# CONTRACT OF SALE

Vendor: Steiglitz Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 119493579

Property: 1380 Steiglitz Road, Sutherlands Creek 3331

## VENDORS REPRESENTATIVE

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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

# Contract of sale of land

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 AGREEMENT. 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// 2024
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// 2024

#### Print name(s) of person(s) signing: STEIGLITZ HOLDINGS PTY LTD 119493579

State nature of authority, if applicable:

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

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PURCHASERS – COOLING-OFF** EXCEPTIONS: The 3-day cooling-off period does not apply if: Cooling-off period (Section 31 of the Sale of Land Act 1962) you bought the property at a publicly advertised auction or on the day on which the 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. auction was held: or you bought the land within 3 clear business days before a publicly advertised 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 auction was to be held: or agent to end this contract within this time in accordance with this cooling-off provision. you bought the land within 3 clear business days after a publicly advertised auction • was held: or You are entitled to a refund of all the money you paid EXCEPT for \$100 or 0.2% the property is used primarily for industrial or commercial purposes; or • of the purchase price (whichever is more) if you end the contract in this way the property is more than 20 hectares in size and is used primarily for farming; or you and the vendor have 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.

\*This contract is approved as a standard form of contract under section 53A of the Estate Agents Act 1980 by the Law Institute of Victoria Limited. The Law Institute of Victoria Limited is authorised to approve this form under the Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014

## Particulars of sale

## Vendor's estate agent

Elders Geelong

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## Vendor

STEIGLITZ HOLDINGS PTY LTD 119493579

## Vendor's legal practitioner

## Strategy Property Law

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## Purchaser

Name:	
Address:	
ABN/ACN:	
Email:	

## Purchaser's legal practitioner or conveyancer

Name:			 	 	
Address:			 	 	
Email:			 	 	
Tel:	· · · · · · · · · · · ·	Mob:	 Fax:	 Ref:	

## Land (general conditions 7 and 13)

The land is described in the table below -

Crown Allotment
951 Land in Plan of Consolidation 100418

If no title or plan references 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: 1380 Steiglitz Road, Sutherlands Creek 3331

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

All fixed floor coverings, light fittings and window furnishings

The following items are expressly excluded from the goods sold with the land-

- Portable Cabin x 1 9.04m x 4.04m (Cabin Closest to the Driveway).
- Portable Cattle Yards
- Portable Horse Round Yard near Stable
- All Non Fixed items, including plant and machinery, furniture and items stored in sheds

## Payment

Price	\$
Deposit	\$

\$

Balance

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by (of which \$

payable at settlement

has been paid)

Approval date:

Deposit bond

General condition 15 does not apply to this contract of sale.

## Bank guarantee

General condition 16 does not apply to this contract of sale.

## GST (general condition 19)

Subject to general condition 19.2, the price includes GST (if any) as this sale is of land on which a 'farming business' is carried on, which the parties consider meets requirements of section 38-480 of the GST Act. If, for any reason, the sale of the land does not satisfy the requirements of section 38-480 of the GST Act, the sale of the land will be the supply of a "going concern".

Settlement (general conditions 17 & 26.2)

is due on

Lease (general condition 5.1).

At settlement the purchaser is entitled to vacant possession of the property.

## Terms contract (general condition 30)

This contract is not intended to be a terms contract within the meaning of the Sale of Land Act 1962.

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

## Building report

General condition 21 does not apply to this contract of sale.

## Pest report

General condition 22 does not apply to this contract of sale.

# Vendor Notice pursuant to s14-255Taxation Administration Act 1953 - New Residential Property or Potential Residential Land

The Vendor gives the Purchaser Notice as follows: The property is a new residential property :- **No** The property is potential residential land :- **No** GST to be withheld and paid to Australian Tax Office **\$Nil** 

# **Special Conditions**

## Special Condition 1 - Merger and severance

- 1.1 Any provision of this Contract which is capable of taking effect after completion of this
- Contract shall not merge on completion but shall continue in full force and effect.
- 1.2 Any provision in this Contract which is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction is to read down for the purposes of that jurisdiction, if possible, so as to be valid and enforceable, and is otherwise severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability, without affecting the validity or enforceability of that provision in any other jurisdiction.

## Special condition 2 – Planning Schemes

The purchaser buys subject to any restrictions imposed by and to the provisions of the relevant planning scheme and planning permits and any other relevant planning controls and the purchaser is satisfied about the purposes for which the property may be used.

#### Special condition 3 - No representations

It is hereby agreed between the parties hereto that there are no conditions, warranties or other terms affecting this sale other than those embodied herein and the purchaser shall not be entitled to rely on any representations made by the vendor or the vendors legal representative or Agent except such as are made conditions of this contract and the purchaser relies entirely upon the purchaser's own independent inspection of and searches and enquiries made in connection with the property.

#### Special condition 4 - Buildings / Improvements / Dwelling

The land and buildings (if any) as sold hereby and inspected by the purchaser are sold on the basis of existing improvements thereon and the purchaser shall not make any requisition or claim any compensation for any deficiency or defect in the said improvements as to their suitability for occupation or otherwise including any requisition in relation to the issue or nonissue of Building Permits and/or completion of inspections by the relevant authorities in respect of any improvements thereon.. Further, the purchaser acknowledges that the purchaser has purchased the property as a result of the purchasers own enquiries and the purchaser shall not be entitled to make any objection or claim any compensation whatsoever in respect of the existence, state of repair and/or the condition of any buildings or structures or on the property. The purchaser acknowledges that any failure to comply with any law or regulation in relation to the construction, renovation, addition or repair to any structure on the property shall not be deemed to constitute a defect in the vendors title.

