

LIVING ANNUITY (FLEXIBLE PENSION) ELECTION RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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Full Names (First Two Names in Full)			
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NATURE OF A LIVING ANNUITY

I acknowledge that a Living Annuity is a **self-managed pension** where:

- My retirement capital remains invested; and
- My income is not guaranteed; and
- I bear full responsibility for:
 - Investment selection; and
 - The level of income (drawdown rate) selected.

KEY RISKS ACKNOWLEDGED

1. Capital Depletion Risk

- My income is not guaranteed for life.
- If my drawdown rate is too high relative to investment returns, my capital may be exhausted.
- This may result in **no further income during my lifetime**.

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KEY RISKS ACKNOWLEDGED (CONTINUED)

2. Drawdown Risk

- I am responsible for selecting an annual drawdown rate within legislated limits (currently **2.5% to 17.5%**).
- I understand that:
 - Higher drawdown rates significantly reduce sustainability;
 - Drawdown rates above approximately **5%–6%** per annum materially increase the risk of capital depletion;
 - My drawdown decision is a primary driver of whether my income will last.

3. Investment Market Risk

- My capital is exposed to market fluctuations.
- Investment returns are not guaranteed and may be volatile.
- Poor market performance, particularly early in retirement, may significantly reduce sustainability.

4. Inflation Risk

- Inflation will reduce the purchasing power of my income over time.
- If investment returns do not exceed:
drawdown rate + fees + inflation,
my capital and real income will decline ("sustainability equation").

5. Longevity Risk

- I may live longer than expected.
- If my capital is depleted during my lifetime, **no further income will be payable.**

6. Income Variability

- My income is not guaranteed and may need to be reduced over time.
- Maintaining an income that keeps pace with inflation may not be possible.

7. Irreversibility

- I understand that this decision cannot be reversed.
- While conversion to a guaranteed annuity may be possible in future, it will be subject to prevailing market conditions.

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ILLUSTRATIVE DRAWDOWN SUSTAINABILITY TABLE

The table below is provided for illustration purposes only and demonstrates the impact of different drawdown-rates on sustainability:

DRAWDOWN RATE	ESTIMATE LONGEVITY OF CAPITAL	INCOME SUSTAINABILITY	RISK LEVEL
2.5%	40+ years	Likely to increase	Very Low
3.0%	35–40 years	Sustainable	Very Low
4.0%	30+ years	Generally sustainable	Low
5.0%	20–30 years	Possibly sustainable	Moderate
6.0%	15–25 years	Increasing erosion risk	Moderate
7.5%	12–20 years	Likely decline	High
10.0%	8–15 years	Significant erosion	Very High
12.5%+	<10 years	Rapid depletion	Severe
15%–17.5%	<5–8 years	Unsustainable	Extreme

Important Notes:

- These figures are illustrative and based on typical long-term assumptions.
- Actual outcomes will vary depending on:
 - Investment returns
 - Inflation
 - Fees
 - Longevity

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I hereby confirm that:

- I have been given the opportunity to obtain **financial advice and/or benefit counselling** ;
- I have either obtained such advice or have elected to proceed without it;
- I fully understand that:
 - This is a **self-managed pension** ; and
 - I carry the full responsibility for my decisions.

Confirmation

- I confirm that I have read, understood, and accept the contents of this document.
- Where the selected drawdown rate exceeds 6%, I acknowledge that I have been specifically **warned of the increased risk of capital depletion.**

Signature

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