A Climate
for Art

[Artist Name]
[Address]
[City, State, ZIP Code]
[Email Address]
[Phone Number]
[Date]

[Super fund's Name]
[Super Fund’s Address]
[City, State, ZIP Code]

Attention: Board of Trustees / CEO
Date: [insert date]
Email: [Super Fund's email address]

Subject: Letter of Intent to Divest from Fossil Fuel Financing

Dear [Super Fund Name],

I am writing to inform you that I will begin transferring my superannuation from [Super Fund Name] to [insert ethical super fund name] this month.

On [insert date], I sent a Letter of Notice requesting that [Super Fund Name] advise me within [insert timeframe — e.g., 30/60 days] whether it intended to update its investment policies to align with its publicly stated commitments to net-zero emissions by 2050 and the Paris Agreement. No satisfactory response was received.

I am an artist committed to climate action. Superannuation is meant to support individuals to retire with security and comfort — yet through investments in fossil fuels, [Super Fund Name] is funding a future that may not be livable by the time I retire.

Scientific evidence unequivocally demonstrates that achieving a 45% reduction in global emissions by 2030 and reaching net zero by 2050 is vital to securing a sustainable future. This pathway depends on preserving fossil fuel reserves and preventing their combustion — the primary driver of climate change.

As part of the arts industry, which helps imagine a livable future for our planet, I believe it is my duty to align my practices with my values. As a proud member of A Climate for Art (ACFA), I have made a commitment to divest from institutions that continue to financially support fossil fuel projects.

I am urging [Super Fund Name] to update its investment policies to align with the Paris Agreement and net-zero by 2050. I expect that the fund will commit to:

- ➔ No longer investing in companies seeking to expand the scale of the fossil fuel industry, or any new coal, gas, or oil projects
- ➔ Phasing out exposure to all fossil fuels in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement

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Research by Market Forces reveals that Australia's top 30 super funds have more than $39 billion invested in companies globally with the biggest fossil fuel expansion plans. The average default or largest investment option of those funds has over 9% of members' share investments in companies on the "Exposure to Climate Wreckers Index" — the 180 companies with the biggest plans to expand the fossil fuel industry. Over $140 billion of Australia's retirement savings are invested in these climate wreckers. Nearly a fifth of the top 30 funds' fossil fuel exposure — $4.66 billion — is concentrated in just three companies: Woodside, Chevron, and Santos.

In 2025, the Earth warmed by 1.51°C above pre-industrial levels, surpassing the 1.5°C threshold agreed to under the Paris Agreement. With this milestone already breached, incremental timelines are no longer sufficient.

As a member of the fund, I am entitled to know how [Super Fund Name] will reduce exposure to high-emissions assets and whether you will divest from fossil fuel expansion as part of your fiduciary duties to members.

I cannot in good conscience allow my retirement savings to remain in a fund prepared to invest in companies expanding fossil fuel extraction at a time when the window to avert irreversible climate change is rapidly closing.

By [insert date — e.g., 30 September 2026], I will have transferred all my superannuation from [Super Fund Name].

[Super Fund Name] has the capacity to lead the retirement sector's transition away from fossil fuels. I urge you to update your investment policies and portfolio allocations to align with your stated climate commitments — and to stand on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Position]

We are part of A Climate for Art (ACFA), a growing coalition for climate action in the arts. We are united in our stand to divest from fossil fuel lending banks, superannuation companies and power companies.

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