided consultation with a number of companies (both in NZ and internationally) regarding their sustainability reporting;
- provided input or feedback to a number of UNPRI publications;
- undertaken numerous meetings, interviews and contributed to articles on responsible investment related matters.

Implementation not in other modules				
SG 12	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.



SG 12.1

Indicate if your organisation executes scenario analysis and/or modelling in which the risk profile of future ESG trends at portfolio level is calculated.

$\ensuremath{\square}$ We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future environmental trends
\square We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future social trends
\Box We execute scenario analysis which includes factors representing the investment impacts of future governance trends
\square We execute other scenario analysis, specify
\square We do not execute such scenario analysis and/or modelling

SG 12.2

Indicate if your organisation considers ESG issues in strategic asset allocation and/or allocation of assets between sectors or geographic markets.

- We do the following
 - ☑ Allocation between asset classes
 - ☐ Determining fixed income duration
 - ☑ Allocation of assets between geographic markets
 - □ Sector weightings
 - ☑ Other, specify

Allocation and prioritization between different types of investment opportunities.

O We do not consider ESG issues in strategic asset allocation

SG 12.3

Additional information. [OPTIONAL]

Regarding SG 12.1: In 2016, we did some scenario planning which examined how the sectoral composition of NZSF's global passive and NZ equity portfolio changes after the most carbon intensive stocks are removed from the portfolio, and then considers the potential impact on tracking error.

Regarding SG 12.2: ESG issues and responsible investment risks and opportunities are considered as part of our portfolio construction process. We rank and map, on a whole-of-fund basis, all our existing and potential investments by:

- a) Attractiveness (expected return, adjusted for confidence and risk); and
- b) Consistency with the Fund's investment style (ESG, Macro-themes and Targeted Operating Model).

As part of this process, we look closely at how good a fit the investment is with our way of investing, including our investment beliefs and themes. ESG issues and each investment opportunity's fit with themes such as resource sustainability therefore feed directly into the rankings of different investments.

The better a prospective or existing investment satisifes each test, the higher its ranking. For a prospective investment, a higher ranking means it is more likely that we will seek an access point - passively, directly or through a manager. Ranking is also key to sizing our investments.

SG 13 Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 1
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SG 13.1

Some investment risks and opportunities arise as a result of long term trends. Indicate which of the following you act on.

- Changing demographics
- ☑ Climate change



	SG 13.2	Indicate which of the following activities you have undertaken to respond to climate change risk and opportunity
	□ Establi	shed a climate change sensitive or climate change integrated asset allocation strategy
		ed low carbon or climate resilient investments
	□ Reduc	ed portfolio exposure to emissions intensive or fossil fuel holdings
		emissions data or analysis to inform investment decision making
	☑ Sough	t climate change integration by companies
	☑ Sough	t climate supportive policy from governments
	\square Other,	specify
	□ None o	of the above
	SG 13.3	Indicate which of the following tools you use to manage emissions risks and opportunities
	☑ Carbor	n footprinting
		rio testing
	☑ Disclos	sure on emissions risk to clients/trustees/management/beneficiaries
		If you selected disclosure on emissions risks, list any specific climate related
	SG 1	disclosure tools or frameworks that you used.
		6 a significant amount of work was undertaken - and continues to be ongoing - on the best way rove the resilience of the portfolio to climate change-related risks.
	We rev	viewed many 'off-the shelf products' but decided to develop our own methodology.
		ber of methodologies are under review using various ESG filters and ranking procedures to in optimal outcome. This is work in progress.
	☐ Target	setting for emissions risk reduction
	☑ Encoul	rage internal and/or external portfolio managers to monitor emissions risk
	☐ Emissi	ons risk monitoring and reporting are formalised into contracts when appointing managers
	☑ Other,	specify
		other description
		courage internal+external portfolio managers to consider climate change related risks and
	• •	unities (not just emissions risk). IGCC has been engaging on climate change.
_		f the above
	Resource scar	
	Technology de	
V	Other, specify	(1)
		other description (1)
	We have an al	ternative energy strategy which came out of our energy sector and climate change research.
	Other, specify	(2)
	None of the ab	pove



SG 13.5

Additional information [Optional]

Investment Themes are an important part of how the Fund prioritises its investment research and activities. We have defined Investment Themes as long-lasting impacts on economies and capital markets, that will normally be fairly immune to the ups and downs of the business cycle.

Thematic analysis is about identifying return streams positively and negatively exposed to the themes. Our investment thesis is that these exposures will not usually be fully-priced by markets given they are "slow burn" in nature and subject to uncertainty. Thematic investing is therefore very much aligned with the Fund's long-term investment horizon.

The Fund has three broad Investment Themes we believe will provide areas of investment opportunity in years to come:

- Resource Sustainability
- Emerging Markets Segmentation
- Evolving Demand Patterns

SG 14	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SG 14.1

Indicate if your organisation allocates assets to, or manages, funds based on specific environmental and social themed areas.

Yes

SG 14.2

Specify which thematic area(s) you invest in, indicate the percentage of your AUM in the particular asset class and provide a brief description.

Area

☑ Clean technology (including renewable energy)

	Asset class invested		
☐ Listed e	quity		
☐ Fixed in	come - SSA		
☐ Fixed income - Corporate (financial)			
☐ Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)			
☐ Fixed income - Securitised			
☑ Private	equity		
□ Infrastructure			
☐ Hedge f	unds		
☐ Forestry			
☐ Farmlar	nd		
☐ Other (1)		



% of AUN

0.5

Brief description and measures of investment

The type of investment is similar to private equity but is managed internally via our Direct Investment team. Types of investment include: Fuel cell manufacturer for stationary power generation applications and a wind farm development company.

 $\ensuremath{\square}$ Green buildings

☑ Sustainable forestry

Asset class invested				
☐ Listed equity				
☐ Fixed income - SSA				
☐ Fixed income - Corporate (financial)				
☐ Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)				
☐ Fixed income - Securitised				
☑ Private equity				
□ Infrastructure				
☐ Hedge funds				
□ Forestry				
☐ Farmland				
☐ Other (1)				
% of AUM				
0.8				
Brief description and measures of investment				
Energy efficient glass				



		Asset class invested		
	☐ Listed equity			
	☐ Fixed income - SSA			
	☐ Fixed income - Corporate (financial)			
	☐ Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)			
	☐ Fixed income - Securitised			
	☐ Private equity			
	□ Infrastructure			
	Hedge f	runds		
\checkmark	☑ Forestry			
	Farmlan	nd		
	Other (1			
_				
		% of AUM		
4.7				
		Brief description and measures of investment		
The	large ma	sjority of our forestry investments have FSC or PEFC certification. In addition, we have		
inve	sted in oi	ne REDD forest project.		
□ Sust	tainable a	aariculture		
	tainable a	agriculture		
□ Micr	ofinance			
☐ Micr	ofinance Efinancin	ng		
☐ Micr	ofinance Efinancin			
☐ Micr	ofinance Efinancin	ng		
☐ Micro	ofinance E financin ial enterp	orise / community investing Asset class invested		
☐ Micro	rofinance E financin ial enterp	orise / community investing Asset class invested quity		
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☐ Micro	rofinance E financin ial enterp Listed e Fixed in	ang Porise / community investing Asset class invested quity come - SSA come - Corporate (financial)		
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☐ Micro	cofinance E financin ial enterp Listed e Fixed in	Asset class invested quity come - SSA come - Corporate (financial) come - Securitised equity ucture		
☐ Micro	cofinance E financin ial enterp Listed e Fixed in Hedge f	Asset class invested quity come - SSA come - Corporate (financial) come - Securitised equity ucture funds		
□ Micro □ SME ☑ Soci	cofinance E financin ial enterp Listed e Fixed in	Asset class invested quity come - SSA come - Corporate (financial) come - Securitised equity acture funds		



% of AUM
0.2
Brief description and measures of investment
Social Infrastructure Fund - investing in schools, hospitals and other social infrastructure.
7 Affordable bouging
☑ Affordable housing
Asset class invested
☐ Listed equity
☐ Fixed income - SSA
☐ Fixed income - Corporate (financial)
☐ Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)
☐ Fixed income - Securitised
☐ Private equity
□ Infrastructure
☐ Hedge funds
□ Forestry
□ Farmland
☑ Other (1)
other description (1)
Foreign Exchange, Tilts, Synthetics, the Liquidity Pool, Portfolio Completion Cash Offset and
market neutral positions.
% of AUM
0.01
Brief description and measures of investment
We have one property project in which 70% of the development is 'affordable housing'. We define this as homes that will be priced below the regional median house price.
□ Education
□ Global health
□ Water
□ Other area, specify

SG 15 Mandatory Public Descriptive General



 $\bigcirc \ \mathsf{No}$

SG 15.1

Describe how you address ESG issues for internally managed assets for which a specific PRI asset class module has yet to be developed or for which you are not required to report because your assets are below the minimum threshold.

