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# “OUR SUPER ADVICE”

## WANT TO GRAB YOUR SUPERANNUATION EARLY?

In all cases you can not access your Superannuation Fund before you have what is called a “condition of release”. The main conditions are defined in the SIS Regulation as:-

- Retirement
  - Death
  - Permanent Incapacity
  - Attaining 65
  - Attaining preservation age
- There are minor other releases such as hardship etc.

Preservation age is important and is based upon your year of birth but it ranges from 55 to 60 years.

These rules are important to you in managing the SMSF. Once you can access your SMSF funds then no more tax is paid by the fund. For tax planning this can be of great benefit eg. selling assets etc.



*"Gotta go. My son's about to apply for an early drawdown on his SMSF."*

Also if you are over 55 years then depending on your salary package, considerable tax savings can be made by still working and having a Transition to Retirement Income Stream (TRIS) TASSGROUP can assist you with these complex calculations.

### TIP

Retiring in the next few years?

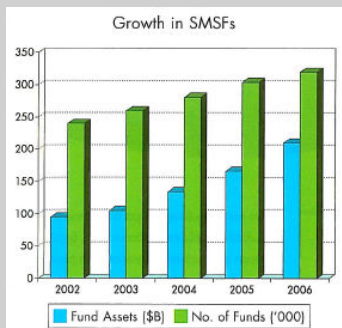
If you are considering retirement in the next few years, why not consider salary sacrificing your long service leave into superannuation this year? This can not be achieved from 1st July 2007 with the recent changes to the Tax Act.

Obviously going into Superannuation it will be available tax free from aged 60.

TASSGROUP can help you achieve this fantastic result.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**“\$1 in every \$5 of all money invested in super in Australia is by a SMSF.”**



Source: University of Adelaide—FINSIA

## ETP?

Everybody knows this as eligible termination payment (ETP) but from 1st July it will be called employer termination payment.

As of 1st July you can not pay an ETP (a rollover) into superannuation. You must bear the tax bill, unless certain restrictive rules apply.

ETP's are taxed at a special rate. Basically the first \$140,000 is taxed at a reduced rate. This can be of an advantage with death ETP payments. Consider a worker who dies with two dependants, if the ETP was paid to his estate only \$140,000 is taxed concessionaly . If the ETP was paid to the two dependants then each would receive \$140,000 cap. of benefit and save heaps of tax.

TASSGROUP can also advise of pre 30th June 2007 strategy to maximize ETP's this year.

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