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**CONTRACT OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

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WARNING TO ESTATE AGENTS  
DO NOT USE THIS CONTRACT FOR SALES OF 'OFF THE PLAN' PROPERTIES  
UNLESS IT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY A LEGAL PRACTITIONER

The vendor agrees to sell and the purchaser agrees to buy the property, being the land and the goods, for the price and on the terms set out in this contract.

The terms of this contract are contained in the –

- particulars of sale; and
- special conditions, if any; and
- general conditions (which are in standard form: see general condition 6.1)

in that order of priority.

## SIGNING OF THIS CONTRACT

**WARNING: THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT. YOU SHOULD READ THIS CONTRACT BEFORE SIGNING IT.**

Purchasers should ensure that they have received a section 32 statement from the vendor before signing this contract. In this contract, "section 32 statement" means the statement required to be given by a vendor under section 32 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962*.

The authority of a person signing –

- under power of attorney; or
  - as director of a corporation; or
  - as agent authorised in writing by one of the parties –
- must be noted beneath the signature.

Any person whose signature is secured by an estate agent acknowledges being given by the agent at the time of signing a copy of the terms of this contract.

**SIGNED BY THE PURCHASER:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Print name(s) of person(s) signing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State nature of authority, if applicable:** \_\_\_\_\_

This offer will lapse unless accepted within [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] clear business days (3 clear business days if none specified)  
In this contract, "business day" has the same meaning as in section 30 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962*

**SIGNED BY THE VENDOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Print name(s) of person(s) signing:** Gary David Exell and Susan Joy Exell

**State nature of authority, if applicable:** \_\_\_\_\_

The **DAY OF SALE** is the date by which both parties have signed this contract.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PURCHASERS – COOLING-OFF

**Cooling-off period** (Section 31 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962*)

You may end this contract within 3 clear business days of the day that you sign the contract if none of the exceptions listed below applies to you.

You must either give the vendor or the vendor's agent **written** notice that you are ending the contract or leave the notice at the address of the vendor or the vendor's agent to end this contract within this time in accordance with this cooling-off provision.

You are entitled to a refund of all the money you paid EXCEPT for \$100 or 0.2% of the purchase price (whichever is more) if you end the contract in this way.

**EXCEPTIONS:** the 3-day cooling-off period does not apply if:

- you bought the property at a publicly advertised auction or on the day on which the auction was held; or
- you bought the land within 3 clear business days before a publicly advertised auction was to be held; or
- you bought the land within 3 clear business days after a publicly advertised auction was held; or
- the property is used primarily for industrial or commercial purposes; or
- the property is more than 20 hectares in size and is used primarily for farming; or
- you and the vendor previously signed a contract for the sale of the same land in substantially the same terms; or
- you are an estate agent or a corporate body.

### NOTICE TO PURCHASERS OF PROPERTY OFF-THE-PLAN

**Off-the-plan sales** (Section 9AA(1A) of the *Sale of Land Act 1962*)

You may negotiate with the vendor about the amount of the deposit moneys payable under the contract of sale, up to 10 per cent of the purchase price.

A substantial period of time may elapse between the day on which you sign the contract of sale and the day on which you become the registered proprietor of the lot.

The value of the lot may change between the day on which you sign the contract of sale of that lot and the day on which you become the registered proprietor.

# Particulars of Sale

## Vendor's estate agent

Name **Wes Davidson Real Estate**  
Address 71 Wilson Street, Horsham Vic 3400  
Email  
Tel 03 5382 0000 Mob

Ref Wes Davidson  
Fax

## Vendor

Name **Gary David Exell and Susan Joy Exell**  
Address 4331 Henty Highway, Haven 3401  
ABN/ACN  
Email

## Vendor's legal practitioner or conveyancer

Name **POWER & BENNETT**  
Address 12 Pynsent Street, Horsham VIC 3400  
Email john@powerandbennett.com.au  
Tel (03) 5382 0061 Fax

Ref JJA:210543  
DX 34004, Horsham

## Purchaser

Name  
Address  
ABN/ACN  
Email

## Purchaser's legal practitioner or conveyancer

Name  
Address  
Email  
Tel Fax

Ref  
DX

## Land (general conditions 7 and 13)

The land is described in the table below –

Certificate of Title reference	being lot	on plan
Volume 4752 Folio 343	1	TP 845120P

If no title or plan references are recorded in the table, the land is as described in the section 32 statement or the register search statement and the document referred to as the diagram location in the register search statement attached to the section 32 statement

The land includes all improvements and fixtures

## Property address

The address of the land is:

**11 Smith Street, Horsham VIC 3400**

## Goods sold with the land (general condition 6.3(f)) (list or attach schedule)

All fixed floor coverings, curtains, blinds, electric light fittings and TV antenna as inspected

**Payment**

Price \$

Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ (of which \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has been paid)

Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable at settlement

**Deposit bond**☐ General condition 15 applies only if the box is checked**Bank guarantee**☐ General condition 16 applies only if the box is checked**GST** (general condition 19)

Subject to general condition 19.2, the price includes GST (if any), unless the next box is checked

☐ GST (if any) must be paid in addition to the price if the box is checked☐ This sale is a sale of land on which a 'farming business' is carried on which the parties consider meets the requirements of section 38-480 of the GST Act if the box is checked☐ This sale is a sale of a 'going concern' if the box is checked☐ The margin scheme will be used to calculate GST if the box is checked**Settlement** (general conditions 17 & 26.2)**is due on**~~unless the land is a lot on an unregistered plan of subdivision, in which case settlement is due on the later of:~~

- ~~• the above date; and~~
- ~~• the 14th day after the vendor gives notice in writing to the purchaser of registration of the plan of subdivision.~~

**Lease** (general condition 5.1)☒ At settlement the purchaser is entitled to vacant possession of the property unless the box is checked, in which case the property is sold subject to\*:

(\*only one of the boxes below should be checked after carefully reading any applicable lease or tenancy document)

☐ a lease for a term ending on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_ options to renew, each of \_\_\_\_ years

OR

☒ a residential tenancy to Simon Eilola for a fixed term ending on 23 /05 / 2021 – See Tenancy details in Vendor Statement

OR

☐ a periodic tenancy determinable by notice**Terms contract** (general condition 30)☐ This contract is intended to be a terms contract within the meaning of the *Sale of Land Act 1962* if the box is checked.

(Reference should be made to general condition 30 and any further applicable provisions should be added as special conditions)

**Loan** (general condition 20)☐ This contract is subject to a loan being approved and the following details apply if the box is checked:

Lender:

(or another lender chosen by the purchaser)

Loan amount: no more than \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Approval date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Building report**☐ General condition 21 applies only if the box is checked**Pest report**☐ General condition 22 applies only if the box is checked

# Special Conditions

**Instructions:** *It is recommended that when adding further special conditions:*

- *each special condition is numbered;*
- *the parties initial each page containing special conditions;*
- *a line is drawn through any blank space remaining on the last page; and*
- *attach additional pages if there is not enough space*

1. **Amendment to General Condition 20**

General Condition 20.2(c) shall be amended by deletion therefrom of the words "together with written evidence of rejection or non-approval of the loan" and General Condition 20.3 shall be amended by adding thereto after the word "ended" the words "but only after the purchaser delivers to the Vendor written evidence of rejection or non-approval of the loan which they must deliver to the Vendor within 21 clear business days of the approval date or any later date for finance approval allowed by the Vendor and if the Purchaser shall fail to deliver that evidence within that time then the deposit shall thereafter be forfeited to the Vendor for them to retain as their absolute property".

**Notice:** The Vendor hereby notifies the Purchaser that the Purchaser will not be required to make a payment under Section 14-250 of the Taxation Administration Act 1953 in relation to the supply of the land made under this Contract.

# General conditions

## Contract signing

### 1. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

- 1.1 In this general condition "electronic signature" means a digital signature or a visual representation of a person's handwritten signature or mark which is placed on a physical or electronic copy of this contract by electronic or mechanical means, and "electronically signed" has a corresponding meaning.
- 1.2 The parties consent to this contract being signed by or on behalf of a party by an electronic signature.
- 1.3 Where this contract is electronically signed by or on behalf of a party, the party warrants and agrees that the electronic signature has been used to identify the person signing and to indicate that the party intends to be bound by the electronic signature.
- 1.4 This contract may be electronically signed in any number of counterparts which together will constitute the one document.
- 1.5 Each party consents to the exchange of counterparts of this contract by delivery by email or such other electronic means as may be agreed in writing.
- 1.6 Each party must upon request promptly deliver a physical counterpart of this contract with the handwritten signature or signatures of the party and all written evidence of the authority of a person signing on their behalf, but a failure to comply with the request does not affect the validity of this contract.

### 2. LIABILITY OF SIGNATORY

Any signatory for a proprietary limited company purchaser is personally liable for the due performance of the purchaser's obligations as if the signatory were the purchaser in the case of a default by a proprietary limited company purchaser.

### 3. GUARANTEE

The vendor may require one or more directors of the purchaser to guarantee the purchaser's performance of this contract if the purchaser is a proprietary limited company.

### 4. NOMINEE

The purchaser may no later than 14 days before the due date for settlement nominate a substitute or additional person to take a transfer of the land, but the named purchaser remains personally liable for the due performance of all the purchaser's obligations under this contract.

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## Title

### 5. ENCUMBRANCES

- 5.1 The purchaser buys the property subject to:
  - (a) any encumbrance shown in the section 32 statement other than mortgages or caveats; and
  - (b) any reservations, exceptions and conditions in the crown grant; and
  - (c) any lease or tenancy referred to in the particulars of sale.
- 5.2 The purchaser indemnifies the vendor against all obligations under any lease or tenancy that are to be performed by the landlord after settlement.

