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Dear Sir,

Re - Super industry enquiry

I would like to address my submission in respect of references 5 and 6 of your enquiry.

The concern I have is whether a future government could affect a members investment choice.

My concern arises from recent comments from some members of the Opposition that they would use Superannuation funds to build infrastructure.

However there was no detail as to :-

- would this be voluntary or compulsory
- would the return on investment of members funds be on a commercial basis
- could a union dominated industry fund do a deal with a future labour government to the detriment of members

I believe these concerns should be aired and a clear 'hands off' directive be made so government cannot 'coerce' funds to invest in their pet infrastructure projects. All investments of members funds must be on a sound commercial basis as the funds

belong to the members.

After all Contributions and Earnings tax will still apply after July 2007 so the government gets its share that way and should keep its hands off member funds even if union mates offer to invest 'on behalf' of members.

Yours faithfully
M J Cribben

PS If the 'non commercial' investment of funds were to take place the current ads showing industry members with no commission getting higher returns would have to be rapidly withdrawn!