Asset Class	Describe what processes are in place and the outputs or outcomes achieved
Fixed income - SSA	Exclusions apply as applicable.
Fixed income - Corporate (financial)	Exclusions apply as applicable. Our engagement service provider engages with corporates that issue both bonds and equity fixed income assets (both financial and non-financial).
Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)	Exclusions apply as applicable. Our engagement service provider engages with corporates that issue both bonds and equity fixed income assets (both financial and non-financial).
Fixed income - Securitised	Exclusions apply as applicable.
Private equity	Our RI Guidelines for PE assist in our due diligence process and are the basis for identifying relevant ESG risks and oppportunities. Internal PE investments are usually direct investments, where we are represented on the board and in this way, can drive management and best practice of ESG issues.
Infrastructure	ESG requirements are integrated into due diligence and post-investment management.
Forestry	We integrate ESG responsibilities through our governance role as a director on the Board.
Other (1) [as defined in Organisational Overview module]	Other equates to FX, Tilts, Synthetics and market neutral positions: Exclusions apply where appropriate. In addition, we have shorted excluded companies which fall into the large market capitalisation category.

SG 16	Mandatory	Public	Descriptive	General

SG 16.1

Describe how you address ESG issues for externally managed assets for which a specific PRI asset class module has yet to be developed or for which you are not required to report because your assets are below the minimum threshold.



Asset Class	Describe what processes are in place and the outputs or outcomes achieved
Private equity	The consideration of ESG factors is an important element to our private equity investments. ESG risks and opportunities are assessed and monitored pre and post investment. We have also developed specific Private Equity RI guidelines.
	ESG Due Diligence is a major component in the pre-investment analysis. ESG Management and Reporting is a post-investment requirement. We advocate and promote best practice in this space. ESG requirements for integration and reporting are in the Limited Partnership Agreement.
Infrastructure	ESG Due Diligence is a major component in the pre-investment analysis. ESG Management and Reporting is a post-investment requirement. ESG requirements for integration and reporting is in the Manager's IMA.
Hedge funds	ESG Due Diligence is a major component in the pre-investment analysis. ESG Management and Reporting is a post-investment requirement in our segregated hedge fund mandates. We have developed our own ESG guidelines for some of the different hedge fund categories such as Distressed Credit, Life Settlements and Natural Catastrophe Reinsurance. There are also ESG requirements, where relevant, in the legal documents for our hedge fund mandates. Our exclusion policies apply to all segregated mandates.
Forestry	ESG Due Diligence is a major component in the pre-investment analysis. ESG Management and Reporting is a post-investment requirement. We have developed our own Forestry ESG guidelines to assist in this - these include FSC requirements or equivalent and safety issues. There are also ESG requirements for integration and reporting in the Manager's IMA. Focus this year has been on improving safety in the NZ forestry industry including contractors and suppliers.
Farmland	ESG Due Diligence is a major component in the pre- investment analysis. ESG Management and Reporting is a post - investment requirement. We have developed our own rural ESG guidelines to assist in this. There are also ESG requirements for integration and reporting in the Manager's IMA.

SG 16.2 Additional information

We conduct an RI review and rate each manager every 1-2 years. From this, relevant RI performance issues (both good practice and concerns) are integrated into the portfolio management and performance (conviction) ratings of our external managers. These conviction reviews are carried out by portfolio managers in the Investments Group with input from dedicated RI staff.

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SG 17 Voluntary Public Descriptive General

SG 17.1

Indicate whether any specific features of your approach to responsible investment are particularly innovative.

Yes



SG 17.2

Describe any specific features of your approach to responsible investment that you believe are particularly innovative.

We believe our risk allocation process (RAP process) is particularly innovative. The New Zealand Superannuation Fund is a global fund with a long time horizon and certain liquidity. This means there are thousands of potential investment opportunities available to us. How do we choose the best ones for us?

The Risk Allocation Process (RAP) is a portfolio construction process or tool to help with our investment decision-making. We use the RAP to rank and map our existing and potential investment opportunities by:

- attractiveness (expected return, adjusted for confidence and risk); and
- consistency with the Fund's investment style (ESG is a major component of this).

Review and integration of ESG is an integral part of the RAP which prioritises the types of investments we may make.

In addition, we maintain a dedicated RI section and staff education module on RI on our intranet. Video recordings also aid the induction processes.

 \bigcirc No



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Overview

SAM 01 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 4

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

SAM 01.1 Indicate whether your organisation uses investment consultants and/or fiduciary managers.

☐ Yes, we use investment consultants
☐ Yes, we use a fiduciary manager that delegates management of some or all of our assets to third-party managers.

☑ No, we do not use investment consultants or fiduciary managers.

SAM 02 Mandatory Public Gateway PRI 1

SAM 02.1

Indicate for which of the following externally managed asset classes your organisation, and/or your investment consultants, consider responsible investment factors in investment manager: (a) Selection, (b) Appointment (investment management agreements/contracts), and (c) Monitoring

Select all that apply

Asset classes	(a) Selection	(b) Appointment	(c) Monitoring
Listed equity	V	V	\checkmark
Fixed income - SSA	V	7	\checkmark
Fixed income - Corporate (non-financial)	\checkmark	V	V
Fixed income - Securitised	V	V	V

SAM 02.2

Provide a brief description of how your organisation includes responsible investment considerations in your investment manager selection, appointment and monitoring processes.

Our activities include: RI integration into manager selection, due diligence and ongoing monitoring and review. This is aided by RI guidelines across asset classes. We also include specific RI requirements in mandates and other related legal documents. Our investment professionals in charge of manager relationships work with our RI professionals to integrate the RI process.

As part of our post investment monitoring, we carry out 2-yearly RI reviews of our managers. The objective of the review is to assess and gain more awareness of the manager's management of ESG issues and to require improvement where appropriate. Managers are rated on RI capabilities. The insights of the reviews are integrated into our manager conviction review.

We may also carry out site visits to assess ESG activities in person.



Listed Equity and Fixed Income Strategies

SAM 04 Mandatory Public Gateway PRI 1,2

SAM 04.1

Indicate which of the following ESG incorporation strategies you require your external manager(s) to implement on your behalf:

Active investment strategies

Active investment strategies	Listed Equity		
Screening	\checkmark		
Thematic			
Integration	V		
None of the above			

Passive investment strategies

Passive investment strategies	Listed Equity	FI - SSA	FI -Corporate (non- financial)?	Fixed income - Securitised?
Screening	V	\checkmark	V	\checkmark
Thematic				
Integration				
None of the above				

SAM 04.2

Explain how you integrate ESG factors in the selection, appointment and monitoring of your passive funds

Selection: Ability to have a segregated portfolio is important to us when selecting passive managers. This enables us to implement our exclusions policy. We also assess the voting and engagement ability of potential passive managers as part of due diligence.

Appointment: Appropriate clauses are included in legal documents to ensure adherence to our exclusions policy. We also require passive managers to vote on our behalf, according to our voting policy. Appropriate wording is included in the legal documents.

Monitoring: We require quarterly reporting that passive managers have acted in accordance with Investment Mandate Agreements. In addition, we undertake RI Reviews of our managers on a 1-2 yearly basis or as needed.



SAM 04.3 Additional information. [Optional]

Exclusion decisions are based on a clear process and principles that are set out in our Responsible Investment Framework. International conventions, New Zealand law, Crown actions, and companies' involvement and activities, are key factors in our decision-making process.

There are two types of exclusions:

Selection

- (a) 'product' exclusions, where companies are excluded based on the products they make (for example tobacco, cluster munitions)
- (b) 'poor ESG practices' exclusions, where companies are excluded for systemic breaches of responsible investment standards.

