**Divestment motion for ASU branch**

Below is a sample motion that ASU branches can use to call on HESTA to divest from the mandatory detention industry.

“That the …. [Branch Committee] endorse the following statement of policy and associated actions. This motion should be communicated to the ASU [State] Division Executive and to the National Executive. It should form the basis of a motion to go before the ASU National Council.

This branch of the ASU notes that in March 2014, the ASU National Executive called for HESTA to divest from Transfield Services. The ASU National Executive noted that social and community workers do not want their retirement savings used to support a system of the mandatory detention of asylum seekers, and stated its belief that it is immoral for corporations to profit from the indefinite and inhuman detention of other human beings. The ASU National Executive undertook to advocate this position to the HESTA Board and to provide members with information on how to take individual action to ensure their money is not being invested in Transfield. We note that HESTA continues to hold shares in Transfield Services, and that Transfield continues to operate the inhumane mandatory detention of asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island.

We call on the ASU National Executive to act swiftly on its undertaking and work towards changing HESTA’s practices so that the fund completely and permanently disassociates itself and its members’ resources from companies that receive money for the mandatory detention of asylum seekers, such as Transfield Services.

We also call on the ACTU to act on its stated opposition to mandatory detention to call for the Board of HESTA Board to commit to a change in HESTA’s practices so that it completely and permanently divests from companies involved in mandatory detention.”