



## Media Release

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### **KiwiSaver doesn't end at 65**

In the current low interest rate environment, 21% of KiwiSaver members are planning to leave their money in KiwiSaver after they reach 65, according to the latest ANZ Retirement Savings Barometer.

The survey of close to 700 people examined what people intend to do with their KiwiSaver money when they turn 65. Once you turn 65, your KiwiSaver money is 'unlocked' and you can withdraw some or all of it at any time.

The ANZ survey found 21% of people were planning to leave their money in KiwiSaver once they reached 65, while a further 40% of people were unsure.

Thirty-five per cent of people intended to withdraw all their KiwiSaver money once they hit 65, with around half of those people (53%) intending to reinvest the money in a term deposit or similar account.

ANZ Wealth managing director John Body said it was important to remember that KiwiSaver doesn't have to end when you turn 65.

"Many people turn 65, withdraw all their KiwiSaver money and invest some of it in a term deposit," said Mr Body.

"But they could leave their money in KiwiSaver, continue to earn investment returns, and access their money any time they want – unlike term deposits which are for a set time.

"Around 44% of ANZ KiwiSaver Scheme members withdraw all their money when they turn 65 but we are starting to see more members leave their money in KiwiSaver after they turn 65.

"We currently have over 7,000 members of the ANZ KiwiSaver Scheme who are over 65. In the current low interest environment, many of these members are choosing KiwiSaver over term deposits given the performance of KiwiSaver funds and the fact they can withdraw all or some of their investment at any time.

"We're all living longer and young people today may need their retirement savings to last for 30 years or more so it's vital that you have a plan to both save enough and make good use of the money you've saved," said Mr Body.

"The survey shows that many people are uncertain about the best way to manage their KiwiSaver money once they reach retirement age so would benefit from some good financial advice."

Mr Body said all members of the ANZ KiwiSaver Scheme were entitled to free financial advice from ANZ's team of Authorised Financial Advisers.

Other findings of the ANZ Retirement Savings Barometer include:

- 72% of people are saving for their retirement
- Just 4% of people plan to live on NZ super alone

- 41% of people are confident of saving enough to meet their retirement income goals (down from 44% in April)
- 51% of men are confident of meeting their retirement goals, and 33% of women are confident (down from 53% and 38%, respectively, in April)

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