### 6. VENDOR WARRANTIES

- 6.1 The vendor warrants that these general conditions 1 to 35 are identical to the general conditions 1 to 35 in the form of contract of sale of land published by the Law Institute of Victoria Limited and the Real Estate Institute of Victoria Ltd in the month and year set out at the foot of this page.
- 6.2 The warranties in general conditions 6.3 and 6.4 replace the purchaser's right to make requisitions and inquiries.
- 6.3 The vendor warrants that the vendor:
  - (a) has, or by the due date for settlement will have, the right to sell the land; and
  - (b) is under no legal disability; and
  - (c) is in possession of the land, either personally or through a tenant; and
  - (d) has not previously sold or granted any option to purchase, agreed to a lease or granted a pre-emptive right which is current over the land and which gives another party rights which have priority over the interest of the purchaser; and
  - (e) will at settlement be the holder of an unencumbered estate in fee simple in the land; and
  - (f) will at settlement be the unencumbered owner of any improvements, fixtures, fittings and goods sold with the land.

- 6.4 The vendor further warrants that the vendor has no knowledge of any of the following:
- (a) public rights of way over the land;
  - (b) easements over the land;
  - (c) lease or other possessory agreement affecting the land;
  - (d) notice or order directly and currently affecting the land which will not be dealt with at settlement, other than the usual rate notices and any land tax notices;
  - (e) legal proceedings which would render the sale of the land void or voidable or capable of being set aside.
- 6.5 The warranties in general conditions 6.3 and 6.4 are subject to any contrary provisions in this contract and disclosures in the section 32 statement.
- 6.6 If sections 137B and 137C of the *Building Act* 1993 apply to this contract, the vendor warrants that:
- (a) all domestic building work carried out in relation to the construction by or on behalf of the vendor of the home was carried out in a proper and workmanlike manner; and
  - (b) all materials used in that domestic building work were good and suitable for the purpose for which they were used and that, unless otherwise stated in the contract, those materials were new; and
  - (c) domestic building work was carried out in accordance with all laws and legal requirements, including, without limiting the generality of this warranty, the *Building Act* 1993 and regulations made under the *Building Act* 1993.
- 6.7 Words and phrases used in general condition 6.6 which are defined in the *Building Act* 1993 have the same meaning in general condition 6.6.

## **7. IDENTITY OF THE LAND**

- 7.1 An omission or mistake in the description of the property or any deficiency in the area, description or measurements of the land does not invalidate the sale.
- 7.2 The purchaser may not:
- (a) make any objection or claim for compensation for any alleged misdescription of the property or any deficiency in its area or measurements; or
  - (b) require the vendor to amend title or pay any cost of amending title.

## **8. SERVICES**

- 8.1 The vendor does not represent that the services are adequate for the purchaser's proposed use of the property and the vendor advises the purchaser to make appropriate inquiries. The condition of the services may change between the day of sale and settlement and the vendor does not promise that the services will be in the same condition at settlement as they were on the day of sale.
- 8.2 The purchaser is responsible for the connection of all services to the property after settlement and the payment of any associated cost.

## **9. CONSENTS**

The vendor must obtain any necessary consent or licence required for the vendor to sell the property. The contract will be at an end and all money paid must be refunded if any necessary consent or licence is not obtained by settlement.

## **10. TRANSFER & DUTY**

- 10.1 The purchaser must prepare and deliver to the vendor at least 7 days before the due date for settlement any paper transfer of land document which is necessary for this transaction. The delivery of the transfer of land document is not acceptance of title.
- 10.2 The vendor must promptly initiate the Duties on Line or other form required by the State Revenue Office in respect of this transaction, and both parties must co-operate to complete it as soon as practicable.

## **11. RELEASE OF SECURITY INTEREST**

- 11.1 This general condition applies if any part of the property is subject to a security interest to which the *Personal Property Securities Act* 2009 (Cth) applies.
- 11.2 For the purposes of enabling the purchaser to search the Personal Property Securities Register for any security interests affecting any personal property for which the purchaser may be entitled to a release, statement, approval or correction in accordance with general condition 11.4, the purchaser may request the vendor to provide the vendor's date of birth to the purchaser. The vendor must comply with a request made by the purchaser under this condition if the purchaser makes the request at least 21 days before the due date for settlement.
- 11.3 If the purchaser is given the details of the vendor's date of birth under general condition 11.2, the purchaser must
- (a) only use the vendor's date of birth for the purposes specified in general condition 11.2; and
  - (b) keep the date of birth of the vendor secure and confidential.

- 11.4 The vendor must ensure that at or before settlement, the purchaser receives—
- (a) a release from the secured party releasing the property from the security interest; or
  - (b) a statement in writing in accordance with section 275(1)(b) of the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* (Cth) setting out that the amount or obligation that is secured is nil at settlement; or
  - (c) a written approval or correction in accordance with section 275(1)(c) of the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* (Cth) indicating that, on settlement, the personal property included in the contract is not or will not be property in which the security interest is granted.
- 11.5 Subject to general condition 11.6, the vendor is not obliged to ensure that the purchaser receives a release, statement, approval or correction in respect of personal property—
- (a) that—
    - (i) the purchaser intends to use predominantly for personal, domestic or household purposes; and
    - (ii) has a market value of not more than \$5000 or, if a greater amount has been prescribed for the purposes of section 47(1) of the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* (Cth), not more than that prescribed amount; or
  - (b) that is sold in the ordinary course of the vendor's business of selling personal property of that kind.
- 11.6 The vendor is obliged to ensure that the purchaser receives a release, statement, approval or correction in respect of personal property described in general condition 11.5 if—
- (a) the personal property is of a kind that may or must be described by serial number in the Personal Property Securities Register; or
  - (b) the purchaser has actual or constructive knowledge that the sale constitutes a breach of the security agreement that provides for the security interest.
- 11.7 A release for the purposes of general condition 11.4(a) must be in writing.
- 11.8 A release for the purposes of general condition 11.4(a) must be effective in releasing the goods from the security interest and be in a form which allows the purchaser to take title to the goods free of that security interest.
- 11.9 If the purchaser receives a release under general condition 11.4(a) the purchaser must provide the vendor with a copy of the release at or as soon as practicable after settlement.
- 11.10 In addition to ensuring that a release is received under general condition 11.4(a), the vendor must ensure that at or before settlement the purchaser receives a written undertaking from a secured party to register a financing change statement to reflect that release if the property being released includes goods of a kind that are described by serial number in the Personal Property Securities Register.
- 11.11 The purchaser must advise the vendor of any security interest that is registered on or before the day of sale on the Personal Property Securities Register, which the purchaser reasonably requires to be released, at least 21 days before the due date for settlement.
- 11.12 The vendor may delay settlement until 21 days after the purchaser advises the vendor of the security interests that the purchaser reasonably requires to be released if the purchaser does not provide an advice under general condition 11.11.
- 11.13 If settlement is delayed under general condition 11.12 the purchaser must pay the vendor—
- (a) interest from the due date for settlement until the date on which settlement occurs or 21 days after the vendor receives the advice, whichever is the earlier; and
  - (b) any reasonable costs incurred by the vendor as a result of the delay—
- as though the purchaser was in default.
- 11.14 The vendor is not required to ensure that the purchaser receives a release in respect of the land. This general condition 11.14 applies despite general condition 11.1.
- 11.15 Words and phrases which are defined in the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* (Cth) have the same meaning in general condition 11 unless the context requires otherwise.

## 12. BUILDER WARRANTY INSURANCE

The vendor warrants that the vendor will provide at settlement details of any current builder warranty insurance in the vendor's possession relating to the property if requested in writing to do so at least 21 days before settlement.

## 13. GENERAL LAW LAND

- 13.1 The vendor must complete a conversion of title in accordance with section 14 of the *Transfer of Land Act 1958* before settlement if the land is the subject of a provisional folio under section 23 of that Act.
- 13.2 The remaining provisions of this general condition 13 only apply if any part of the land is not under the operation of the *Transfer of Land Act 1958*.



- 13.3 The vendor is taken to be the holder of an unencumbered estate in fee simple in the land if there is an unbroken chain of title starting at least 30 years before the day of sale proving on the face of the documents the ownership of the entire legal and equitable estate without the aid of other evidence.
- 13.4 The purchaser is entitled to inspect the vendor's chain of title on request at such place in Victoria as the vendor nominates.
- 13.5 The purchaser is taken to have accepted the vendor's title if:
- (a) 21 days have elapsed since the day of sale; and
  - (b) the purchaser has not reasonably objected to the title or reasonably required the vendor to remedy a defect in the title.
- 13.6 The contract will be at an end if:
- (a) the vendor gives the purchaser a notice that the vendor is unable or unwilling to satisfy the purchaser's objection or requirement and that the contract will end if the objection or requirement is not withdrawn within 14 days of the giving of the notice; and
  - (b) the objection or requirement is not withdrawn in that time.
- 13.7 If the contract ends in accordance with general condition 13.6, the deposit must be returned to the purchaser and neither party has a claim against the other in damages.
- 13.8 General condition 17.1 [settlement] should be read as if the reference to 'registered proprietor' is a reference to 'owner' in respect of that part of the land which is not under the operation of the *Transfer of Land Act 1958*.