In addition, the Fund will exclude investment in the government bonds of any nation state where there is widespread condemnation or sanctions by the international community and New Zealand has imposed meaningful diplomatic, economic or military sanctions aimed at the government.

More information is available on our website: https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest-responsible-investment/exclusions.

SAM 05 Mandatory					Pul	olic	Core Assessed			11		
	SAM 0	5.1	Indicate what RI-relate documentation for you					typically covers in	n the majority of	seled	ctio	ր
				Ш	FI - SSA		FI - Corpor financial)?		FI - Securitised?			
Investment strategy and how ESG objectives relate to it		V										
ESG inc	corporat	ion rec	quirements	\checkmark	V		V		V			
ESG reporting requirements		\checkmark	V		V		V					
Other												
No RI information covered in the RFPs												



In the reporting period, we began to include due diligence on how potential managers integrate climate change considerations into their investment decisions for new mandates.

SAM 05.2

Explain how your organisation evaluates the investment manager's ability to align between your investment strategy and their investment approach

Strategy

	LE	FI - SSA	FI - Corporate (non-financial)	FI - Securitised?		
Assess the time horizon of the investment manager's investment strategy	V	V				
Assess the quality of investment policy and its reference to ESG	V	\checkmark		Ø		
Assess the investment approach and how ESG objectives are implemented in the investment process (asset class specific)	V	V				
Assess the ESG definitions to be used						
Other						
None of the above						

ESG people/oversight



	LE	FI - SSA	FI - Corporate (non- financial)?	FI - Securitised?		
Assess ESG expertise of investment teams	V	V	\checkmark	V		
Review the ownership of the ESG implementation	V	V				
Review how is ESG implementation enforced /ensured	V	V				
Other						
None of the above						

Process/portfolio construction/investment valuation



	LE	FI - SSA	FI - Corporate (non-financial)?	FI - Securitised?	
Review the process ensuring the quality of the ESG data used	V				
Review and agree the investment decision making process (and ESG data use in it)	V				
Review and agree the ESG incorporation strategy impact of ESG analysis on investment decisions	V				
Review and agree how the manager is targeting returns and ESG objectives	V				
Review and agree how the manager identifies, measures and manages ESG risk	V				
Review and agree return and risk in combination at a portfolio level (portfolio construction) and ESG objectives					
Review how ESG materiality is evaluated by the manager in the monitored period	V				
Review process for defining and communicating on ESG incidents	V	V			
Other, specify					
None of the above					

SAM 05.3	Describe the selection process								
☑ Review re	☑ Review responses to RfP, RfI, DDQ etc.								
☑ Review Li	☑ Review Limited Partners' Responsible Investment Due Diligence Questionnaire (PE DDQ)								
☑ Review po	ublicly available information								
☐ Review as	ssurance process								
☑ Review P	RI Transparency Reports								
☑ Request a	and discuss PRI Assessment Reports								
	☑ Meetings with the potential shortlisted managers								
☑ Site visits to potential managers offices									
☐ Other, spe	ecify								



SAM 05.4 When selecting external managers does your organisation set any of the following:

	LE	FI - SSA	FI - Corporate (non-financial)?	FI - Securitised?		
ESG score	V	V	V	V		
ESG weight						
Real world economy targets						
Other RI considerations	V	V	☑	V		
None of the above						

If you select any 'Other' option(s), specify

In due diligence, we look at RI strategy(ies), integration of ESG into investment decision making (pre and post investment), engagement and voting activities, RI resources and expertise, and reporting and communication.

SAM 05.5 Provide additional information relevant to your organisation's selection approach [OPTIONAL]

When selecting a new manager, the RI team feeds into the due diligence process that is undertaken before hire. We have a set of RI due diligence questions that we send to managers; we undertake a review of their RI activities, we may attend an onsite visit or hold calls or meetings to better understand their approach to RI.

Once we have obtained the information we require, we rate the manager's RI ability, taking consideration of the investment strategy and the type of opportunity that we are trying to access.

If a manager's RI ability is, at that point, lower than what we would expect, then a factor we consider is how willing they are to work with us to further their RI ability. From there, we can set out a plan for improvement, work with the manager and monitor progress over time.

We acknowledge that, currently, there is no industry agreed or defined best practice when it comes to ESG integration into Securitised FI assets. Our exposure to FI is predominantly through one passive fund that tracks the Barclays Global Aggregate Index. Therefore, our ESG requirements of this manager are broad and apply to the fund as a whole rather than to the specific different investments within the fund. It is a segregated mandate which means the fund is able to adhere to our exclusion criteria. The manager runs a number of mandates with us so we are very aware of their RI capabilities.

SAM 06 Mandatory

Public Additional Assessed

PRI 2

SAM 06.1

Indicate how your organisation typically evaluates the manager's active ownership practices in the majority of the manager.

Engagement



	LE	FI - SSA	FI - Corporate (non- financial)	FI - Securitised
Review the manager's engagement policy	V			
Review the manager's engagement process (with examples and outcomes)	V			
Ensure that engagement outcomes feed back into the investment decision-making process	V			
Other engagement issues in your selection process specify	V			
None of the above		V		\checkmark

Other includes RI related resources and expertise and reporting and communication.

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	LE
Review the manager's voting ability within different ownership rights	\checkmark
Review the manager's voting policy	√
Ensure that voting outcomes feed back into the investment decision-making process	V
Other active ownership voting issues in your selection process; specify	
None of the above	

SAM 06.2

Describe how you assess if the manager's engagement approach is effective.

- $\ensuremath{\square}$ Impact on investment decisions
- $\hfill\square$ Impact on company / asset level
- ☐ Impact on ESG profile or the portfolio
- ☑ Evidence of changes in corporate practices
- ☑ Other, specify

We look at a manager's engagement policy, allocated resource and internal governance procedures. We also review examples of their engagement reporting, which may include, for active managers, how this has influenced their investment view of the company or changes made by the company as a result of engagement.



☐ None of the	ne above
SAM 06.3	Describe how you assess if the manager's voting approach is effective/appropriate
☐ Impact or	n investment decisions
☐ Impact or	ESG profile or the portfolio
☑ Evidence	of changes in corporate practices
☑ Other, specific or a sp	ecify
examples our proxy managers	at a manager's voting policy, allocated resource and internal governance procedures. We also review of their proxy voting reports. If hired, we review how a manager's voting decisions differ from that of voting advisor. We also review how often they vote against company management. Our New Zealand are required to provide voting recommendations (though we will make the final voting decision) and ake relevant engagement with companies.
	es, but not always, the changes in company practices due to voting activities are discussed by swith companies.
☐ None of the	ne above
SAM 06.4	Additional information [OPTIONAL]

The engagement undertaken by our service provider covers corporates (both financial and non-financial) from both a listed equity and fixed income perspective. They do not engage on SSA or securitised FI assets.

	Appo	intme	ent							
SAM	07.1	Man	datory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1				
	SAM	7.1	Indicate if in the majority of cases a does any of the following as part of			organisation				
	☑ Set	s stand	dard or ESG benchmarks							
		ines E	SG objectives							
	☑ Set	s incer	ntives and controls linked to the object	tives						
	☑ Red	quires	reporting on these objectives							
	□ Nor	ne of th	ne above							
	□ Nor	ne of th	ne above, we invest only in pooled fun	ds and have a thor	ough selection process					
SAM	07.2-5	Man	datory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1				
	SAM 07.2 Provide an example per asset class of your benchmarks, objectives, incentives/controls and reporting requirements that would typically be included in your managers' appointment.									
	Asset class									



☑ Listed equity (LE)

	Benchmark
	d benchmark, specify
	ger of NZ listed equities is required to pursue the investment strategy as benchmarked to the X50 Gross Index.
	nchmark, specify
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	Objectives
☐ Voting, s	specify
□ Engager	ment, specify
□ Integrati	on, specify
✓ Investment	ent restrictions, specify
mandate	ent restrictions are stated in the IMAs for all managers. All agreements, where possible, adherence to NZSF's exclusion list. Other examples of restrictions that made be included are ent in derivatives (some mandates) and prudential limits.
☐ Strategy	y, specify
☐ Other, s	pecify
	Incentives and controls
☐ Fee bas	ed incentive
	tion
□ No fee/ I	breach of contract
	Reporting requirements
O Ad-hoc/	when requested
 Annually 	
○ Bi-annua	ally
Quarterl	у
O Monthly	
Fixed income	e - SSA (SSA)
	Benchmark
	d benchmark, specify
Our fixed	d income manager is required to track the Barclays Global Aggregate Index.
☐ ESG bei	nchmark, specify



