



**FIRST STATE SUPER**

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## **IT security breach rectified**

First State Super immediately corrected a fault in its members only website, which allowed unauthorised access to members' statements, as soon as the problem was identified in late September 2011. The "view only" fault did not allow full access to members' accounts and no unauthorised transactions occurred.

Only 568 member statements were involved out of a total membership of some 770,000. The members whose statements were viewed have been notified.

The unauthorised access was carried out by a member of First State Super, who is the principal consultant with an IT security firm. While he immediately contacted First State Super and advised that he did not intend to commit fraud, but to test security, his actions constitute a serious breach of privacy legislation. First State Super has reported and dealt with the matter in accordance with the recommendations of the Federal Privacy Commissioner.

First State Super Chief Executive, Mr Michael Dwyer said: "While there was no fraud involved, we obviously take any privacy breach very seriously and have instituted a comprehensive IT security review."

"We have written to the members whose statements were viewed to re-assure them that the security breach has been rectified and that their accounts are secure, as is the case with all 770,000 member accounts."


"We have been advised by the Federal Privacy Commissioner that he is instigating an investigation of the matter, which we fully support, and the security review we are conducting will assist in that regard," Mr Dwyer said.

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