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## Money

### 14. DEPOSIT

- 14.1 The purchaser must pay the deposit:
- (a) to the vendor's licensed estate agent; or
  - (b) if there is no estate agent, to the vendor's legal practitioner or conveyancer; or
  - (c) if the vendor directs, into a special purpose account in an authorised deposit-taking institution in Victoria specified by the vendor in the joint names of the purchaser and the vendor.
- 14.2 If the land sold is a lot on an unregistered plan of subdivision, the deposit:
- (a) must not exceed 10% of the price; and
  - (b) must be paid to the vendor's estate agent, legal practitioner or conveyancer and held by the estate agent, legal practitioner or conveyancer on trust for the purchaser until the registration of the plan of subdivision.
- 14.3 The deposit must be released to the vendor if:
- (a) the vendor provides particulars, to the satisfaction of the purchaser, that either-
    - (i) there are no debts secured against the property; or
    - (ii) if there are any debts, the total amount of those debts together with any amounts to be withheld in accordance with general conditions 24 and 25 does not exceed 80% of the sale price; and
  - (b) at least 28 days have elapsed since the particulars were given to the purchaser under paragraph (a); and
  - (c) all conditions of section 27 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962* have been satisfied.
- 14.4 The stakeholder must pay the deposit and any interest to the party entitled when the deposit is released, the contract is settled, or the contract is ended.
- 14.5 The stakeholder may pay the deposit and any interest into court if it is reasonable to do so.
- 14.6 Where the purchaser is deemed by section 27(7) of the *Sale of Land Act 1962* to have given the deposit release authorisation referred to in section 27(1), the purchaser is also deemed to have accepted title in the absence of any prior express objection to title.
- 14.7 Payment of the deposit may be made or tendered:
- (a) in cash up to \$1,000 or 0.2% of the price, whichever is greater; or
  - (b) by cheque drawn on an authorised deposit-taking institution; or
  - (c) by electronic funds transfer to a recipient having the appropriate facilities for receipt.
- However, unless otherwise agreed:

- (d) payment may not be made by credit card, debit card or any other financial transfer system that allows for any chargeback or funds reversal other than for fraud or mistaken payment, and
  - (e) any financial transfer or similar fees or deductions from the funds transferred, other than any fees charged by the recipient's authorised deposit-taking institution, must be paid by the remitter.
- 14.8 Payment by electronic funds transfer is made when cleared funds are received in the recipient's bank account.
- 14.9 Before the funds are electronically transferred the intended recipient must be notified in writing and given sufficient particulars to readily identify the relevant transaction.
- 14.10 As soon as the funds have been electronically transferred the intended recipient must be provided with the relevant transaction number or reference details.
- 14.11 For the purpose of this general condition 'authorised deposit-taking institution' means a body corporate for which an authority under section 9(3) of the *Banking Act 1959* (Cth) is in force.

## 15. DEPOSIT BOND

- 15.1 This general condition only applies if the applicable box in the particulars of sale is checked.
- 15.2 In this general condition "deposit bond" means an irrevocable undertaking to pay on demand an amount equal to the deposit or any unpaid part of the deposit. The issuer and the form of the deposit bond must be satisfactory to the vendor. The deposit bond must have an expiry date at least 45 days after the due date for settlement.
- 15.3 The purchaser may deliver a deposit bond to the vendor's estate agent, legal practitioner or conveyancer within 7 days after the day of sale.
- 15.4 The purchaser may at least 45 days before a current deposit bond expires deliver a replacement deposit bond on the same terms and conditions.
- 15.5 Where a deposit bond is delivered, the purchaser must pay the deposit to the vendor's legal practitioner or conveyancer on the first to occur of:
- (a) settlement;
  - (b) the date that is 45 days before the deposit bond or any replacement deposit bond expires;
  - (c) the date on which this contract ends in accordance with general condition 35.2 [default not remedied] following breach by the purchaser; and
  - (d) the date on which the vendor ends this contract by accepting repudiation of it by the purchaser.
- 15.6 The vendor may claim on the deposit bond without prior notice if the purchaser defaults under this contract or repudiates this contract and the contract is ended. The amount paid by the issuer satisfies the obligations of the purchaser under general condition 15.5 to the extent of the payment.
- 15.7 Nothing in this general condition limits the rights of the vendor if the purchaser defaults under this contract or repudiates this contract, except as provided in general condition 15.6.
- 15.8 This general condition is subject to general condition 14.2 [deposit].

## 16. BANK GUARANTEE

- 16.1 This general condition only applies if the applicable box in the particulars of sale is checked.
- 16.2 In this general condition:
- (a) "bank guarantee" means an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee or undertaking by a bank in a form satisfactory to the vendor to pay on demand any amount under this contract agreed in writing, and
  - (b) "bank" means an authorised deposit-taking institution under the *Banking Act 1959* (Cth).
- 16.3 The purchaser may deliver a bank guarantee to the vendor's legal practitioner or conveyancer.
- 16.4 The purchaser must pay the amount secured by the bank guarantee to the vendor's legal practitioner or conveyancer on the first to occur of:
- (a) settlement;
  - (b) the date that is 45 days before the bank guarantee expires;
  - (c) the date on which this contract ends in accordance with general condition 35.2 [default not remedied] following breach by the purchaser; and
  - (d) the date on which the vendor ends this contract by accepting repudiation of it by the purchaser.
- 16.5 The vendor must return the bank guarantee document to the purchaser when the purchaser pays the amount secured by the bank guarantee in accordance with general condition 16.4.
- 16.6 The vendor may claim on the bank guarantee without prior notice if the purchaser defaults under this contract or repudiates this contract and the contract is ended. The amount paid by the bank satisfies the obligations of the purchaser under general condition 16.4 to the extent of the payment.

- 16.7 Nothing in this general condition limits the rights of the vendor if the purchaser defaults under this contract or repudiates this contract except as provided in general condition 16.6.
- 16.8 This general condition is subject to general condition 14.2 [deposit].
- 17. SETTLEMENT**
- 17.1 At settlement:
- (a) the purchaser must pay the balance; and
  - (b) the vendor must:
    - (i) do all things necessary to enable the purchaser to become the registered proprietor of the land; and
    - (ii) give either vacant possession or receipt of rents and profits in accordance with the particulars of sale.
- 17.2 Settlement must be conducted between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm unless the parties agree otherwise.
- 17.3 The purchaser must pay all money other than the deposit in accordance with a written direction of the vendor or the vendor's legal practitioner or conveyancer.
- 18. ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT**
- 18.1 Settlement and lodgement of the instruments necessary to record the purchaser as registered proprietor of the land will be conducted electronically in accordance with the Electronic Conveyancing National Law. This general condition 18 has priority over any other provision of this contract to the extent of any inconsistency.
- 18.2 A party must immediately give written notice if that party reasonably believes that settlement and lodgement can no longer be conducted electronically. General condition 18 ceases to apply from when such a notice is given.
- 18.3 Each party must:
- (a) be, or engage a representative who is, a subscriber for the purposes of the Electronic Conveyancing National Law,
  - (b) ensure that all other persons for whom that party is responsible and who are associated with this transaction are, or engage, a subscriber for the purposes of the Electronic Conveyancing National Law, and
  - (c) conduct the transaction in accordance with the Electronic Conveyancing National Law.
- 18.4 The vendor must open the electronic workspace ("workspace") as soon as reasonably practicable and nominate a date and time for settlement. The inclusion of a specific date and time for settlement in a workspace is not of itself a promise to settle on that date or at that time. The workspace is an electronic address for the service of notices and for written communications for the purposes of any electronic transactions legislation.
- 18.5 This general condition 18.5 applies if there is more than one electronic lodgement network operator in respect of the transaction. In this general condition 18.5 "the transaction" means this sale and purchase and any associated transaction involving any of the same subscribers.
- To the extent that any interoperability rules governing the relationship between electronic lodgement network operators do not provide otherwise:
- (a) the electronic lodgement network operator to conduct all the financial and lodgement aspects of the transaction after the workspace locks must be one which is willing and able to conduct such aspects of the transaction in accordance with the instructions of all the subscribers in the workspaces of all the electronic lodgement network operators after the workspace locks;
  - (b) if two or more electronic lodgement network operators meet that description, one may be selected by purchaser's incoming mortgagee having the highest priority but if there is no mortgagee of the purchaser, the vendor must make the selection.
- 18.6 Settlement occurs when the workspace records that:
- (a) there has been an exchange of funds or value between the exchange settlement account or accounts in the Reserve Bank of Australia of the relevant financial institutions or their financial settlement agents in accordance with the instructions of the parties; or
  - (b) if there is no exchange of funds or value, the documents necessary to enable the purchaser to become registered proprietor of the land have been accepted for electronic lodgement.
- 18.7 The parties must do everything reasonably necessary to effect settlement:
- (a) electronically on the next business day, or
  - (b) at the option of either party, otherwise than electronically as soon as possible –
- if, after the locking of the workspace at the nominated settlement time, settlement in accordance with general condition 18.6 has not occurred by 4.00 pm, or 6.00 pm if the nominated time for settlement is after 4.00 pm.
- 18.8 Each party must do everything reasonably necessary to assist the other party to trace and identify the recipient of any missing or mistaken payment and to recover the missing or mistaken payment.
- 18.9 The vendor must before settlement:
- (a) deliver any keys, security devices and codes ("keys") to the estate agent named in the contract,
  - (b) direct the estate agent to give the keys to the purchaser or the purchaser's nominee on notification of settlement by the vendor, the vendor's subscriber or the electronic lodgement network operator;

- (c) deliver all other physical documents and items (other than the goods sold by the contract) to which the purchaser is entitled at settlement, and any keys if not delivered to the estate agent, to the vendor's subscriber or, if there is no vendor's subscriber, confirm in writing to the purchaser that the vendor holds those documents, items and keys at the vendor's address set out in the contract, and

give, or direct its subscriber to give, all those documents and items and any such keys to the purchaser or the purchaser's nominee on notification by the electronic lodgment network operator of settlement.