		Objectives
	☐ Other, sp	pecify
	☐ Voting, s	specify
	☐ Engager	nent, specify
	☐ Integration	on, specify
	☑ Investment	ent restrictions, specify
		e a number of investment restrictions outlined in the IMA. From an RI perspective, a schedule a restricted list of entities and countries that the manager is prevented from investing in.
	☐ Strategy	, specify
		Incentives and controls
	☐ Fee base	ed incentive
	☑ Termina	tion
	□ No fee/ k	preach of contract
		Reporting requirements
	○ Ad-hoc/v	when requested
	Annually	
	○ Bi-annua	
	O Quarterly	
	Monthly	
\checkmark	-	- Corporate (non-financial)
		Benchmark
		benchmark, specify
	Our fixed	d income manager is required to track the Barclays Global Aggregate Index.
	□ ESG ber	nchmark, specify
		Objectives
	☐ Other, sp	pecify
	☐ Voting, s	specify
	☐ Engager	nent, specify
	☐ Integration	on, specify
	☑ Investment	ent restrictions, specify
		e a number of investment restrictions outlined in the IMA. From an RI perspective, a schedule a restricted list of entities and countries that the manager is prevented from investing in.
	☐ Strategy	, specify



		Incentives and controls
	☐ Fee base	ed incentive
	☑ Termina	tion
	□ No fee/ b	preach of contract
		Reporting requirements
ļ	○ Ad-hoc/\	when requested
	 Annually 	
	O Bi-annua	ally
	O Quarterly	y
	Monthly	
\checkmark	Fixed income	- Securitised
		Benchmark
		d benchmark, specify
		d income manager is required to track the Barclays Global Aggregate Index.
	□ ESG ber	nchmark, specify
		Objectives
		Objectives
	☐ Voting, s	
		ment, specify
	☐ Integration	
		ent restrictions, specify
		e a number of investment restrictions outlined in the IMA. From an RI perspective, a schedule a restricted list of entities and countries that the manager is prevented from investing in.
	□ Strategy	
		Incentives and controls
	☐ Fee base	ed incentive
	☑ Termina	tion
	□ No fee/ k	preach of contract
		Reporting requirements
	O Ad back	
	Ad-noc/\(\)Annually	when requested
	O Bi-annua	
	O Quarterly	
	QuarternMonthly	y



SAM 07.3

Explain how your organisation evaluates the reporting capacity of the manager to meet your reporting requirements during the selection process

	LE	FI - SSA		FI - Corporate (non- financial)?	FI - Securitised?
Agree upon ESG reporting requirements	V				
Review ESG reporting processes and capacity in place	V				
Agree processes for raising ad-hoc ESG issues	V				
Other, specify			E		
None of the above		V			

SAM 07.4	Explain which of these actions your organisation might take if any of the requirements are not me

- ☑ Discuss requirements not met and set project plan to rectify
- ☑ Review performance in more detail
- ☑ Place investment manager on a "watch list"
- ☑ Investigate reason for non-compliance
- ☑ Require action plan from the manager
- ☐ Negotiate fees
- $\ensuremath{\,\boxtimes\,}$ Failing all actions, terminate contract with the manager
- ☐ Other, specify
- $\hfill\square$ No actions are taken if any of the requirements are not met

SAM 07.5

Provide additional information relevant to your organisation's appointment processes of external managers. [OPTIONAL]

From an RI perspective, managers capabilities are reviewed in detail every 1-2 years. If their performance is deemed to be below expectations, a Manager Engagement Plan is put in place and we seek to work with the manager to improve their performance.

Monitoring SAM 08 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 1

SAM 08.1

When monitoring managers, indicate which of the following types of responsible investment information your organisation typically reviews and evaluates from the investment manager in meetings/calls



	П	FI - SSA	FI - Corporate (non- financial)?	FI - Securitised?	
ESG objectives linked to investment strategy					
Investment restrictions and any controversial investment decisions	V	V			
ESG incorporation objectives (with examples)	V				
ESG portfolio characteristics					
How ESG materiality has been evaluated by the manager in the monitored period	V				
Information on any ESG incidents	V				
Metrics on the real economy influence of the investments					
PRI Transparency Reports	V				
PRI Assessment Reports	V				
Other general RI considerations in investment management agreements; specify	V				
None of the above					

We also look at whether there has been any changes in ESG policies, processes governance structures.

SAM 08.2

When monitoring external managers, does your organisation set any of the following to measure compliance/progress



	LE	FI - SSA	FI - Corporate (non-financial)?	FI - Securitised?		
ESG score	\checkmark	$\overline{\lor}$		\checkmark		
ESG weight						
Real world economy targets						
Other RI considerations	√	$\overline{\checkmark}$		\checkmark		
None of the above						

We have also developed ESG guidelines per investment opportunity. When we are assessing a manager's RI capabilities, we use these guidelines to understand the specific ESG risks and opportunities associated with that investment opportunity. This helps us to add some context around the importance of ESG to that particular investment opportunity. This in turn, helps us to define expectations for what a manager could/should be doing from an RI perspective.

Public

Additional Assessed

PRI 1

SAM 09.1	When monitoring managers, indicate which of the following active ownership information your organisation typically reviews and evaluates from the investment manager in meetings/calls										
	Engagement										
LE FI - FI - Corporate (non- FI - SSA financial)?											
Report on engagements undertaken (outcomes and examples)											
Account on engagem											
Other RI considerations relating to engagement in investment management agreements; specify											
None of the above			V		V	V					
	(Drawn) vertices										

SAM 09

Mandatory

	LE
Report on voting undertaken (with outcomes and examples)	V
Report on voting decisions taken	V
Other RI considerations relating to (proxy) voting in investment management agreements; specify	V
None of the above	

We also look at deviation of manager voting decisons from ISS recommendations and how often they vote against management.

SAM 10.1 For the listed equities for which you have given your external managers a (proxy) voting mandate, indicate the approximate percentage (+/- 5%) of votes that were cast during the reporting year.

✓ Votes cast (to the nearest 5%)

%

Specify the basis on which this percentage is calculated.

④ Of the total number of ballot items on which they could have issued instructions

○ Of the total number of company meetings at which they could have voted

○ Of the total value of your listed equity holdings on which they could have voted

	Outputs and outcomes					
SAM	11		ndatory to Report Voluntary to close	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1
			Indicate approximately what percently by PRI signatories.	ntage (+/- 5%) of yo	our externally managed assets are	e managed
			%			
	88					



 \square We do not collect this information.

SAM 11.2

Describe how you ensure that best RI practice is applied to managing your assets

☑ Encourage improved RI practices with existing investment managers

Measures

We review our managers RI capabilities every 1-2 years. If we find that improvement is needed, we develop a Manager RI Engagement Plan and seek to work with that manager to improve practices.

☑ Move assets over to investment managers with better RI practices

Measures

Over the last calendar year, our % of externally managed assets by PRI signatories has increased from 57% to 88%.

- ☐ Other, specify
- □ None of the above

SAM 12 Mandatory Public Additional Assessed PRI 1,6

SAM 12.1

Provide examples of how ESG issues have been addressed in the manager selection, appointment and/or monitoring process for your organisation during the reporting year.

☑ Add Example 1

Topic or issue	Climate change
Conducted by	☑ Internal staff
Asset class	 ✓ All asset classes ☐ Listed Equity ☐ Fixed income – SSA ☐ Fixed income – corporate (financial) ☐ Fixed income – securitised
Scope and process	In 2016, we dialled up exposure to NZ expansion capital. To align with the Climate Change strategy that we released in October 2016, we added a clause into the Limited Partnership Agreement requiring that these managers include assessment of climate change risk and opportunities into their due dilgence pre investment and management post investment. We also require reporting on their efforts.
Outcomes	Too early to tell.

☑ Add Example 2



Topic or issue	RI Manager Reviews
Conducted by	☑ Internal staff
Asset class	✓ All asset classes ☐ Listed Equity ☐ Fixed income – SSA ☐ Fixed income – corporate (financial) ☐ Fixed income – securitised
Scope and process	We sent out a request for updated ESG information for all our managers. This was in the form of a questionnaire.
Outcomes	As at 31 December 2016, we had received some information back, but not all. The analysis of the responses and assessment of capabilities will be done in 2017.

