SPECIAL ISSUE OBJECTIVE

With market turmoil, the move from state to self-funded retirement, complex financial markets and products, and concerning levels of financial illiteracy, the importance of financial advice is difficult to refute. Despite this, the ongoing community concern over the financial advice industry has led to significant regulatory intervention in the sector, together with moves from the industry bodies, this has charted a course of professionalism for the industry. These steps highlight the need for higher educational and training standards for financial planners, the lack of academic research into the field and the need for a policy response to financial illiteracy. In essence, greater participation and engagement from the academe is required to support the development of the profession. This special Issue of the Australian Accounting, Business and Finance Journal provides the opportunity for this input by showcasing high quality academic research in the financial planning field.

TOPICS FOR THE SPECIAL ISSUE

Financial Planning is truly a multidisciplinary field and hence this Issue will have a wide range of areas of interest. The key caveat is that submitted work is clearly related to personal finance. In this edition we are particular interested in (but do not limit it to) research that addresses the following issues:

- Professionalising Financial Planning
- Financial literacy
- Personal investments and investment decision making
- Taxation issues in personal finance
- The regulatory agenda (FOFA)
- Educating Financial Planners

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