## 19. GST

- 19.1 The purchaser does not have to pay the vendor any amount in respect of GST in addition to the price if the particulars of sale specify that the price includes GST (if any).
- 19.2 The purchaser must pay to the vendor any GST payable by the vendor in respect of a taxable supply made under this contract in addition to the price if:
  - (a) the particulars of sale specify that GST (if any) must be paid in addition to the price; or
  - (b) GST is payable solely as a result of any action taken or intended to be taken by the purchaser after the day of sale, including a change of use; or
  - (c) the particulars of sale specify that the supply made under this contract is of land on which a 'farming business' is carried on and the supply (or part of it) does not satisfy the requirements of section 38-480 of the GST Act; or
  - (d) the particulars of sale specify that the supply made under this contract is of a going concern and the supply (or a part of it) does not satisfy the requirements of section 38-325 of the GST Act.
- 19.3 The purchaser is not obliged to pay any GST under this contract until a tax invoice has been given to the purchaser, unless the margin scheme applies.
- 19.4 If the particulars of sale specify that the supply made under this contract is of land on which a 'farming business' is carried on:
  - (a) the vendor warrants that the property is land on which a farming business has been carried on for the period of 5 years preceding the date of supply; and
  - (b) the purchaser warrants that the purchaser intends that a farming business will be carried on after settlement on the property.
- 19.5 If the particulars of sale specify that the supply made under this contract is a 'going concern':
  - (a) the parties agree that this contract is for the supply of a going concern; and
  - (b) the purchaser warrants that the purchaser is, or prior to settlement will be, registered for GST; and
  - (c) the vendor warrants that the vendor will carry on the going concern until the date of supply.
- 19.6 If the particulars of sale specify that the supply made under this contract is a 'margin scheme' supply, the parties agree that the margin scheme applies to this contract.
- 19.7 In this general condition:
  - (a) 'GST Act' means *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth); and
  - (b) 'GST' includes penalties and interest.

## 20. LOAN

- 20.1 If the particulars of sale specify that this contract is subject to a loan being approved, this contract is subject to the lender approving the loan on the security of the property by the approval date or any later date allowed by the vendor.
- 20.2 The purchaser may end the contract if the loan is not approved by the approval date, but only if the purchaser:
  - (a) immediately applied for the loan; and
  - (b) did everything reasonably required to obtain approval of the loan; and
  - (c) serves written notice ending the contract, together with written evidence of rejection or non-approval of the loan, on the vendor within 2 clear business days after the approval date or any later date allowed by the vendor; and
  - (d) is not in default under any other condition of this contract when the notice is given.
- 20.3 All money must be immediately refunded to the purchaser if the contract is ended.

## 21. BUILDING REPORT

- 21.1 This general condition only applies if the applicable box in the particulars of sale is checked.
- 21.2 The purchaser may end this contract within 14 days from the day of sale if the purchaser:
  - (a) obtains a written report from a registered building practitioner or architect which discloses a current defect in a structure on the land and designates it as a major building defect;
  - (b) gives the vendor a copy of the report and a written notice ending this contract; and
  - (c) is not then in default.
- 21.3 All money paid must be immediately refunded to the purchaser if the contract ends in accordance with this general condition.

- 21.4 A notice under this general condition may be served on the vendor's legal practitioner, conveyancer or estate agent even if the estate agent's authority has formally expired at the time of service.
- 21.5 The registered building practitioner may inspect the property at any reasonable time for the purpose of preparing the report.

## 22. PEST REPORT

- 22.1 This general condition only applies if the applicable box in the particulars of sale is checked.
- 22.2 The purchaser may end this contract within 14 days from the day of sale if the purchaser:
- (a) obtains a written report from a pest control operator licensed under Victorian law which discloses a current pest infestation on the land and designates it as a major infestation affecting the structure of a building on the land;
  - (b) gives the vendor a copy of the report and a written notice ending this contract; and
  - (c) is not then in default.
- 22.3 All money paid must be immediately refunded to the purchaser if the contract ends in accordance with this general condition.
- 22.4 A notice under this general condition may be served on the vendor's legal practitioner, conveyancer or estate agent even if the estate agent's authority has formally expired at the time of service.
- 22.5 The pest control operator may inspect the property at any reasonable time for the purpose of preparing the report.

## 23. ADJUSTMENTS

- 23.1 All periodic outgoings payable by the vendor, and any rent and other income received in respect of the property must be apportioned between the parties on the settlement date and any adjustments paid and received as appropriate.
- 23.2 The periodic outgoings and rent and other income must be apportioned on the following basis:
- (a) the vendor is liable for the periodic outgoings and entitled to the rent and other income up to and including the day of settlement; and
  - (b) the land is treated as the only land of which the vendor is owner (as defined in the *Land Tax Act 2005*); and
  - (c) the vendor is taken to own the land as a resident Australian beneficial owner; and
  - (d) any personal statutory benefit available to each party is disregarded in calculating apportionment.
- 23.3 The purchaser must provide copies of all certificates and other information used to calculate the adjustments under general condition 23, if requested by the vendor.

## 24. FOREIGN RESIDENT CAPITAL GAINS WITHHOLDING

- 24.1 Words defined or used in Subdivision 14-D of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth) have the same meaning in this general condition unless the context requires otherwise.
- 24.2 Every vendor under this contract is a foreign resident for the purposes of this general condition unless the vendor gives the purchaser a clearance certificate issued by the Commissioner under section 14-220 (1) of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth). The specified period in the clearance certificate must include the actual date of settlement.
- 24.3 The remaining provisions of this general condition 24 only apply if the purchaser is required to pay the Commissioner an amount in accordance with section 14-200(3) or section 14-235 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth) ("the amount") because one or more of the vendors is a foreign resident, the property has or will have a market value not less than the amount set out in section 14-215 of the legislation just after the transaction, and the transaction is not excluded under section 14-215(1) of the legislation.
- 24.4 The amount is to be deducted from the vendor's entitlement to the contract consideration. The vendor must pay to the purchaser at settlement such part of the amount as is represented by non-monetary consideration.
- 24.5 The purchaser must:
- (a) engage a legal practitioner or conveyancer ("representative") to conduct all the legal aspects of settlement, including the performance of the purchaser's obligations under the legislation and this general condition; and
  - (b) ensure that the representative does so.
- 24.6 The terms of the representative's engagement are taken to include instructions to have regard to the vendor's interests and instructions that the representative must:
- (a) pay, or ensure payment of, the amount to the Commissioner in the manner required by the Commissioner and as soon as reasonably and practicably possible, from moneys under the control or direction of the representative in accordance with this general condition if the sale of the property settles;
  - (b) promptly provide the vendor with proof of payment; and
  - (c) otherwise comply, or ensure compliance, with this general condition;
- despite:
- (d) any contrary instructions, other than from both the purchaser and the vendor; and
  - (e) any other provision in this contract to the contrary.
- 24.7 The representative is taken to have complied with the requirements of general condition 24.6 if:
- (a) the settlement is conducted through an electronic lodgment network; and

- (b) the amount is included in the settlement statement requiring payment to the Commissioner in respect of this transaction.
- 24.8 Any clearance certificate or document evidencing variation of the amount in accordance with section 14-235(2) of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth) must be given to the purchaser at least 5 business days before the due date for settlement.
- 24.9 The vendor must provide the purchaser with such information as the purchaser requires to comply with the purchaser's obligation to pay the amount in accordance with section 14-200 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth). The information must be provided within 5 business days of request by the purchaser. The vendor warrants that the information the vendor provides is true and correct.
- 24.10 The purchaser is responsible for any penalties or interest payable to the Commissioner on account of late payment of the amount.

## 25. GST WITHHOLDING

- 25.1 Words and expressions defined or used in Subdivision 14-E of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth) or in *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth) have the same meaning in this general condition unless the context requires otherwise. Words and expressions first used in this general condition and shown in italics and marked with an asterisk are defined or described in at least one of those Acts.
- 25.2 The purchaser must notify the vendor in writing of the name of the recipient of the \*supply for the purposes of section 14-255 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth) at least 21 days before the due date for settlement unless the recipient is the purchaser named in the contract.
- 25.3 The vendor must at least 14 days before the due date for settlement provide the purchaser and any person nominated by the purchaser under general condition 4 with a GST withholding notice in accordance with section 14-253 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), and must provide all information required by the purchaser or any person so nominated to confirm the accuracy of the notice.
- 25.4 The remaining provisions of this general condition 25 apply if the purchaser is or may be required to pay the Commissioner an \*amount in accordance with section 14-250 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth) because the property is \*new residential premises or \*potential residential land in either case falling within the parameters of that section, and also if the sale attracts the operation of section 14-255 of the legislation. Nothing in this general condition 25 is to be taken as relieving the vendor from compliance with section 14-255.
- 25.5 The amount is to be deducted from the vendor's entitlement to the contract \*consideration and is then taken to be paid to the vendor, whether or not the vendor provides the purchaser with a GST withholding notice in accordance with section 14-255 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth). The vendor must pay to the purchaser at settlement such part of the amount as is represented by non-monetary consideration.
- 25.6 The purchaser must:
  - (a) engage a legal practitioner or conveyancer ("representative") to conduct all the legal aspects of settlement, including the performance of the purchaser's obligations under the legislation and this general condition; and
  - (b) ensure that the representative does so.
- 25.7 The terms of the representative's engagement are taken to include instructions to have regard to the vendor's interests relating to the payment of the amount to the Commissioner and instructions that the representative must:
  - (a) pay, or ensure payment of, the amount to the Commissioner in the manner required by the Commissioner and as soon as reasonably and practicably possible, from moneys under the control or direction of the representative in accordance with this general condition on settlement of the sale of the property;
  - (b) promptly provide the vendor with evidence of payment, including any notification or other document provided by the purchaser to the Commissioner relating to payment; and
  - (c) otherwise comply, or ensure compliance, with this general condition;
 despite:
  - (d) any contrary instructions, other than from both the purchaser and the vendor; and
  - (e) any other provision in this contract to the contrary.
- 25.8 The representative is taken to have complied with the requirements of general condition 25.7 if:
  - (a) settlement is conducted through an electronic lodgment network; and
  - (b) the amount is included in the settlement statement requiring payment to the Commissioner in respect of this transaction.
- 25.9 The purchaser may at settlement give the vendor a bank cheque for the amount in accordance with section 16-30 (3) of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), but only if:
  - (a) so agreed by the vendor in writing; and
  - (b) the settlement is not conducted through an electronic lodgment network.
 However, if the purchaser gives the bank cheque in accordance with this general condition 25.9, the vendor must:
  - (c) immediately after settlement provide the bank cheque to the Commissioner to pay the amount in relation to the supply; and