☑ Add Example 3

Topic or issue	Manager appointment
Conducted by	☑ Internal staff
Asset class	✓ All asset classes □ Listed Equity □ Fixed income – SSA □ Fixed income – corporate (financial) □ Fixed income – securitised
Scope and process	With one new manager that we took on in 2016, we had identified a lack of RI policies and practices. Before finalising the mandate, we ensured that the manager was willing to work with us to improve their understanding of RI. A teach-in was arranged for January 2017.
Outcomes	Too early to tell.

\square Add	Example	le 4
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 \square Add Example 5

 $\hfill\square$ We are not able to provide examples

Communication



SAM 13 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 6

SAM 13.1

Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses any information about responsible investment considerations in your indirect investments.

Yes, we disclose information publicly

provide URL

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest/responsible-investment

provide URL

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/publications/annual-reports

SAM 13.2

Indicate if the level of information you disclose to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients and/or beneficiaries.

Yes

SAM 13.3

Indicate what type of information your organisation proactively discloses to the public and clients and/or beneficiaries about your indirect investments.

- ☑ How responsible investment considerations are included in manager selection, appointment and monitoring processes
- $\ensuremath{\,ert}$ Details of the responsible investment activities carried out by managers on your behalf
- □ E, S and/or G impacts and outcomes that have resulted from your managers' investments and active ownership
- \square Other, specify
- No
- O Yes, we disclose information to clients/beneficiaries only
- O We do not proactively disclose information to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

SAM 13.4

Additional information. [Optional]

We report through a dedicated Responsible Investment section on our website, in our annual reports and other sections on our website where pertinent. For example, publications, Statement of Policies, Standards and Procedures, and also the UNPRI Transparency Report. Voting activity by managers is reported at an aggregated level.



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ESG incorporation in actively managed listed equities

Implementation processes **Public LEI 03 Mandatory Gateway** PRI 1 New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully. Indicate (1) which ESG incorporation strategy and/or combination of strategies you apply to LEI 03.1 your actively managed listed equities and (2) the breakdown of your actively managed listed equities by strategy or combination of strategies (+/- 5%) ESG incorporation strategy (select all that apply) ☐ Screening alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies) ☐ Thematic alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies) ☐ Integration alone (i.e. not combined with any other strategies) ☑ Screening and Integration strategies Percentage of active listed equity to which the strategy is applied % 100 ☐ Thematic and integration strategies ☐ Screening and thematic strategies ☐ All three strategies combined ☐ We do not apply incorporation strategies

Total actively managed listed equities

100%

LEI 03.2

Describe your organisation's approach to incorporation and the reasons for choosing the <u>particular ESG incorporation</u> strategy/strategies.

We believe ESG factors can impact investment performance over the long-term. Our approach is to integrate ESG into long-term fundamental analysis through company research, income forecasts, scenario analysis, valuations, buy/sell/hold recommendations, sizing and engagement plans.

Exclusion decisions are based on a clear process and principles that are set out in our Responsible Investment Framework. International conventions, New Zealand law, Crown actions, and companies' involvement and activities, are key factors in our decision-making process.

LEI 04 Voluntary Public Additional Assessed PRI 1



Type of ESG information

☑ Raw ESG company data

Indicate who provides this information
☑ ESG research provider
☑ Sell-side
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☑ In-house – analyst or portfolio manager
☑ Company-related analysis or ratings
Indicate who provides this information
☑ ESG research provider
☑ Sell-side
✓ In-house – specialised ESG analyst or team
✓ In-house – analyst or portfolio manager
☑ Sector-related analysis or ratings
Indicate who provides this information
☑ ESG research provider
☑ Sell-side
☑ In-house – specialised ESG analyst or team
✓ In-house – analyst or portfolio manager
☐ Country-related analysis or ratings
☑ Screened stock list
Indicate who provides this information
☑ ESG research provider
☐ Sell-side
☑ In-house – specialised ESG analyst or team
☐ In-house – analyst or portfolio manager
☑ ESG issue-specific analysis or ratings
Indicate who provides this information
☑ Sell-side
☑ In-house – specialised ESG analyst or team
☑ In-house – analyst or portfolio manager



☐ Other, specify

LEI 04.3

Indicate if you incentivise brokers to provide ESG research.

Yes

LEI 04.4

Describe how you incentivise brokers.

In September 2016, for the first time, the RI team participated in our formal counterparty service review. This enabled us to score and provide specific feedback to brokers on RI research. This in turn, contributes to commission paid to brokers. It also impacts the level of trading activity with counterparties.

O No

LEI 04.5

Additional information.[Optional]

We have not indicated that we receive country-related analysis or ratings. This is because our internally managed listed equity holdings are all in New Zealand.

(A) Implementation: Screening

LEI 06 Mandatory

Public

Descriptive

PRI 1

LEI 06.1

Indicate and describe the type of screening you apply to your internally managed active listed equities.

Type of screening

✓ Negative/exclusionary screening

Screened by

- ✓ Product
- ☐ Activity
- ☐ Sector
- □ Country/geographic region
- ☑ Environmental and social practices and performance
- ☐ Corporate governance

Description

Exclusion decisions are based on a clear process and principles that are set out in our Responsible Investment Framework. International conventions, New Zealand law, Crown actions, and companies' involvement and activities, are key factors in our decision-making process.

There are two types of exclusions:

(a) 'product' exclusions, where companies are excluded based on the products they make. Currently, companies that are directly involved in the following activities are excluded from the Fund:

- the manufacture of cluster munitions
- the manufacture or testing of nuclear explosive devices (NEDs)
- the manufacture of anti-personnel mines

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- · the manufacture of tobacco
- the processing of whale meat.

(b) 'poor ESG practices' exclusions, where companies are excluded for systemic breaches of responsible investment standards. Exclusion on the basis of poor ESG practices is a last resort, factoring in the likely success of engagement, the materiality of the issue and our desire to, as a relatively small investor in global terms, focus our limited resource on companies where we believe we can make a difference.

Decisions to exclude companies from the Fund are made public along with the reason why.

More information is available on our website: https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest-responsible-investment/exclusions.

☑ Positive/best-in-class screening Screened by ☐ Product ☐ Activity □ Sector ☐ Country/geographic region ☑ Environmental and social practices and performance ☑ Corporate governance Description We use EIRiS, ISS, ACSI and in-house research to identify ESG leaders. ✓ Norms-based screening Screened by ☑ UN Global Compact Principles ☐ The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights ☐ International Labour Organization Conventions ☐ United Nations Convention Against Corruption ☐ OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises ☐ Other, specify Description



Principles by NZ companies. This research informs our engagement strategy.

EIRiS research helps us to identify if there have been any breaches of the UN Global Compact

LEI 06.2

Describe how the screening criteria are established, how often the criteria are reviewed and how you notify clients and/or beneficiaries when changes are made.

When we do make a decision to engage or exclude, our decision is based on the clear process and principles that are set out in our Responsible Investment Framework which is publicly available (https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/Responsible%20Investment%20Framework.pdf).

LEI 07	Mandat	ory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
	LEI 07.1	Indicate which processes your analysis.	organisation uses	to ensure screening is based on i	obust
		nensive ESG research is undertak	ken or sourced to d	etermine companies' activities an	d products.
		es are given the opportunity by y inaccuracies	ou or your research	n provider to review ESG research	n on them
		research and data used to identif staff, the internal audit function or		excluded/included is subject to in	ternal audit
	☑ Company policies	y ESG information/ratings are upo	dated regularly to e	nsure that portfolio holdings comp	oly with fund
		ttee or body with representatives ne or all screening decisions	independent of the	individuals who conduct compan	y research
	☑ A periodi	c review of the quality of the rese	arch undertaken or	provided is carried out	
	☐ Other, sp	pecify			
	☐ None of	the above			
LELOG	Valunta		Public	Additional Assessed	DDI 4
LEI 08	Volunta	гу	Public	Additional Assessed	PRI 1
	LEI 08.1 Indicate which processes your organisation uses to ensure fund criteria are not be				eached
	☑ Systematic checks are performed to ensure that stocks meet the funds' screening criteria.				
	☑ Automated IT systems prevent investment managers from investing in excluded stocks or those that do not meet positive screening criteria.				e that do
	☐ Audits of fund holdings are undertaken regularly by internal audit function				
	☑ Other, specify				
	The Compliance and Operations teams, as well as the Custodian, are constantly monitoring the Fund's holdings to ensure no breaches.				
	☐ None of the above				
	LEI 08.2 If breaches of fund screening criteria are identified - describe the process followed to correct those breaches.				to correct

relevant investment professional as well as the investment manager. The investment manager is then required to exit the stock as soon as possible.

