

# Hostplus – Balanced (MySuper)

Ethical Survey, as voted by members of the Ethical Advisers Co-Op on 2 February 2026



Poor | Disappointing | Average | Appealing | Excellent

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## Fund Overview

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This is an actively managed multi asset super investment option within Hostplus.

## Ethical Concerns

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### Investments

- ✗ Many investments in the Fund may be problematic for ethical investors, including but not exhaustive:
  - Fossil-fuel intensive industries: Santos Ltd, BHP Group
  - Uranium: Bannerman Energy Ltd
  - Oil/Gas Exploration, Production, Distribution: Woodside Energy Group, Amplitude Energy Ltd, ARC Resources Ltd, Beach Energy Ltd, BP PLC, Atmos Energy Corp, ENEOS Holdings
  - Other holdings with ethical concerns: JP Morgan Chase & Co, ANZ Bank (fossil fuel financing (Big Four Banks))
  - Gambling: Aristocrat Leisure Ltd, Galaxy Entertainment Group, Las Vegas Sands Corp, SKYCITY Entertainment Group Ltd.
  - Biodiversity Loss – Alcoa Corp (alumina refining)
  - Tobacco – Altria Group, Philip Morris, British American Tobacco, Imperial Brands
  - Animal exploitation – Kroger, Abbvie, Procter & Gamble

### Other concerns

- ✗ Failed to increase pressure on Woodside and Santos as named by [Market Forces](#) to align with global climate goals.
- ✗ Hostplus MySuper (Balanced) default investment option does not specialise in ethical investments.
- ✗ Hostplus has taken **No** positive steps in recent years to vote **For** climate-related shareholder proposals put to Woodside and **Against** the re-election of some key company directors on climate grounds.
- ✗ While Hostplus's [Responsible investment](#) approach indicates consideration of factors such as natural capital and biodiversity, its investment in **Alcoa Corp** - a company linked to land clearing in Western Australia's Jarrah Forests - appears misaligned with these stated principles.
- ✗ While Hostplus states that it supports the objectives of the 2015 Paris Agreement, it is **not a signatory to the [Paris Aligned Asset Owners](#)**, indicating a lack of tangible commitment or formal alignment with Paris goals.
- ✗ Companies operating in Russia and Myanmar that pose risk to controversies including human rights abuse, war crimes and corruption eg. such as Chevron, and Iqvia.

## Good Points

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- ✓ Good transparency of [holdings](#) and [voting](#) history, both easily accessed via the public website, see links overleaf.

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<b>UNPRI Signatory</b>	<a href="#">Yes</a>
<b>Full Holdings Disclosure</b>	<a href="#">Yes</a>
<b>RIAA Certification</b>	No
<b>Disclosure of Voting</b>	<a href="#">Yes</a>
<b>Ethical Screening Process</b>	<a href="#">None</a>
<b>Exclusions</b>	<b>Conventions and controversies-based screens</b> × Exclusion of <a href="#">Controversial weapons</a>
<b>Materiality/Exposure Limits</b>	None

## About the 'Ethical Survey'

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### About the Ethical Advisers Co-Op

The Ethical Advisers Co-op is a group of 35 financial advisers who are passionate about ethics and finance. The Co-op was established as a not-for-profit over 10 years ago to enable likeminded financial advisers to work together to represent the voice of the consumer. We work to shift the super and investment industry into being more ethically aligned with their clients' objectives. The Co-op's nationwide membership of ethical financial advisers help over 3,300 Australians make financial decisions and invest in line with their ethical values.

### How the Leaf-System Works

The ethical rating is voted by Australian financial advisers who specialise in ethical investments (Co-op members). The advisers assess if fund ethics suit their average ethical client, and if it matches with the average client's expectations and objectives. The advisers consider how successful the fund is at; 1) removing industries and stocks harmful to the environment and society 2) including companies with environmental or social benefits, and 3) providing evidence of actions from the fund which benefit society and/or the environment. The quality of information the fund provides on its ethical policies, companies invested in, and proxy voting is important in assessing if a fund is as ethical as claimed. The final rating is an average of these votes.

Financial advisers are voluntarily participating to help ethical consumers gain a quick understanding of how the clients of a group of industry professionals view the ethics of each fund. The Co-op and the advisers do not receive any form of remuneration or reward for participating.

### Further Research

#### *Does your fund walk the talk?*

The Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility (ACCR) – a not-for-profit shareholder advocacy organisation – pushes for transparency around whether your super fund 'walks the talk' on issues such as climate and human rights. You can find details on your super fund [here](#).

#### *Is your fund investing in fossil fuels?*

Market Forces is a not-for-profit delivering transparency on fossil fuel lending, insuring and investing within super funds, banks and insurance companies. You can see how exposed your super fund, bank or insurance company is to the fossil fuel industry [here](#).

#### *If the fund is certified by the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA)*

You can find more ethical and investment information for certified funds [here](#).

#### *More information on this fund*

For exact details of the fund's claimed ethics, costs and legal details see the fund's Product Disclosure Statement - available on their website.

*Vote based on information last updated 2 February 2026*