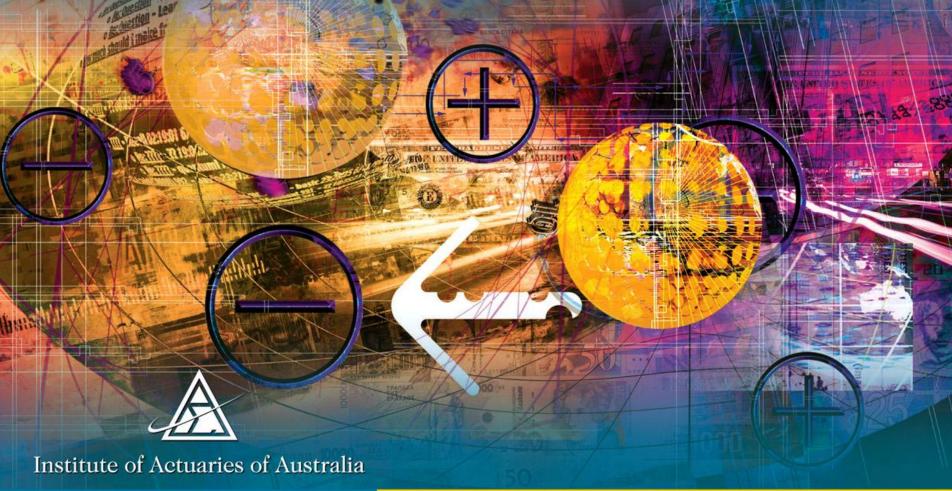
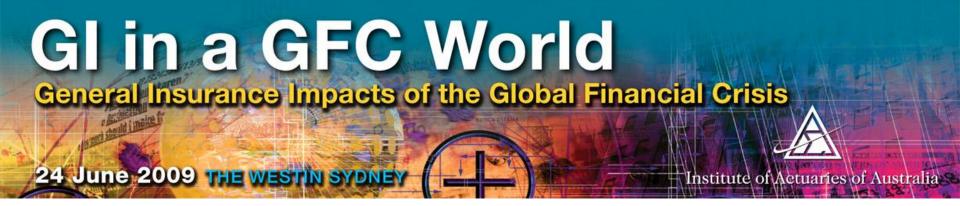
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# The Impact of the GFC on Claims Experience

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#### **Sensitivity to Recession** Motor Market



Motor market	Potential area of sensitivity	Potential revenue implication	Potential expense implication
Exposure base	Reduced number of new vehicles	Less premium growth	Lower frequency of claims
	Less annual mileage	Lower premium due to lower rating	Lower frequency of claims
	Lower value vehicles (new and used)	Lower due to lower rating	Lower claims cost to replace
	More older vehicles	Lower premium due to lower rating	Lower claims cost to replace
	More smaller vehicles	Lower premium due to lower rating	Lower claims cost to replace / repair
	Less well maintained vehicles	Neutral	Increased claims frequency
	Less business use of personal vehicles	Lower premium due to lower rating	Neutral
Buying behaviour	Less broad / expensive coverage	Lower premium due to less coverage	Less claims covered
	Higher voluntary excesses	Lower premium due to higher excess	Lower proportion of claims covered / fewer claims
	Greater shop-around – more quotes	Lower premium due to competition	Costs of quoting
	Less honesty at proposal for reduced quote	Lower premium due to lower 'perceived' exposure	Neutral
Claims	Fewer accidents	Less 'ancillary' revenue from referrals (i.e. body shops)	Lower overall claim payment
	Lower body shop costs	Neutral	Lower claims costs to repair
	Lower write-off costs	Neutral	Lower claims costs to replace
	Increase in fraud and exaggerated claims	Neutral	Higher claims costs
	Increased theft and vandalism claims	Neutral	Higher claims costs

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#### **Sensitivity to Recession** Household Market



Household market	Potential area of sensitivity	Potential revenue implication	Potential expense implication
Exposure base	Reduction or halt in new build	Less premium growth	Lower frequency of claims
	Less well maintained properties	Neutral	Higher claims frequency
	Lower insured values	Less premium	Lower claims costs to replace
	Increase in repossessions	Lower premium due less broad coverage purchased	Increased vandalism and other claims costs
Buying behaviour	Less broad / expensive coverage	Lower premium due to less coverage	Fewer claims covered
	Higher voluntary excesses	Lower premium due to higher excess	Lower proportion of claims covered / fewer claims
	Greater shop-around – more quotes	Lower premium due to competition	Costs of quoting
	Increase in households without coverage	Less premium due to fewer policies sold	Fewer claims covered
	Fewer property transactions	Reduced customer churn	Neutral
	Less honesty at proposal for reduced quote	Lower premium due to lower 'perceived' exposure	Neutral
Claims	Lower repair costs	Neutral	Lower claims costs to repair
	Lower re-build costs	Neutral	Lower claims costs to replace
	Increase in fraud and exaggerated claims	Neutral	Higher claims costs
	Increased theft and vandalism claims	Neutral	Higher claims costs

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#### **Sensitivity to Recession** Motor Market

Less well maintained vehicles, leading to increased claim frequency

More smaller vehicles, leading to lower premiums and lower claims cost to

> Less broad/expensive coverage, leading to lower premiums and fewer claims being covered

Accelerated channel shift to aggregators, leading to lower premiums and higher acquisition costs on aggregators

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