

Superannuation Insurances – Debunking the ‘Nest Egg Theory’

Superannuation is a term which carries a few unspoken rules with the most obvious of them being – *do not touch it before retirement age*.

However, sometimes life has a funny way of making you play outside the usual rules just to keep afloat and when you find yourself unable to work, financial survival becomes a number one priority.

In our experience the general public know that they have a superannuation account but have no real idea what else can be linked to that account by way of insurances. Did you know that your superannuation account likely holds the lifeboat to financial security when you find yourself unable to work, and you do not need to touch your Nest Egg to access it?

If you are suffering from an injury, illness, or psychological condition which stops you from earning a living within your usual employment capabilities, it might be time to rethink the ‘Nest Egg Theory’.

Your superannuation account can hold various

insurances including Total and Permanent Disability, Income Protection, and Death Insurance.

Not sure if you are covered for any of these? Under federal regulations most default superannuation products include various insurances on an 'opt-out basis'. This means if you are not sure if you have cover, chances are, you may have some form of cover.

Each pay cycle fees are deducted from your superannuation account to keep the account running. These fees usually include the unit price for your insurances.

Under the insurances there could be a significant lump sum payment waiting to be claimed or income protection benefits payable to you.

Making a claim against your Total and Permanent Disability Insurance sounds quite serious and in our experience can deter people from making a claim. We are here to tell you not to be scared off by the wording. The insurance is there to cover hard working people who find themselves likely to be totally and permanently unable to return to their usual employment due to injury or illness.

The cover is not reserved for people suffering from catastrophic injuries.

We think it is catastrophic enough that you simply cannot earn a living to support yourself and your family.

The best part is when you make a claim, you are claiming against your insurance which is held over and above any Nest Egg you may hold. Also, you do not need a requisite amount of superannuation to be eligible to apply. This means your hard-earned money for retirement can remain untouched by making a claim or when your claim is accepted.

We hope this debunks the 'Nest Egg Theory' and helps you to realise that your superannuation account holds so much more than just your retirement savings. In fact, it might just be the lifeboat you have been looking for.

Making a claim against your superannuation insurances can be a daunting process especially when you are sick or injured. A lawyer can help you to understand the legal jargon and what requirements must be met to achieve a successful result.

Here at Andersons Solicitors, we have a dedicated team of professionals who are waiting to make the process as simple as possible for you. Give us a call and arrange your **free no obligation chat now to figure out if making a claim might be right for you**.

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