- (d) give the purchaser a receipt for the bank cheque which identifies the transaction and includes particulars of the bank cheque, at the same time the purchaser gives the vendor the bank cheque.
- 25.10 A party must provide the other party with such information as the other party requires to:
  - (a) decide if an amount is required to be paid or the quantum of it, or
  - (b) comply with the purchaser's obligation to pay the amount,in accordance with section 14-250 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth). The information must be provided within 5 business days of a written request. The party providing the information warrants that it is true and correct.
- 25.11 The vendor warrants that:
  - (a) at settlement, the property is not new residential premises or potential residential land in either case falling within the parameters of section 14-250 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth) if the vendor gives the purchaser a written notice under section 14-255 to the effect that the purchaser will not be required to make a payment under section 14-250 in respect of the supply, or fails to give a written notice as required by and within the time specified in section 14-255; and
  - (b) the amount described in a written notice given by the vendor to the purchaser under section 14-255 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth) is the correct amount required to be paid under section 14-250 of the legislation.
- 25.12 The purchaser is responsible for any penalties or interest payable to the Commissioner on account of non-payment or late payment of the amount, except to the extent that:
  - (a) the penalties or interest arise from any failure on the part of the vendor, including breach of a warranty in general condition 25.11; or
  - (b) the purchaser has a reasonable belief that the property is neither new residential premises nor potential residential land requiring the purchaser to pay an amount to the Commissioner in accordance with section 14-250 (1) of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth).The vendor is responsible for any penalties or interest payable to the Commissioner on account of non-payment or late payment of the amount if either exception applies.

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## Transactional

### 26. TIME & CO OPERATION

- 26.1 Time is of the essence of this contract.
- 26.2 Time is extended until the next business day if the time for performing any action falls on a day which is not a business day.
- 26.3 Each party must do all things reasonably necessary to enable this contract to proceed to settlement, and must act in a prompt and efficient manner.
- 26.4 Any unfulfilled obligation will not merge on settlement.

### 27. SERVICE

- 27.1 Any document required to be served by or on any party may be served by or on the legal practitioner or conveyancer for that party.
- 27.2 A cooling off notice under section 31 of the *Sale of Land Act 1962* or a notice under general condition 20 [loan approval], 21 [building report] or 22 [pest report] may be served on the vendor's legal practitioner, conveyancer or estate agent even if the estate agent's authority has formally expired at the time of service.
- 27.3 A document is sufficiently served:
  - (a) personally, or
  - (b) by pre-paid post, or
  - (c) in any manner authorized by law or by the Supreme Court for service of documents, including any manner authorised for service on or by a legal practitioner, whether or not the person serving or receiving the document is a legal practitioner, or
  - (d) by email.
- 27.4 Any document properly sent by:
  - (a) express post is taken to have been served on the next business day after posting, unless proved otherwise;
  - (b) priority post is taken to have been served on the fourth business day after posting, unless proved otherwise;
  - (c) regular post is taken to have been served on the sixth business day after posting, unless proved otherwise;
  - (d) email is taken to have been served at the time of receipt within the meaning of section 13A of the *Electronic Transactions (Victoria) Act 2000*.
- 27.5 In this contract 'document' includes 'demand' and 'notice', 'serve' includes 'give', and 'served' and 'service' have corresponding meanings.

## **28. NOTICES**

- 28.1 The vendor is responsible for any notice, order, demand or levy imposing liability on the property that is issued or made before the day of sale, and does not relate to periodic outgoings.
- 28.2 The purchaser is responsible for any notice, order, demand or levy imposing liability on the property that is issued or made on or after the day of sale, and does not relate to periodic outgoings.
- 28.3 The purchaser may enter the property to comply with that responsibility where action is required before settlement.

## **29. INSPECTION**

The purchaser and/or another person authorised by the purchaser may inspect the property at any reasonable time during the 7 days preceding and including the settlement day.

## **30. TERMS CONTRACT**

30.1 If this is a 'terms contract' as defined in the *Sale of Land Act 1962*:

- (a) any mortgage affecting the land sold must be discharged as to that land before the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or to the receipt of rents and profits unless the vendor satisfies section 29M of the *Sale of Land Act 1962*; and
- (b) the deposit and all other money payable under the contract (other than any money payable in excess of the amount required to so discharge the mortgage) must be paid to a legal practitioner or conveyancer or a licensed estate agent to be applied in or towards discharging the mortgage.

30.2 While any money remains owing each of the following applies:

- (a) the purchaser must maintain full damage and destruction insurance of the property and public risk insurance noting all parties having an insurable interest with an insurer approved in writing by the vendor;
- (b) the purchaser must deliver copies of the signed insurance application forms, the policies and the insurance receipts to the vendor not less than 10 days before taking possession of the property or becoming entitled to receipt of the rents and profits;
- (c) the purchaser must deliver copies of any amendments to the policies and the insurance receipts on each amendment or renewal as evidence of the status of the policies from time to time;
- (d) the vendor may pay any renewal premiums or take out the insurance if the purchaser fails to meet these obligations;
- (e) insurance costs paid by the vendor under paragraph (d) must be refunded by the purchaser on demand without affecting the vendor's other rights under this contract;
- (f) the purchaser must maintain and operate the property in good repair (fair wear and tear excepted) and keep the property safe, lawful, structurally sound, weatherproof and free from contaminations and dangerous substances;
- (g) the property must not be altered in any way without the written consent of the vendor which must not be unreasonably refused or delayed;
- (h) the purchaser must observe all obligations that affect owners or occupiers of land;
- (i) the vendor and/or other person authorised by the vendor may enter the property at any reasonable time to inspect it on giving 7 days written notice, but not more than twice in a year.

## **31. LOSS OR DAMAGE BEFORE SETTLEMENT**

- 31.1 The vendor carries the risk of loss or damage to the property until settlement.
- 31.2 The vendor must deliver the property to the purchaser at settlement in the same condition it was in on the day of sale, except for fair wear and tear.
- 31.3 The purchaser must not delay settlement because one or more of the goods is not in the condition required by general condition 31.2, but may claim compensation from the vendor after settlement.
- 31.4 The purchaser may nominate an amount not exceeding \$5,000 to be held by a stakeholder to be appointed by the parties if the property is not in the condition required by general condition 31.2 at settlement.
- 31.5 The nominated amount may be deducted from the amount due to the vendor at settlement and paid to the stakeholder, but only if the purchaser also pays an amount equal to the nominated amount to the stakeholder.
- 31.6 The stakeholder must pay the amounts referred to in general condition 31.5 in accordance with the determination of the dispute, including any order for payment of the costs of the resolution of the dispute.

## **32. BREACH**

A party who breaches this contract must pay to the other party on demand:

- (a) compensation for any reasonably foreseeable loss to the other party resulting from the breach; and
- (b) any interest due under this contract as a result of the breach.



## Default

### 33. INTEREST

Interest at a rate of 2% per annum plus the rate for the time being fixed by section 2 of the *Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983* is payable at settlement on any money owing under the contract during the period of default, without affecting any other rights of the offended party.

### 34. DEFAULT NOTICE

34.1 A party is not entitled to exercise any rights arising from the other party's default, other than the right to receive interest and the right to sue for money owing, until the other party is given and fails to comply with a written default notice.

34.2 The default notice must:

- (a) specify the particulars of the default; and
- (b) state that it is the offended party's intention to exercise the rights arising from the default unless, within 14 days of the notice being given -
  - (i) the default is remedied; and
  - (ii) the reasonable costs incurred as a result of the default and any interest payable are paid.

### 35. DEFAULT NOT REMEDIED

35.1 All unpaid money under the contract becomes immediately payable to the vendor if the default has been made by the purchaser and is not remedied and the costs and interest are not paid.

35.2 The contract immediately ends if:

- (a) the default notice also states that unless the default is remedied and the reasonable costs and interest are paid, the contract will be ended in accordance with this general condition; and
- (b) the default is not remedied and the reasonable costs and interest are not paid by the end of the period of the default notice.

35.3 If the contract ends by a default notice given by the purchaser:

- (a) the purchaser must be repaid any money paid under the contract and be paid any interest and reasonable costs payable under the contract; and
- (b) all those amounts are a charge on the land until payment; and
- (c) the purchaser may also recover any loss otherwise recoverable.

35.4 If the contract ends by a default notice given by the vendor:

- (a) the deposit up to 10% of the price is forfeited to the vendor as the vendor's absolute property, whether the deposit has been paid or not; and
- (b) the vendor is entitled to possession of the property; and
- (c) in addition to any other remedy, the vendor may within one year of the contract ending either:
  - (i) retain the property and sue for damages for breach of contract; or
  - (ii) resell the property in any manner and recover any deficiency in the price on the resale and any resulting expenses by way of liquidated damages; and
- (d) the vendor may retain any part of the price paid until the vendor's damages have been determined and may apply that money towards those damages; and
- (e) any determination of the vendor's damages must take into account the amount forfeited to the vendor.

