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## **Financial Services Guide**

## The financial services referred to in this financial services guide (FSG) are offered by:

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## What does this document do?

It sets out information designed to assist you to decide whether you wish to use any of the services set out in the Guide.

- The services we offer you
- How we and our associates, if any, are paid
- Any potential conflict of interest we may have
- Our internal and external dispute resolution procedures and how you can access them
- Arrangements we have in place to compensate clients for losses

## Further Information about Our Advice

When you ask us to recommend an insurance policy for you, we will usually only consider the policies offered by the insurers that we deal with regularly. In giving you advice about the costs and terms of recommended policies we have **not** compared those policies to all other policies available, other than from those insurers we deal with regularly.

Usually our advice does not take into account your objectives, financial situation and needs and you will receive a **General Advice Warning (GAW)**. If we provide you with advice which takes into account of your objectives, financial situation and needs you will receive a **Statement of Advice (SOA)**. You can always contact us to view our record of advice given to you.

If we offer to arrange the issue of an insurance policy to you, we will also provide you with, or pass on to you, a **product disclosure statement (PDS)**, unless you already have an up to date PDS. The PDS will contain information about the particular policy which will enable you to make an informed decision about purchasing that policy.

From when does this FSG

apply?

For the duration of our being your broker, this FSG applies from the date you appoint us as your broker and remains valid unless a further FSG is issued to replace it or after we resign from being your broker whichever is the earlier. If there are services not covered by this FSG we shall give you a supplementary FSG.

You can instruct us by

Phone , Email, Fax or Letter

**Financial Services** 

Australasia Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd is responsible for the financial services that will be provided to you, or through you to your family members, including the distribution of this FSG. Australasia Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd is authorised (AFS Licence No. 229568) to advise and deal in general insurance products. We will do this for you as your broker unless we tell you otherwise. Our contact details are on the top of this page.

Nature of Advice

Any advice you receive may not be appropriate to your personal needs, objectives and financial situation.

You should read carefully the warnings contained in any GAW, or any other warnings that we give you before making any decision about any insurance policy you wish us to arrange for you.

**Contractual Liability** 

Many commercial or business contracts contain clauses dealing with your liability (including indemnities or hold harmless clauses). Such clauses may entitle your insurers to reduce cover, or in some cases, refuse to indemnify you at all. You should seek legal advice before signing and accepting contracts. You should inform us of any clauses of this nature before you enter into them.

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How will you pay for the services we provide?

For each insurance product the insurer will charge a premium that includes any relevant taxes, charges and levies. Unless we tell you otherwise, we shall receive a payment based on a percentage of this premium (excluding relevant taxes, charges and levies) called commission, which is paid to us by the insurers. However, in some cases we will also charge you a fee. These will all be shown on the invoice that we send you. You can choose to pay by any of the payment methods set out in the invoice. You are required to pay us within the time set out on the invoice.

For services other than arranging insurance for you we may charge a fee in accordance with the time required for us to provide that service.

If there is a refund of premium owed to you as a result of a cancellation or alteration to a policy, we will retain any fee we have charged you. We may also retain commission depending on our arrangements with the insurer.

When you pay us your premium it will be banked into our trust account. We retain the commission from the premium you pay us and remit the balance to the insurer in accordance with our arrangements with the insurer. We will earn interest on the premium while it is in our trust account or we may invest the premium and earn a return. We will retain any interest or return on investment earned on the premium.

How are such commissions, fees and other benefits calculated?

EXAMPLES (NSW)	Rate	Motor			% of total premium you paid	Rate	Commercial Property			% of total premium you paid
·		You pay		Insurer	r		You pay		Insurer	
		rou pay	pay			pay				
Your insurer										
Premium (P)		\$	2,000.00		83.7%		\$	2,000.00		60.3%
Government taxes										
Emergency Services Levy (ESL)	1%	\$	20.00			36%	\$	720.00		
GST (10% on P + ESL)	10%	\$	202.00			10%	\$	272.00		
Stamp duty (on sum of P + ESL + GST)	5%	\$	111.10			9%	\$	269.28		
GST on our fees	10%	\$	5.00			10%	\$	5.00		
Total Tax you paid on insurance		\$	338.10		14.2%		\$	1,266.28		38.2%
Our remuneration										
Commission (X)	5%			\$ 100.00		15%			\$300.00	
Fees		\$	50.00		2.1%		\$	50.00		1.5%
		\$	2,388.10				\$	3,316.28	\$300.00	

Using Commercial property insurance as an example, for \$3,316.28 Premium you paid, over 38% is paid as tax to the government. 1.5% is for our fees.

