

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Federal Treasurer to speak at COTA forum on retirement income and policy

**The future of retirement income policy – including pensions, superannuation and the role of housing – will come under the spotlight as the nation’s decision-makers and policy experts canvass the implications of the Retirement Income Review at the Council on the Ageing’s National Policy Forum on 26 February.**

The full day conference includes debate, panel discussions, soapboxes and a keynote address from Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Treasurer of Australia. **Territorians can attend online and have until 25 February to purchase tickets.**

“This is a rare opportunity to hear what the Treasurer has to say about retirement income and policy in the run up to the May Budget,” says Sue Shearer CEO of COTA NT, “I urge Territorians interested in superannuation and retirement policy to attend if they are able too.”

The full day forum held at the National Press Club in Canberra streamed virtually includes:

- A keynote address by Treasurer Josh Frydenberg
- Debate between Minister for Superannuation Jane Hume and Shadow Minister Stephen Jones
- The first appearance of the Retirement Income Review panel, Mike Callaghan AM, Carolyn Kay and Dr Deborah Ralston.
- Other expert speakers include Professor John Piggott AO, Director, Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research; Professor Hazel Bateman, UNSW; David Knox from the Mercer Retirement Index; and Jeremy Cooper, Challenger and former Chair of the Superannuation Review.

“COTA’s National Policy Forum will kick off a multi-partisan discussion that... looks to the pressing question of what comes next. Based on evidence not pre-determined positions,” said COTA Chief Executive Ian Yates. “The issue of retirement income has been highly politicised over the last few years, sadly to the detriment of rational debate on one of the biggest long-term policy challenges of our time.”

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## More information

- <https://www.cota.org.au/news-items/retirement-income-review-under-the-spotlight/>
- [COTA A National Policy Forum 2021 - https://www.cota.org.au/policy/national-policy-forums/policy-forum-2021/](https://www.cota.org.au/policy/national-policy-forums/policy-forum-2021/)
  - [Sales for online tickets closes 25 February.](https://www.cota.org.au/policy/national-policy-forums/policy-forum-2021/) – [https://cota\\_npf\\_2021.eventbrite.com.au](https://cota_npf_2021.eventbrite.com.au)
    - Online A\$400.00
    - Online (NFP/Community Sector discount) A\$200.00
    - Online (COTA Organisation Members) A\$125.00
  - For more information, contact [nationalpolicyforum@cota.org.au](mailto:nationalpolicyforum@cota.org.au)
- 20 November 2020 the Hon Josh Frydenberg released the **Final report for the Retirement Income Review** (<https://treasury.gov.au/publication/p2020-100554>)
  - The review covers the current state of the system and how it will perform in the future as Australians live longer and the population ages.
  - The review has considered the incentives for people to self-fund their retirement, the fiscal sustainability of the system, the role of the three pillars of the retirement income system, and the level of support provided to different cohorts across time.

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