



Media release

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Future Fund ceases to be a substantial shareholder in Telstra

The Future Fund Board of Guardians (the Board) today announced that it had ceased to be a substantial shareholder in Telstra Corporation Limited (Telstra). At 23 March 2011 the Board had reduced its holding to 620.4 million shares or 4.99% of the company.

Moving below the substantial shareholder level is a result of the Board's on-market selling program which commenced on 29 September 2010. The on market selling activity has been conducted smoothly and in an orderly manner to avoid untoward market impact. Selling averaged less than 15% of the volume of Telstra shares traded on market over the period and achieved a price greater than the Volume Weighted Average Price during active trading days.

The sell-down has been in line with the Board's stated plan to reduce the portfolio's holding in Telstra in an orderly manner over the medium term and to build a portfolio consistent with its long term mandate and strategy.

Proceeds from the sales have been integrated into the broader portfolio.

Citi has been providing strategic advice to the Board on its sell down, including its on-market selling program, with Citi and Deutsche Bank acting as brokers.

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