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Estate Planning | What happens to my superannuation when I die?

Superannuation. You may have been contributing to it for many years, [most likely your employer has been for many more.](#)

When the time comes to carry out estate planning, you need to consider how you would like your assets to pass in the event of your death. There are some key considerations that you need to bear in mind in relation to superannuation benefits.

The best way to be sure of how your superannuation death benefits are paid is to make a Binding Death Benefit Nomination or "BDBN" while you are alive.



Kathleen Watt
Associate

[Kathleen Watt](#) (Associate) discusses binding death benefit nominations [here](#).

Traffic | In trouble with SPER for speeding fines or other traffic offences?

If you are charged with a traffic offence, for example speeding or ignoring a red light, you will usually be issued with an infringement notice.

If action on an infringement notice is not taken within the necessary time frame, the matter may be referred to the State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER).

However, if payments are not made when they should be, SPER can seek an enforcement action under the [State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999 \(Qld\)](#).

[Matthew Shearing](#) (Lawyer) discusses consequences of non-payment and court action taken against infringers. You can access the article [here](#).



Matthew Shearing
Lawyer

Employment | Police Investigations & Unfair Dismissal: A Note to Employers

How should employers handle disciplinary matters when requests are made of them by police? This issue was the subject of contention in the recent Fair Work Commission decision [Nash Wong v Taitung Australia Pty Ltd](#) [2016] FWC 7982.

The decision is important for employers who need to be aware of their obligations under employment law particularly when requests are made of them by police.

[Natasha Duff](#) (Senior Lawyer) discusses the employers and employees case, the decision and the lessons learned. You can access the case summary [here](#).



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