

# Social Security (Exempt Lump Sum – Settlement of Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Class Actions) Determination 2024

I, Gillian Beer, delegate of the Secretary of the Department of Social Services, make the following Determination.

Dated 20 June 2024

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#### 1 Name

This instrument is the Social Security (Exempt Lump Sum – Settlement of Perand Poly-fluoroalkyl Class Actions) Determination 2024.

#### 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on 6 May 2024.

# 3 Authority

This instrument is made under paragraph 8(11)(d) of the *Social Security Act 1991*.

## 4 Definitions

In this instrument:

Act means the Social Security Act 1991.

#### Settlement Payment means:

- (a) a payment made pursuant to the class action settlement approved by the Federal Court on 25 August 2023 in *Haswell v Commonwealth of Australia (No. 3)* [2023] FCA 1093, in relation to property value diminution; or
- (b) a payment made pursuant to the class action settlement approved by the Federal Court on 19 June 2023 in *Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council v Commonwealth of Australia* [2023] FCA 660, in relation to:
  - (i) cultural loss; or
  - (ii) ordinary loss of the use of land.

## 5 Exempt lump sum

For the purposes of paragraph 8(11)(d) of the Act, the amount of a Settlement Payment is an exempt lump sum.