A breach will be picked up by either our Custodian or one of the Operational Staff. They will then inform the

(C) Implementation: Integration of ESG issues



LEI 10 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 1

LEI 10.1

Indicate if E, S and G issues are reviewed while researching companies and/or sectors in active strategies.

ESG issues	Coverage/extent of review on these issues				
Environmental		Environmental			
	We syste them accord	matically review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate lingly			
	O We occas	sionally review the potential significance of environmental issues and investigate lingly			
	○ We do no	t review environmental issues			
Social		Social			
	We syste accordingly	matically review the potential significance of social issues and investigate them			
	 We occasionally review the potential significance of social issues and investigal accordingly 				
	O We do not review social issues				
Corporate Governance		Corporate Governance			
3	 We systematically review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly 				
	 We occasionally review the potential significance of corporate governance issues and investigate them accordingly We do not review corporate governance issues 				

LEI 12	Mandatory to Report Voluntary to Disclose	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 1
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New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.



	LEI 12.1	Indicate which aspects of inve	estment analysis	you integrate ESG information in	nto.	
☐ Economic analysis						
	☑ Industry analysis					
	Systematically					
	○ Occasionally					
	☑ Quality of	fmanagement				
	Syst	ematically				
	Occ	asionally				
	☑ Analysis	of company strategy				
	Syst	ematically				
	Occ	asionally				
	□ Portfolio	construction				
	☑ Fair value	e/fundamental analysis				
	Syst	ematically				
	Occ	asionally				
	LEI 12.	2b Indicate which methods value/fundamental analy	are part of your	process to integrate ESG information	ition into fair	
	-			s, operating costs, earnings, cash	ı flows)	
	-	stments to valuation tools (disc		nal value)		
	□ Othe	er adjustments to fair value proje	ections, specify			
	LEI 12.	4b Describe the methods yo	ou have used to	adjust the income forecast / valua	ation tool	
				nt for companies and evaluate the	e impact either	
	in our cer	ntral valuation or scenario analys	SIS.			
	☐ Other, sp	ecify				
	□ Other, sp	cony				
ES	G incorpora	ition in passively managed	listed equitie	s		
1 =1 40			D 1.0		DD1 /	
LEI 13	Mandate Disclose	ory to Report Voluntary to	Public	Descriptive	PRI 1	
LEI		dicate if you manage passive lis nstruction methodology.	ted equity funds	that incorporate ESG issues in the	ne index	
0 Y	⁄es					
• \	No					
Out	tputs and o	utcomes				

LEI 14.1 Indicate how your ESG incorporation strategies have influenced the composition of your portfolio(s) or investment universe.

Screening

Describe any reduction in your starting investment universe or other effects.

Currently no NZ companies are listed on our exclusion list, therefore the impact is nil.

Specify the percentage reduction (+/- 5%)

%

☑ Integration of ESG issues

Select which of these effects followed your ESG integration:

- ☑ Reduce or prioritise the investment universe
- ☑ Overweight/underweight at sector level
- ☑ Overweight/underweight at stock level
- ☑ Buy/sell decisions
- ☐ Other, specify
- ☐ None of the above

LEI 14.2 Additional information.[Optional

Our approach is to integrate ESG into long-term fundamental analysis through company research, income forecasts, scenario testing, valuations, buy/sell/hold recommendations, sizing and engagement plans.

Communication LEI 17 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 2,6 LEI 17.1 Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your approach to ESG incorporation in listed equity.

We disclose it publicly

Provide URL

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest-responsible-investment/integration



Provide URL

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/White-Paper-ESG-Beliefs.pdf

LEI 17.2

Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

Yes

LEI 17.3

Indicate the information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/ beneficiaries and the public regarding your approach to ESG incorporation.

- O Broad approach to ESG incorporation
- Detailed explanation of ESG incorporation strategy used

LEI 17.4

Indicate how frequently you typically report this information.

- O Quarterly or more frequently
- O Biannually
- Annually
- O Less frequently than annually
- O Ad-hoc/when requested

 \bigcirc No

- O We disclose it to clients and/or beneficiaries only
- O We do not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries

LEI 17.7

Additional information, [Optional

Integration achievements and priorities are reported in the Responsible Investment report within the Annual Report. Changes to our exclusion list are reported biannually on our website, as are our voting reports. There is a dedicated part of our website that is regularly updated with relevant information.

In November 2015 we published a white paper titled "Why we believe responsible investing pays off". The paper explores the foundations and implications of the belief that responsible investing is good for the portfolio.



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Engagement Overview **LEA 01 Mandatory Public Core Assessed** PRI 2 New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

LEA 01.1

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal engagement policy.

Yes

LEA 01.2	Indicate what your engagement policy covers:				
☐ Conflicts	of interest				
☑ Prioritisa	tion of engagements				
☐ Transpar	ency				
☑ Environm	nental factors				
☑ Social face	ctors				
	nce factors				
	nents following on from decisions				
☐ Other, de	escribe				
☐ None of t	he above				
LEA 01.3	Attach or provide a URL to your engagement policy. [Optional]				
	URL				
https://www	.nzsuperfund.co.nz/how-we-invest-responsible-investment/engagement				
	Attach document				
File 1:NZSF-Engagement-process.pdf					

LEA 01.4 Provide a brief overview of your organization's approach to engagement

Our portfolio monitoring service identifies companies that have breached - or might breach - recognised ESG standards. We then assess this information, along with data from other sources, to determine whether we should include the company in our engagement programme - through which we seek improvements from companies and play a role in influencing change.

One of the key factors we consider when prioritising our engagement efforts is whether the breach is of international standards or represents a high / significant ESG risk, i.e. is it: long-term or short-term; historic or ongoing; isolated or endemic; a potential reputation risk internationally or nationally.



Other factors we take into account include:

Our ability to participate in collaboration through the UNPRI clearinghouse led by other peers or as a colead; our ability to engage directly with the company; the potential effectiveness of the engagement; and the resources required.

O No

LEA 01.5

The schematic (attached above) which outlines our approach to engagement can be found on our public website here: https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/NZSF-Engagement-process.pdf

PRI 1,2,3 **LEA 02 Public Mandatory Gateway**

LEA 02.1

Indicate the method of engagement, giving reasons for the interaction.

Type of engagement	Reason for interaction
Individual/Internal staff engagements	☑ To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues
	☑ To encourage improved/increased ESG disclosure
	☐ Other, specify
	☐ We do not engage via internal staff
Collaborative engagements	☑ To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues
	☑ To encourage improved/inreased ESG disclosure
	☐ Other, specify
	☐ We do not engage via collaborative engagements
Service provider engagements	☑ To influence corporate practice (or identify the need to influence) on ESG issues
	☑ To encourage improved/increased ESG disclosure
	☐ Other, specify
	☐ We do not engage via service providers

LEA 02.2

We carry out our engagement program in three ways: 1) we engage with companies directly ourselves; or 2) we engage through collaborative efforts; and 3) we employ BMO as a service provider.

Process

Process for engagements run internally



LEA 03 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 2

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

LEA 03.1

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

Yes

LEA 03.2

Describe the criteria used to identify and prioritise engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

- ☑ Geography/market of the companies targeted
- ☑ Materiality of ESG factors
- ☑ Systemic risks to global portfolios
- ☑ In reaction to ESG impacts which has already taken place
- □ As a response to divestment pressure
- ☑ As a follow-up from a voting decision
- ☐ Client request
- ☐ Other, describe

 \bigcirc No

LEA 03.3

Additional information, [Optional

Systemic risks are governance and climate change risks.

LEA 04

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

LEA 04.1

Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities.

- Yes
 - Yes, for all engagement activities
 - O Yes, for the majority of engagement activities
 - O Yes, for a minority of engagement activities
- O We do not define specific objectives for engagement activities carried out by internal staff.