The insurer pays us, from the premium a commission calculated as  $X = Y\% \times P$ 

where

X = our commission

Y% = the percentage commission paid to us by the insurer to cover administrative and distributive duties for This percentage varies from 0 to 25% depending on the type of insurance you require. This commission is NOT our profit.

P = Premium; the amount you pay to the insurer for any insurance policy (excluding any government levies, tax or charges).

Any fees that we charge you covers our expenses in finding, negotiating, arranging and assisting you in managing your insurance and to provide advice to you.

If we may pay any commissions, fees or benefits to others who refer you to us or refer us to an insurer we shall inform you.

Our employees that will assist you with your insurance needs will be paid a market salary.

If we give you personal advice, we will inform you on a SOA of any fees, commission or other payments we, our associates or anyone referring you to us (or us to any insurer) will receive in relation to the policies that are the subject of the advice.

Do we have any relationships or associations with the insurers who issue the insurance policies or any other material relationships?

AAIB is a shareholder of Steadfast Group Limited (Steadfast) Network Broker. Steadfast has exclusive arrangements with some insurers and premium funders (Partners) under which Steadfast will receive between 0.5 - 1% commission for each product arranged by us with those Partners. Steadfast is also a shareholder of some Partners.

We may receive a proportion of that commission at the end of each financial year.

As a Steadfast Network Broker we have access to member services including model operating and compliance tools, procedures, manuals and training, legal, technical, banking and recruitment advice and assistance, group insurance arrangements, product comparison

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and placement support, claims support and group purchasing arrangements. These member services are either funded by Steadfast, subsidised by Steadfast or available exclusively to shareholders for a fee.

You can obtain a copy of Steadfast's FSG at www.steadfast.com.au

If we arrange premium funding for you we may be paid a commission by the premium funder. We may also charge you a fee (or both). The commission that we are paid by the premium funder is usually calculated as a percentage of your insurance premium (including government fees or changes). If you instruct us to arrange or issue a product, this is when we become entitled to the commission.

Our commission rates for premium funding are in the range of 0.5% to 2% of funded premium. When we arrange premium funding for you, you can ask us what commission rates we are paid for that funding arrangement compared to the other arrangements that were available to you. The amount of our commission and any fee that we charge will be set out in the premium funding contract.

Steadfast is also a shareholder of Miramar Underwriting Agency Pty Limited (Miramar). As a shareholder, Steadfast may receive dividends from Miramar. These amounts will indirectly contribute towards the benefits we receive from Steadfast.

If you cancel your policy...

In the event of your cancelling your policies before they are due, any premium refunded by the insurer will be returned to you after deduction of part or all of the commission we received from the insurer. Broker fees will not be refunded.

What information do we maintain in you file and can you examine your file?

We maintain a record of your personal profile, including details of insurance policies that we arrange. We also maintain records of any recommendations or advice given to you. We will retain this FSG and any other FSG given to you as well as any SOA or PDS that we give or pass on to you.

We are committed to implementing and promoting a privacy policy, which will ensure the privacy and security of your personal information. A copy of our privacy policy is available on request and online at www.aaib.com.au

If you wish to look at your file please ask us. We will make arrangements for you to do so

Details of the complaint resolution process

Let us know what you are not happy about. Because we treasure you as our client, all complaints are immediately notified and personally handled by our Managing Director. We will do our best to resolve it quickly.

If your complaint cannot be resolved within 20 business days to your satisfaction, you have the right to refer the matter to Financial Ombudsman Service L12, 717 Bourke Street, Melbourne 3008 (GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001) (T: 1 300 367 287 E: info@fos.org.au www.fos.org.au) of which we are a member.

What arrangements do we have in place to compensate clients for losses as a result of our conduct?

We have a professional indemnity insurance policy (PI policy) in place.

The PI policy covers us and our employees for claims made against us and our employees by clients as a result of the conduct of us or our employees in the provision of financial services.

Any questions?

If you have any further questions about the financial services AAIB provides, please contact us.

Please retain this document for your reference and any future dealings with AAIB.

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