35.5 The ending of the contract does not affect the rights of the offended party as a consequence of the default.

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## GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY

This is the Guarantee required pursuant to General Condition 3 (if applicable)

I/We the Guarantor whose name/s and address/es and description/s are set out in the Schedule hereto (hereinafter called "the Guarantor") in consideration of the within named Vendor selling to the within named Purchaser at my/our request the property described in the within Contract for the price and upon the terms and conditions therein set forth hereby for myself/ourselves my/our respective executors and administrators jointly and severally covenant with the said Vendor that if at any time default shall be made in the payment of the deposit or residue of purchase money or interest or other moneys payable by the Purchaser to the Vendor under the within Contract or in the performance or observance of any term or condition of the within Contract to be performed or observed by the Purchaser I/we will forthwith on demand by the Vendor pay to the Vendor the whole of such deposit or residue of purchase money interest charges or other moneys which shall then be due and payable to the Vendor and as a separate and independent obligation I/we further jointly and severally undertake to keep the Vendor indemnified against all loss of purchase money interest and other moneys payable under the within Contract and all losses costs charges and expenses whatsoever which the Vendor may incur by reason of any default as aforesaid or repudiation on the part of the Purchaser. This Guarantee and Indemnity shall be a continuing Guarantee and Indemnity and shall not be released by any neglect or forbearance on the part of the Vendor in enforcing payment of any of the moneys payable under the within Contract or the performance or observance of any of the agreements obligations or conditions under the within Contract or by time being given to the Purchaser for any such payment performance or observance or by any other thing which under the law relating to sureties would but for this provision have the effect of releasing me/us me/our executors or administrators.

## SCHEDULE

**Guarantor:**

1. Full Name: .....

Address: .....

Occupation: .....

2. Full Name: .....

Address: .....

Occupation: .....

**IN WITNESS** whereof the said Guarantors have hereunto set their hands and seals  
the                      day of                      2021.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said

in the presence of:

Witness: .....

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said

.....  
in the presence of:

Witness: .....

# Vendor Statement

**Vendor:** Gary David Exell and Susan Joy Exell

**Purchaser:**

**Property:** 11 Smith Street, Horsham Vic 3400

The Vendor makes this vendor statement (**Statement**) concerning the Property pursuant to section 32 of the Sale of Land Act 1962 (**Act**).

This Statement must be signed by the Vendor and given to the Purchaser before the Purchaser signs a contract.

The Vendor may sign this Statement electronically.

The Purchaser acknowledges being given a copy of this Statement signed by the Vendor with attached documents before the Purchaser signed any contract.

## Land use

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Information concerning any easement, covenant or other similar restriction affecting the Property (registered or unregistered):

(a) Description:

As set out in the attached copies of title documents.

(b) Particulars of any existing failure to comply with their terms are as follows:

None to the Vendor's knowledge.

(c) There is access to the Property by road.

## Planning

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The required specific information is in the attached Planning Property Report.

## Financial matters

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Information concerning any rates, taxes, charges or other similar outgoings and any interest payable on any part of them:

The total amount does not exceed \$3,500.00 per annum

## Services

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The following services (marked "X") are not connected to the Property:

Electricity supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Gas supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Water supply <input type="checkbox"/>	Sewerage <input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## Building approvals

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There were no building approvals granted in the past seven years under the Building Control Act 1981 (Vic) or the Building Act 1993 (Vic).

## Notices

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- (a) Particulars of any notice, order, declaration, report or recommendation of a public authority or government department or approved proposal affecting the Property of which the Vendor might reasonably be expected to have knowledge, including any Notice of intention to acquire under section 6 of the Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986 (Vic):

None to the knowledge of the Vendor.

- (b) Particulars of any notices, property management plans, reports or orders in respect of the Property issued by a government department or public authority in relation to livestock disease or contamination by agricultural chemicals affecting the ongoing use of the Property for agricultural purposes:

There are no notices, property management plans, reports or orders in respect of the land issued by a government department or public authority in relation to livestock disease or contamination by agricultural chemicals affecting the ongoing use of the land for agricultural purposes.

## Bushfire prone

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The land is in a designated bushfire prone area under section 192A of the *Building Act* 1993 if the square box is marked with an 'X' ☐

## Owners corporation

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The Property is not affected by an owners corporation within the meaning of the Owners Corporations Act 2006 (Vic).

## Growth areas infrastructure contribution (GAIC)

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The property is not affected by GAIC.

## Disclosure of energy efficiency information

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Details of any energy efficiency information required to be disclosed regarding a disclosure affected building or disclosure area affected area of a building. This is defined by the Building Energy Efficiency Disclosure Act 2010 (Cth) to be a building or part of a building.

Not applicable.

## Title

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Attached are copies of the following documents:

- 9.1 (a) **Registered Title**

9.2 A Register Search Statement and the document, or part of a document, referred to as the 'diagram location' in that statement which identifies the land and its location.

**Due diligence checklist**

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The due diligence checklist is attached.

**Vendor's  
name**

**Gary David Exell**

**Date**

/ /

**Vendor's  
signature**



**Vendor's  
name**

**Susan Joy Exell**

**Date**

/ /

**Vendor's  
signature**



**Purchaser's  
name**

**Date**

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REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT (Title Search) Transfer of Land Act 1958

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LAND DESCRIPTION

Lot 1 on Title Plan 845120P (formerly known as part of Crown Allotment 11 Section 5 Township of Horsham Parish of Horsham).  
PARENT TITLE Volume 01796 Folio 008  
Created by instrument 1124130 03/09/1923

REGISTERED PROPRIETOR

Estate Fee Simple

Joint Proprietors

GARY DAVID EXELL

SUSAN JOY EXELL both of 4331 HENTY HIGHWAY HAVEN VIA HORSHAM VIC 3400

AG405531M 17/03/2009

ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

MORTGAGE AM731772Q 27/04/2016

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Any encumbrances created by Section 98 Transfer of Land Act 1958 or Section 24 Subdivision Act 1988 and any other encumbrances shown or entered on the plan set out under DIAGRAM LOCATION below.

DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE TP845120P FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND BOUNDARIES

ACTIVITY IN THE LAST 125 DAYS

NIL

-----END OF REGISTER SEARCH STATEMENT-----

Additional information: (not part of the Register Search Statement)

Street Address: 11 SMITH STREET HORSHAM VIC 3400

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICES

NIL

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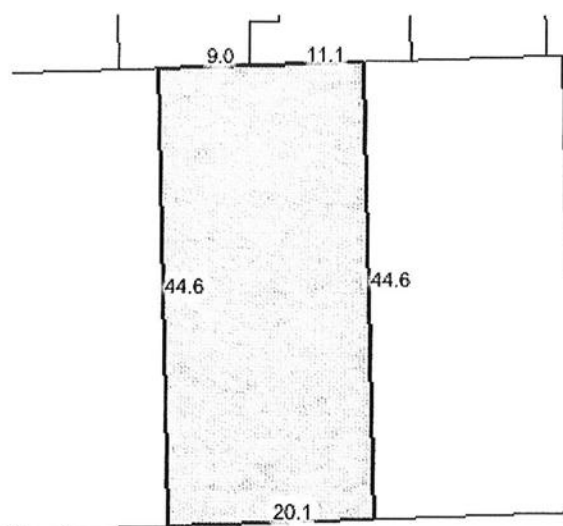
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**Address:** 11 SMITH STREET HORSHAM 3400  
**Lot and Plan Number:** Lot 1 TP845120  
**Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI):** 1\TP845120  
**Local Government (Council):** HORSHAM **Council Property Number:** 4644  
**Directory Reference:** VicRoads 544 G5

**This property is not in a designated bushfire prone area.**  
**No special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.**  
Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found in the Building Commission section of the Victorian Building Authority website [www.vba.vic.gov.au](http://www.vba.vic.gov.au)

### Site Dimensions

All dimensions and areas are approximate. They may not agree with the values shown on a title or plan.



**Area:** 897 sq. m  
**Perimeter:** 129 m

For this property:  
— Site boundaries  
— Road frontages

Dimensions for individual parcels require a separate search, but dimensions for individual units are generally not available.

For more accurate dimensions get copy of plan at  
**Title and Property Certificates**

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### State Electorates

**Legislative Council:** WESTERN VICTORIA  
**Legislative Assembly:** LOWAN

### Utilities

**Rural Water Corporation:** Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water  
**Urban Water Corporation:** Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water  
**Melbourne Water:** outside drainage boundary  
**Power Distributor:** POWERCOR (Information about [choosing an electricity retailer](#))

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## Planning Zone Summary

**Planning Zone:** GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE (GRZ)  
GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SCHEDULE 1 (GRZ1)

**Planning Overlay:** DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (DDO)  
DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 3 (DDO3)

Planning scheme data last updated on 14 April 2021.

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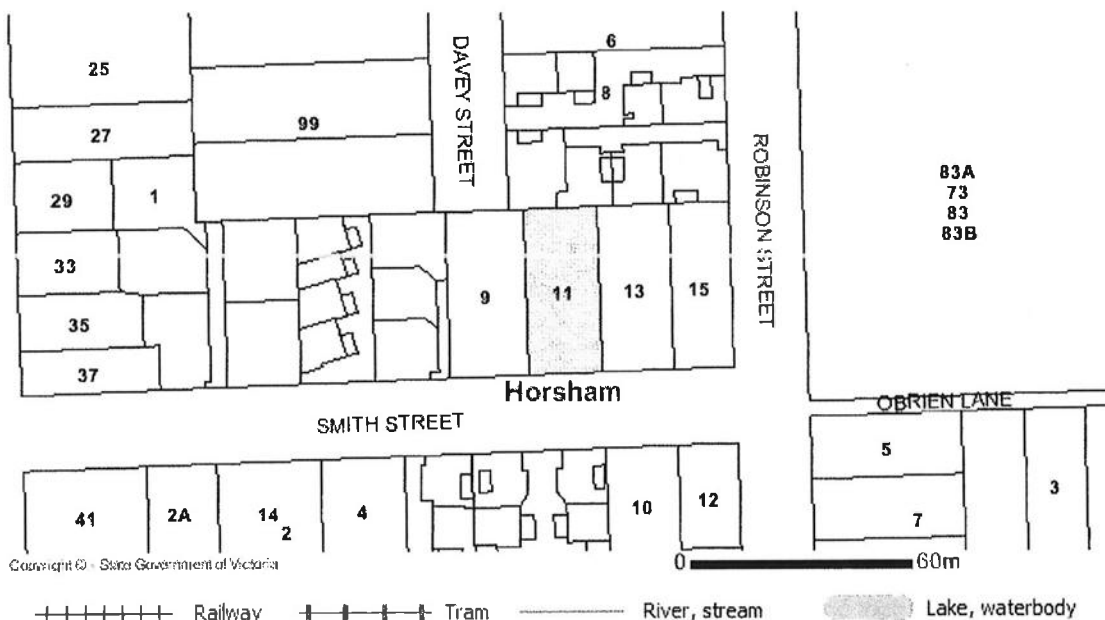
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## Area Map