LEA 04.2

Indicate if you monitor the actions that companies take following your engagements.

Yes

- Yes, in all cases
- O Yes, in the majority of cases
- O Yes, in the minority of cases
- O We do not monitor the actions that companies take following engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

LEA 04.3

Indicate whether your organisation defines milestones and goals for engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

Yes

LEA 04.4

Indicate if you do any of the following to monitor and evaluate the progress of your engagement activities carried out by internal staff.

- ☑ Define timelines for milestones and goals
- ☑ Tracking, monitoring progress against defined milestones and goals
- ☑ Establish a process for when the goals are not met
- ☑ Revisit and, if necessary revise goals on continuous basis
- ☐ Other, please specify

 \bigcirc No

LEA 04.5

Additional information. [Optional]

At the beginning of every (direct) engagement, we put together an engagement plan that provides context and reasoning for the engagement as well as setting performance targets and milestones. Progress of the engagement is recorded and reported on quarterly. Monitoring responses (or lack of) are also looked at quarterly.

Engagement may be undertaken by any of the investment staff, including CEO or CIO.

Process for engagements conducted via collaborations

LEA 05 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 2

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

LEA 05.1

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal process for identifying and prioritising collaborative engagements

Yes



LEA 05	Describe the criteria used to identify and prioritise collaborative engagements	
☐ Pote	ntial to learn from other investors	
☐ Ability to add value to the collaboration		
☑ Geography / market of the companies targeted		
☑ Materiality of ESG factors		
☐ Systemic risks to global portfolios		
☑ Exposure (holdings)		
✓ In response to ESG impacts which has already taken place		
☐ In re	sponse to divestment pressure	
☐ Clier	t requests	
☑ Othe	r, describe	
	other description	
Whe	ther the collaborative engagement that is being proposed falls into one of our priority areas.	
○ No		
Mandato	ry Public Core Assessed PRI 2	
LEA 06.1	Indicate if you define specific objectives for your engagement activities carried out collaboratively.	
Yes	ociabolativoly.	
	es, for all engagement activities	
	es, for the majority of engagement activities	
	es, for a minority of engagement activities	
	not define specific objectives for engagement activities carried out collaboratively.	
9 1.0 0.0		
LEA 06.2	Indicate if you monitor the actions companies take following your collaborative engagements.	
Yes		
Ye	es, in all cases	
O Ye	es, in the majority of cases	
O Ye	es, in the minority of cases	
O We do collaborat	not monitor the actions that companies take following engagement activities carried out vely	
LEA 06.3	Indicate whether your organisation defines milestones and goals related to engagement activities carried out via collaborations.	

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Yes

LEA 06.4

Indicate if you do any of the following to monitor and evaluate the progress of your collaborative engagement activities.

☑ Define timelines for milestones and goals

☑ Tracking, monitoring progress against defined milestones and goals

☐ Establish a process for when the goals are not met

☑ Revisit and, if necessary revise the goals on a continuous basis

☐ Other, please specify

 \bigcirc No

LEA 06.5

Additional information. [Optional]

With international collaborations, we only join UNPRI-led collaborations. Therefore, we usually only get involved once objectives and milestones have been set. If there is an opportunity to feed into these once we formally join a collaborative engagement, we would contribute as best we could.

With collaborations in New Zealand, we are often the leading investor, doing our best to run the engagement as professionally and successfully as possible.

Process for engagements conducted with/on your behalf by service providers

LEA 07

Mandatory

Public

Core Assessed

PRI 2,4

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

LEA 07.1

Indicate if you play a role in the engagement process that your service provider conducts on your behalf.

Yes



LEA 07.2 Indicate the role(s) you play in engagements that your service provider conducts on your behalf.

☑ Discuss the topic (or ESG issue(s)) of engagement

☑ Discuss the topic (or ESG issue(s)) of engagement
☑ Discuss the rationale for engagement
☑ Discuss the objectives of the engagement
☑ Select the companies to be engaged with
\ensuremath{ee} Discuss the frequency/intensity of interactions with companies
\ensuremath{ee} Discuss progress towards the engagement objectives
\ensuremath{ert} Monitor and review outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement
☑ Discuss next steps for engagement activity
$\hfill\square$ Participate directly in certain engagements with your service provider
$\hfill\square$ Ad hoc monitoring and review of engagement processes.
☐ Other, specify

○ No

LEA 07.3

Additional information. [Optional]

We receive quarterly reports from BMO followed by quarterly calls to discuss progress, priority companies, and upcoming activities.

In addition, we are members of ACSI, an association that conducts engagement with companies on ESG issues.

LEA 08 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 2,6

LEA 08.1

Indicate whether you monitor and/or discuss the following information provided to you by your service provider

Please select all that apply

- ☑ The subject (or ESG issue(s)) of engagement
- ☑ The objectives of the engagement
- ☑ The rationale for engagement
- $\ensuremath{\,\boxtimes\,}$ The frequency/intensity of interactions with companies
- ☑ Progress towards achieving engagement goals
- ☑ Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement
- ☑ Next steps for engagement activity
- ☐ Other, specify
- $\hfill\square$ None of the above



LEA 08.2

Additional information. [Optional]

We receive quarterly reports from BMO followed by quarterly calls to discuss progress, priority companies, and upcoming activities.

General processes for all three groups of engagers

LEA 09 Voluntary Public Additional Assessed PRI 1,2

LEA 09.1

Indicate if insights gained from your engagements are shared with your internal or external investment managers.

Type of engagement	Insights shared
Individual/Internal staff engagements	Yes, systematicallyYes, occasionallyNo
Collaborative engagements	Yes, systematicallyYes, occasionallyNo
Service provider engagements	Yes, systematicallyYes, occasionallyNo

LEA 09.2

Additional information. [Optional]

The insights gained from our direct, collaborative and service provider engagements are shared with our internal investment managers and staff. Engagement with NZ companies is generally led by our internal staff or external managers. Our NZ engagement tracker document and our BMO quarterly reports are available to all staff on our internal intranet and presented to the Investment Committee on a six monthly basis.

Insights from our engagements are also shared, in confidence, with our engagement service provider. A standing item on the agenda of our quarterly calls with BMO is an update on the direct engagements we are undertaking as well as the collaborative engagements we are both involved in. We recognise the importance of keeping BMO informed of our direct engagement activities.

Currently we are not sharing our engagement insights with our external managers.

LEA 10 Mandatory Public Gateway PRI 2

LEA 10.1

Indicate if you track the number of engagements your organisation participates in.



Type of engagement	Tracking engagements
Individual / Internal staff engagements	Yes, we track the number of our engagements in fullYes, we partially track the number of our engagementsWe do not track
Collaborative engagements	 Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements We do not track and cannot estimate our engagements
Service provider engagements	 Yes, we track the number of our engagements in full Yes, we partially track the number of our engagements We do not track and cannot estimate our engagements

Communication

LEA 16 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 2,6

LEA 16.1

Indicate whether your organisation proactively discloses information on its engagements.

We disclose it publicly

provide URL

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/performance-esg-management/engagement-reports

provide URL

 $\underline{https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents-sys/NZSF\%202016\%20Annual\%20Report.pdf}$

LEA 16.2

Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to clients/beneficiaries.

Yes

LEA 16.3

Indicate what engagement information your organisation proactively discloses to clients/beneficiaries and/or the public.



	Engagement information disclosed		
	☑ Details of the selections, priorities and specific goals of engagement		
	☑ Number of engagements		
	☑ Breakdown of engagements by type/topic		
☐ Breakdown of engagements by region			
\square An assessment of the current status of the engagement			
	$\hfill \Box$ Outcomes that have been achieved from the engagement		
	☐ Other information		
	LEA 16.4 Indicate how frequently you report engagements information.		
	O Disclosed continuously (prior to and post engagements)		
	Disclosed quarterly or more frequently		
	O Disclosed biannually		
	O Disclosed annually		
	O Disclosed less frequently than annually		
	○ Ad hoc/when requested		
\circ No			
○ We disc	close it to clients and/or beneficiaries only		
○ We do	not proactively disclose it to the public and/or clients/beneficiaries.		
LEA 16.8	Additional information. [Optional]		
Engagem	ent table in Annual Report and BMO Quarterly reports.		
Proxy) voi	ting and shareholder resolutions		
Overview			

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

Public

Gateway

LEA 17.1

Mandatory

Indicate whether your organisation has a formal voting policy.

Yes



PRI 1,2,3

LEA 17.2	Indicate what your voting policy covers:			
☑ Conflicts of interest				
☑ Prioritisat	tion of voting activities			
	ency			
☑ Decision	making processes			
☑ Environm	nental factors			
Social face Socia	ctors			
☑ Governar	nce factors			
☐ Filing/co-	☐ Filing/co-filing resolutions			
☐ Share blocking				
☑ Regional voting practices				
□ Record keeping				
☐ Company dialogue pre/post vote				
☐ Securities lending process				
☐ Other, describe				
☐ None of the above				
LEA 17.3	Attach or provide a URL to your voting policy. [Optional]			

https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/performance-esg-management/voting-reports

LEA 17.4 Provide a brief overview of your organization's approach to (proxy) voting.

Our focus is on encouraging good corporate governance and on protection of shareholder rights in the markets in which we invest. Our voting forms part of this strategy along with engagement on corporate governance with companies, investors and relevant regulatory and market bodies.

NZ is a priority where we vote directly drawing on the recommendations of our managers and our proxy voting agency. We also vote globally by instructing our managers to vote according to their policies or that of a proxy voting agency, depending on the manager's skills set. Our Guidelines include those of the NZ Corporate Governance Forum and ISS recommendations. The OECD Principles of Corporate Governance and the ICGN Global Governance Principles provide a foundation for our Guidelines.

LEA 17.5

Provide an overview of how you ensure your voting policy is adhered to, giving details of your approach when exceptions to the policy are made (if applicable).

We instruct our managers to vote according to their policies or that of a proxy voting agency. We monitor when voting decisions go against that of our proxy voting agency or the company management.

 \bigcirc No

Process

LEA 18 Mandatory Public Descriptive PRI 2 **LEA 18.1** Indicate how you typically make your (proxy) voting decisions. Approach O We use our own research or voting team and make voting decisions without the use of service providers. • We hire service provider(s) that make voting recommendations or provide research that we use to inform our voting decisions. Based on • the service provider voting policy signed off by us O our own voting policy O our clients' requests or policy O other, explain O We hire service provider(s) that make voting decisions on our behalf, except for some pre-defined scenarios for which we review and make voting decisions. O We hire service provider(s) that make voting decisions on our behalf. **LEA 18.2** Additional information.[Optional]

For International external managers, we instruct them on the policy they should use in implementing voting - generally the manager's own policy or that of a proxy voting advisor depending on the manager's capabilities. For New Zealand mandates, we take recommendations from our external NZ managers and make the final voting decision ourselves. We also use ISS's research and recommendations to inform our decisions.

LEA 21 Voluntary Public Additional Assessed PRI 2

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.

LEA 21.1 Indicate if your organisation has a securities lending programme.

O Yes

No

LEA 22 Mandatory Public Core Assessed PRI 2

New selection options have been added to this indicator. Please review your prefilled responses carefully.



LEA 22.1

Indicate whether you or the service providers acting on your behalf raise any concerns with companies ahead of voting

○ Yes, in most cases		
Sometimes, in the following cases:		
☑ Votes for selected markets		
☐ Votes relating to certain ESG issues		
☐ Votes for significant shareholdings		
☐ Votes for companies we are engaging with		
☐ On request by clients		
□ Other		
O Neither we nor our service provider raise concerns with companies ahead of voting		
LEA 22.2 Indicate whether you and/or the service provider(s) acting on your behalf, communicate the rationale to companies, when , you abstain or vote against management recommendations.		
○ Yes, in most cases		
Sometimes, in the following cases.		
☑ Votes in selected markets		
☐ Votes on certain issues		
☐ Votes for significant shareholdings		
☐ Votes for companies we are engaging with		
☐ On request by clients		
☑ Other		
Our fund managers also identify key resolutions and engage with companies to communicate the rationale when they abstain or vote against management recommendations.		
O We do not communicate the rationale to companies		
Not applicable because we and/or our service providers do not abstain or vote against management recommendations		
LEA 22.3 Additional information. [Optional]		
We publish our policy on our website. In the New Zeeland market where we yet directly, we inform company		

We publish our policy on our website. In the New Zealand market where we vote directly, we inform companies of voting decisions pre and/or post AGM if we vote against a resolution or if managers recommend we vote against a resolution. During 2016 we have been active in communicating our expectations to companies in meetings and through the NZ Corporate Governance Forum Guidelines which we are actively involved with.

External investment managers also engage with companies about their policies and voting decisions and provide feedback to us through reporting and/or recommendations.

Sometimes, due to short notice periods in the New Zealand market, if companies release notices to close to the AGM, it is difficult to engage before the vote is taken.

Outputs and outcomes				
LEA 23	/landatory	Public	Core Assessed	PRI 2



LEA 23.1

For listed equities where you and/or your service provider have the mandate to issue (proxy) voting instructions, indicate the percentage of votes cast during the reporting year.

We do track or collect this information

		Votes cast (to the nearest 1%	6)		
		%			
	98				
		Specify the basis on which th	ils percentage is ca	lculated	
	of the	total number of ballot items on	which you could ha	ave issued instructions	
	\bigcirc of the	total number of company meeti	ings at which you c	ould have voted	
	O of the	total value of your listed equity	holdings on which	you could have voted	
	LEA 23.2	Explain your reason(s) for no	ot voting certain ho	ldings	
	☐ Shares were blocked				
	☑ Notice, b	allots or materials not received	in time		
	☑ Missed deadline				
	☐ Geographical restrictions (non-home market)				
	□ Cost				
	☐ Conflicts of interest				
	☐ Holdings deemed too small				
	☑ Administrative impediments (e.g., power of attorney requirements, ineligibility due to participation in share placement)				
	☐ We do not vote on environmental resolutions				
	☐ We do not vote on social resolutions				
	☐ On request by clients				
	☐ Other				
) W	e do not tra	ck or collect this information			
	Mandator	y	Public	Descriptive	PRI 2

LEA 24.1 have i

LEA 24

Indicate if you track the voting instructions that you and/or your service provider on your behalf have issued.

Yes, we track this information

LEA 24.2

Of the voting instructions that you and/or third parties on your behalf issued, indicate the proportion of ballot items that were:



Voting instructions	Breakdown as percentage of votes cast	
For (supporting) management recommendations	%	
	88.8	
Against (opposing) management		
recommendations	%	
	9	
Abstentions		
	%	
	2.2	

100%

LEA 24.3 Describe the actions you take after voting against management recommendations.

In some circumstances, our external managers as well as our internal New Zealand active listed equities investment team members, inform companies of the reasons why we have voted against resolutions.

O No, we do not track this information

Communication **LEA 27 Public Core Assessed PRI 2,6 Mandatory** Indicate if your organisation proactively discloses information on your voting activities. **LEA 27.1** We disclose it publicly provide URL https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/performance-esg-management/voting-reports Indicate if the information disclosed to the public is the same as that disclosed to **LEA 27.2** clients/beneficiaries. Yes Indicate the voting information your organisation proactively discloses to the public



and/or to clients/beneficiaries.

LEA 27.3

		Indicate how much of your voting record you disclose			
	All voting decisions				
	○ Some voting decisions				
	○ Only a	bstentions and opposing vote decisions			
	Summ	ary of votes only			
		Indicate what level of explanation you provide			
	○ Explair	all voting decisions			
	○ Explair	n some voting decisions			
	Only e	xplain abstentions and votes against management			
	○ No exp	lanations provided			
	LEA 27.4	Indicate how frequently you typically report voting information.			
	O Continuo	usly (primarily before meetings)			
	○ Continuo	usly (soon after votes are cast)			
	O Quarterly	or more frequently			
	Biannuall	у			
	O Annually				
	O Less freq	uently than annually			
	O Ad-hoc/a	s requested			
0	No				
○ We d	disclose it to cli	ents/beneficiaries only			
○ We d	do not proactive	ely disclose our voting activities to the public and/or to clients/beneficiaries			
LEA 27	.8 Addition	nal information. [Optional]			

Explanations of abstentions and votes against management are summarised only.

Submissions to regulators or listing agencies on NZ corporate governance are also made public on our website: https://www.nzsuperfund.co.nz/publications/submissions