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## PROPERTY DETAILS

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 Local Government Area (Council): **HORSHAM**  
 Council Property Number: **4644**  
 Planning Scheme: **Horsham**  
 Directory Reference: **VicRoads 544 G5**

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[planning-schemes.delwp.vic.gov.au/schemes/horsham](http://planning-schemes.delwp.vic.gov.au/schemes/horsham)

## UTILITIES

Rural Water Corporation: **Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water**  
 Urban Water Corporation: **Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water**  
 Melbourne Water: **outside drainage boundary**  
 Power Distributor: **POWERCOR**

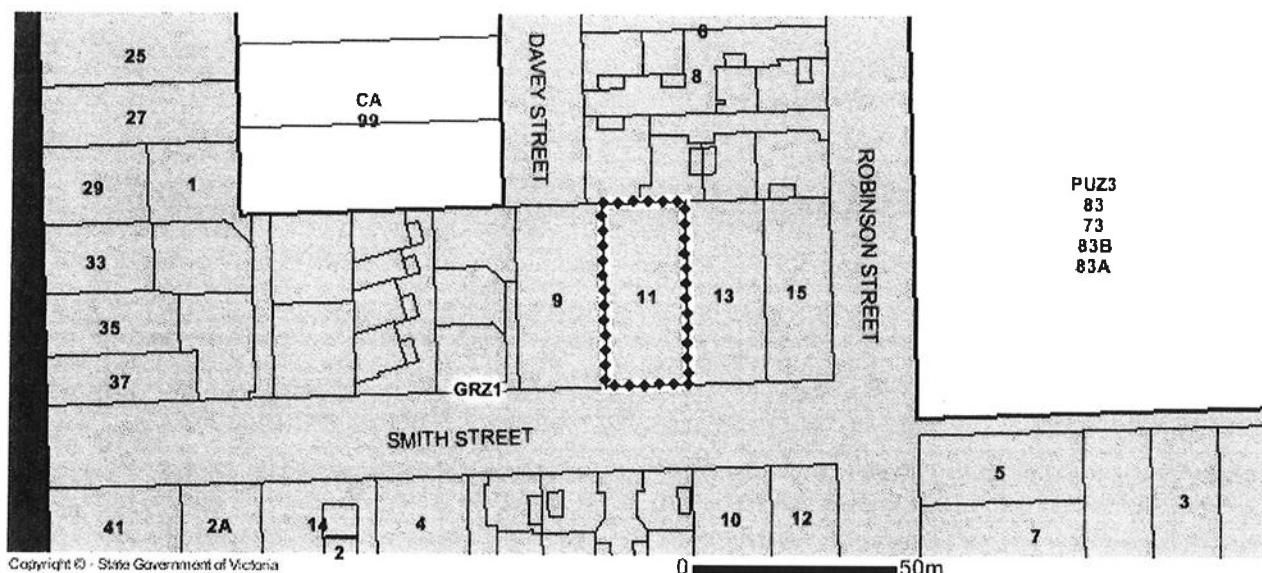
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Legislative Council: **WESTERN VICTORIA**  
 Legislative Assembly: **LOWAN**

## Planning Zones

GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE (GRZ)

GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SCHEDULE 1 (GRZ1)



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CA - Commonwealth Land (not in scheme)

GRZ - General Residential

PUZ3 - Public Use - Health Community

RDZ1 - Road - Category 1

Note: labels for zones may appear outside the actual zone - please compare the labels with the legend.

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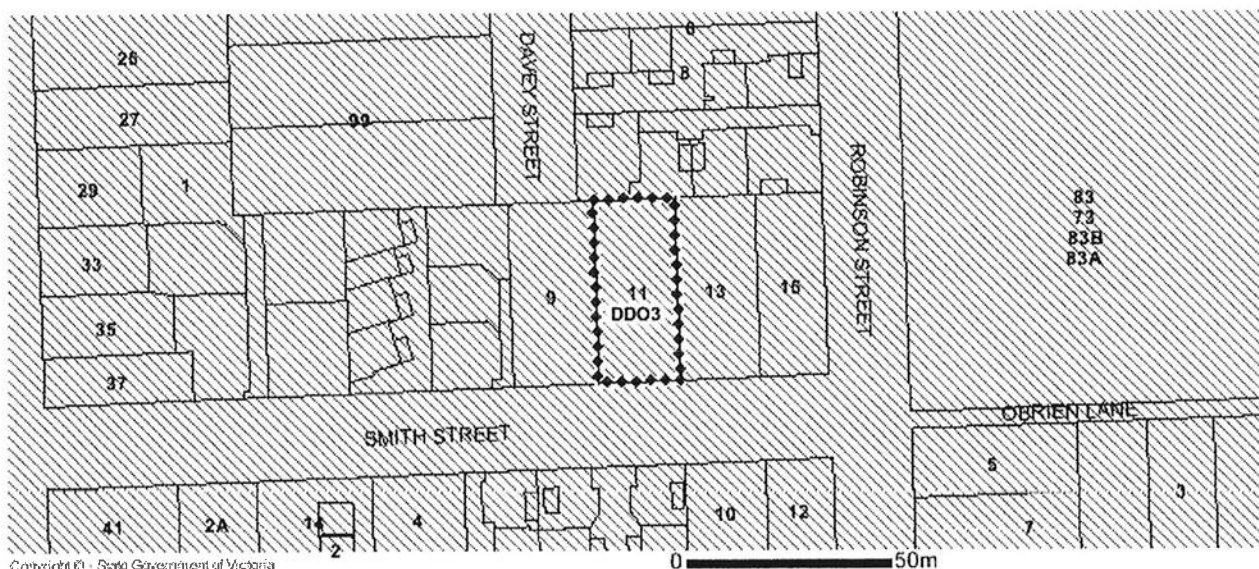
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## Planning Overlay

### DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (DDO)

### DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 3 (DDO3)



DDO - Design and Development

Note: due to overlaps, some overlays may not be visible, and some colours may not match those in the legend.

## Further Planning Information

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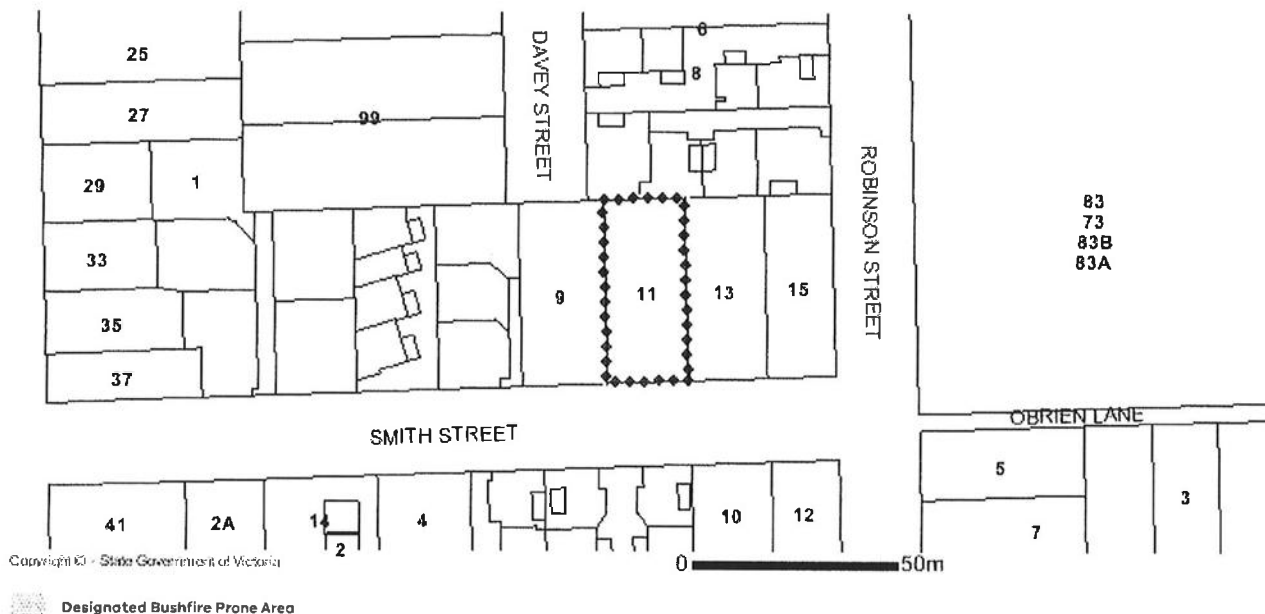
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## Designated Bushfire Prone Area

**This property is not in a designated bushfire prone area.  
No special bushfire construction requirements apply. Planning provisions may apply.**



Designated bushfire prone areas as determined by the Minister for Planning are in effect from 8 September 2011 and amended from time to time.

The Building Regulations 2018 through application of the Building Code of Australia, apply bushfire protection standards for building works in designated bushfire prone areas.

Designated bushfire prone areas maps can be viewed on VicPlan at <http://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan> or at the relevant local council.

Note: prior to 8 September 2011, the whole of Victoria was designated as bushfire prone area for the purposes of the building control system.

Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found on the Victorian Building Authority website [www.vba.vic.gov.au](http://www.vba.vic.gov.au)

Copies of the Building Act and Building Regulations are available from [www.legislation.vic.gov.au](http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au)

For Planning Scheme Provisions in bushfire areas visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au>

**VALUATION AND RATE NOTICE / TAX INVOICE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2021**

ABN 37 019 724 785



**G D & S J EXELL**  
4331 HENTY HIGHWAY  
HAVEN VIC 3401

Date of Notice: 18/08/2020

Date Declared: 27/07/2020

Assessment: 4644



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DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF LAND  
11 SMITH STREET HORSHAM  
LOT 1 TP 845120 (CA 11PT SEC 5) HORSHAM

SITE VALUE 114,000  
CAPITAL IMPROVED VALUE 213,000  
NETT ANNUAL VALUE 10,650  
EFFECTIVE DATE 01/07/2020  
LEVEL OF VALUE DATE 01/01/2020

AREA 901.0000 SQUARE METRES  
AVPCC 110 DETACHED DWELLING

RATE DETAILS	RATE IN \$ / CHARGE	CIV / AMT	TOTAL
BALANCE AT 18/08/2020			\$0.00
RESIDENTIAL RATE	0.00527300	213,000	\$1123.15
MUNICIPAL CHARGE RESIDENTIAL	274.00	1	\$274.00
240L GARBAGE URBAN	421.00	1	\$421.00
GOVT PENSION REBATE - RATES			\$0.00
COUNCIL PENSION REBATE - RATES			\$0.00
VICTORIAN STATE GOVERNMENT FIRE SERVICES PROPERTY LEVY			
FSPL RESIDENTIAL FIXED	113.00	1	\$113.00
FSPL RESIDENTIAL VARIABLE	0.00005400	213,000	\$11.50
GOVT PENSION REBATE - FSPL			\$0.00

**TOTAL \$1,942.65**

Payment In Full  
Due 15 Feb 2021  
**\$1,942.65**

Or

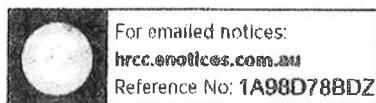
On Instalments  
1<sup>st</sup> Instalment  
Due 30 Sept 2020  
**\$485.64**

2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment  
Due 30 Nov 2020  
**\$485.67**

3<sup>rd</sup> Instalment  
Due 1 Mar 2021  
**\$485.67**

4<sup>th</sup> Instalment  
Due 31 May 2021  
**\$485.67**

Note: Payments received after the due date may be charged interest at 10% pa. Any arrears shown on this notice are due immediately and may accrue interest until paid.



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**WES DAVIDSON**  
REAL ESTATE

## TENANCY RENEWAL SCHEDULE

**Tenant Name:**

**Address:** 11 Smith Street, Horsham

**Date of Agreement:** 09/11/2020

**Fixed Term:** 6 months

**Commencement Date:** 24/11/2020

**Termination Date:** 23/05/2021

**Rent:** \$220 per week

I / We hereby renew this Residential Tenancy Agreement on the same terms and conditions as per the initiated original Lease Agreement; however, I / We understand that the rent amount is subject to change upon Lease Renewal

Landlord / Managing Agent signature:

Signed in the presence of:

Tenant signature:

Signed in the presence of:

## SCHEDULE

- Item 1: DATE OF AGREEMENT:** Tuesday, 30 April 2019
- Item 2: LANDLORD:** Name: **Exell**  
Address: 71 Wilson Street  
HORSHAM 3400
- Item 3: AGENT:** Registered Business Name: Wes Davidson Real Estate Pty Ltd  
Address: 71 Wilson Street, HORSHAM 3400  
Telephone: 03 5382 0000
- Item 4: TENANT:** Name:
- Item 5: PREMISES:** **11 Smith Street**  
**HORSHAM VIC 3400**  
Including Chattels (attach inventory if necessary)
- Item 6: RENTAL:** **\$220.00** per weekly  
Payable fortnightly in advance
- Item 7: COMMENCING ON:** **24/05/2019**
- Item 8: RENTAL PAYMENTS TO AGENT:** See Clause 39 of the Lease Agreement for accepted methods
- Item 9: BOND:** **\$956.00**
- FIXED TERM AGREEMENT:**
- Item 10: FIXED TERM:** **6 months**
- Item 11: COMMENCEMENT DATE:** **24/05/2019**
- Item 12: TERMINATION DATE:** **23/11/2019**

**PERIODIC TENANCY:**

**Item 13: COMMENCEMENT DATE:**

**Item 14: WATER USAGE:** **Tenant to pay water usage**

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

No parking on nature strip or lawn areas.  
Tenant to maintain garden and lawns.  
No smoking inside.  
Premises to be professionally cleaned prior to vacating.

**SIGNED** by the Landlord/Agent

\_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of **Exell**

in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Witness)

**SIGNED** by the Tenant

X: \_\_\_\_\_

in the presence of:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Witness)

The **TENANT** hereby acknowledges having received a copy of Renting a Home – A guide for Tenants and Landlords, two copies of the Condition Report and a copy of this Tenancy Agreement in accordance with the provisions of the Residential Tenancies Act, 1997.

**X**

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNED BY TENANT/S



## SCHEDULE 1

# Due Diligence Checklist

What you need to know before buying a residential property



Before you buy a home, you should be aware of a range of issues that may affect that property and impose restrictions or obligations on you, if you buy it. This checklist aims to help you identify whether any of these issues will affect you. The questions are a starting point only and you may need to seek professional advice to answer some of them. You can find links to organisations and web pages that can help you learn more, by visiting [consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist](http://consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist).

### Urban living

#### *Moving to the inner city?*

High density areas are attractive for their entertainment and service areas, but these activities create increased traffic as well as noise and odours from businesses and people. Familiarising yourself with the character of the area will give you a balanced understanding of what to expect.

#### *Is the property subject to an owners corporation?*

If the property is part of a subdivision with common property such as driveways or grounds, it may be subject to an owners corporation. You may be required to pay fees and follow rules that restrict what you can do on your property, such as a ban on pet ownership.

### Growth areas

#### *Are you moving to a growth area?*

You should investigate whether you will be required to pay a growth areas infrastructure contribution.

### Flood and fire risk

#### *Does this property experience flooding or bushfire?*

Properties are sometimes subject to the risk of fire and flooding due to their location. You should properly investigate these risks and consider their implications for land management, buildings and insurance premiums.

### Rural properties

#### *Moving to the country?*

If you are looking at property in a rural zone, consider:

- Is the surrounding land use compatible with your lifestyle expectations? Farming can create noise or odour that may be at odds with your expectations of a rural lifestyle.
- Are you considering removing native vegetation? There are regulations which affect your ability to remove native vegetation on private property.
- Do you understand your obligations to manage weeds and pest animals?
- Can you build new dwellings?
- Does the property adjoin crown land, have a water frontage, contain a disused government road, or are there any crown licences associated with the land?

#### *Is there any earth resource activity such as mining in the area?*

You may wish to find out more about exploration, mining and quarrying activity on or near the property and consider the issue of petroleum, geothermal and greenhouse gas sequestration permits, leases and licences, extractive industry authorisations and mineral licences.

### Soil and groundwater contamination

#### *Has previous land use affected the soil or groundwater?*

You should consider whether past activities, including the use of adjacent land, may have caused contamination at the site and whether this may prevent you from doing certain things to or on the land in the future.

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#### **Land boundaries**

##### ***Do you know the exact boundary of the property?***

You should compare the measurements shown on the title document with actual fences and buildings on the property, to make sure the boundaries match. If you have concerns about this, you can speak to your lawyer or conveyancer, or commission a site survey to establish property boundaries.

#### **Planning controls**

##### ***Can you change how the property is used, or the buildings on it?***

All land is subject to a planning scheme, run by the local council. How the property is zoned and any overlays that may apply, will determine how the land can be used. This may restrict such things as whether you can build on vacant land or how you can alter or develop the land and its buildings over time.

The local council can give you advice about the planning scheme, as well as details of any other restrictions that may apply, such as design guidelines or bushfire safety design. There may also be restrictions – known as encumbrances – on the property's title, which prevent you from developing the property. You can find out about encumbrances by looking at the section 32 statement.

##### ***Are there any proposed or granted planning permits?***

The local council can advise you if there are any proposed or issued planning permits for any properties close by. Significant developments in your area may change the local 'character' (predominant style of the area) and may increase noise or traffic near the property.

#### **Safety**

##### ***Is the building safe to live in?***

Building laws are in place to ensure building safety. Professional building inspections can help you assess the property for electrical safety, possible illegal building work, adequate pool or spa fencing and the presence of asbestos, termites, or other potential hazards.

#### **Building permits**

##### ***Have any buildings or retaining walls on the property been altered, or do you plan to alter them?***

There are laws and regulations about how buildings and retaining walls are constructed, which you may wish to investigate to ensure any completed or proposed building work is approved. The local council may be able to give you information about any building permits issued for recent building works done to the property, and what you must do to plan new work. You can also commission a private building surveyor's assessment.

##### ***Are any recent building or renovation works covered by insurance?***

Ask the vendor if there is any owner-builder insurance or builder's warranty to cover defects in the work done to the property.

#### **Utilities and essential services**

##### ***Does the property have working connections for water, sewerage, electricity, gas, telephone and internet?***

Unconnected services may not be available, or may incur a fee to connect. You may also need to choose from a range of suppliers for these services. This may be particularly important in rural areas where some services are not available.

#### **Buyers' rights**

##### ***Do you know your rights when buying a property?***

The contract of sale and section 32 statement contain important information about the property, so you should request to see these and read them thoroughly. Many people engage a lawyer or conveyancer to help them understand the contracts and ensure the sale goes through correctly. If you intend to hire a professional, you should consider speaking to them before you commit to the sale. There are also important rules about the way private sales and auctions are conducted. These may include a cooling-off period and specific rights associated with 'off the plan' sales. The important thing to remember is that, as the buyer, you have rights