#### Special condition 5 - Stamp duty

The purchaser acknowledges that:

(a) The vendor makes no warranty or representation as to the amount of stamp duty that may be assessed on the transfer of the property,

(b) The purchaser has relied on the purchaser's own independent advice on all stamp duty related matters concerning the transfer of the property including the proportional holdings if there is more than one purchaser.

#### Special condition 6 - Delayed settlement

Without limiting any other rights of the vendor, if the purchaser fails to settle on the due date for settlement as set out in the particulars of sale to this contract, or requests an extension of the due date for settlement within 3 business days of the due date, the purchaser must pay to the vendors solicitors an amount of \$300.00 plus GST representing the vendors additional legal costs and disbursements payable by reason of the failure to settle or late request for an extension of the due date.

#### Special condition 7 - Identity of the land

The purchaser admits that the land as offered for sale and as inspected by the purchaser is identical to that described in the title particulars as the land being sold in the vendor statement. The purchaser will not make any requisition nor claim any compensation for any alleged misdescription of the land or any deficiency in the area or the measurements of the land, or call upon the vendor to move any fences, amend the title or bear all or any part of the cost of doing so.

#### Special condition 8 - Goods

The purchaser acknowledges having inspected the goods, fittings and appliances forming part of the contract and the purchaser is aware of their condition and any deficiencies. The purchaser shall not require the goods to be in working order at the date of settlement unless they were in working order on the date of sale and nor shall the purchaser claim any compensation in relation to any deficiencies in the goods, fittings, or appliances.

#### Special condition 9 - Guarantee

If a company purchases the property:

(a) Any person who signs this contract will be personally responsible to comply with the terms and conditions of this contract; and

(b) The directors of the company must sign the guarantee attached to this contract and deliver it to the vendor on the day of sale.

If the guarantee is not completed and signed on the day of sale, or any other time agreed to by the vendor, the vendor may end this contract by written notice to the purchaser.

#### Special condition 10 - FIRB Approval

10.1 The purchaser warrants that the provisions of the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975 (C'th) do not require the purchaser to obtain consent to enter this contract.

10.2 If there is a breach of the warranty contained in this Special Condition (whether intentional or not) the purchaser must indemnify and compensate the vendor for any loss, damage or cost which the vendor incurs as a result of the breach;
 10.3 This warranty and indemnity do not merge on completion of this contract.

#### Special condition 11 - Mathematical error

The purchaser acknowledges that within 12 months of the settlement date either party may give a calculation error notice to the other party that a mathematical error has occurred in calculating the amount paid under this contract. If a calculation error notice is given, then the parties must correct the error and the appropriate amount must be paid by one party to the other party as soon as practicable after the error has been discovered and the calculation error is served.

#### Special condition 12 - Loss or damage before settlement

General conditions 31.3 to 31.6 inclusive are deleted.

#### Special condition 13 - Deposit Release

The purchaser agrees that General Conditions 6.3(a), 6.3(e) 17.1(b) and 31.2 will not be relied on by the purchaser as a bar to releasing the deposit paid herein and the purchaser agrees to sign a Section 27 Statement if so requested by the vendor subject to the conditions of Section 27 Sale of Land Act 1962.

#### Special condition 14 - Adjustments - Existing Land Tax/ Windfall Gains Tax

General condition 23.1 is amended to specifically exclude land tax (if any) and/or any existing windfall gains tax liability (if any) owed by the vendor as a periodic outgoing payable by the vendor.

The vendors land tax or existing windfall gains tax liability (if any) shall not be apportioned between the parties on the settlement date.

If a future Windfall Gains Tax assessment arises during the course of this contract, that windfall land tax may be apportioned between the parties.

## Special condition 15 - Plant and chattels

All plant and chattels of a working nature shall be delivered to the purchaser on the settlement date in the same state or working order and repair as at the date hereof subject to fair wear and tear, and the chattels and plant shall be taken by the purchaser subject to all damage and defects if any existing at the date hereof and the vendor makes no warranty of representation concerning the same.

#### **Special condition 16 - Farming**

The purchaser acknowledges that:

16.1 The vendor does not warrant the livestock or carrying capacity, or the agricultural quality or capacity of the property or any part of 16.2 The vendor will farm and manage the property in a proper manner according to reasonable farming methods accepted throughout the district until settlement;

#### Special condition 17 - Drains Fences Roads

The purchaser will make no requisition objection or claim for compensation and will not be entitled to rescind, terminate or delay completion by reason of the property being affected by;

(a) any storm water channels, drains, pipes, mains or other installations on or passing over or under the property;

(b) any of the fences, including any give and take fences, not being on the correct boundary lines, or being the subject of any agreement or any order of any Land Board or Court or other competent authority;

(c) roads or reservations for roads traversing the property, including their location and area and any discrepancy from their location noted on the title deed or deeds

(d) any gates erected across any road traversing the property;

(e) the lack of any permits or authorities to enclose roads within the boundaries of the property or to carry rabbit-proof or other fencing across any road dividing or adjoining the property;

(f) the lack of any licence for any dam or bores sunk upon the property

## **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 purchase's obligations under this contract.

## 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 Pty 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 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 or indirectly 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 condition 11.2, the purchaser must
  - (a) only use the vendor's date of birth for the purposes specified in 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 predominately for personal, domestic or household purposes; and
    - 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 be described by a 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 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. BUILDING 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.
  - (c)
- 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.

## Money

## 14. DEPOSIT

(a)

- 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 is sold 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 registration of the plan of subdivision.
- 14.3 The deposit must be released to the vendor if:
  - 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) payments 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 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 purposes 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 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. 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 lodgment 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 lodgment can no longer be conducted electronically. Special 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 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 lodgment 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:

- the electronic lodgment 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 lodgment 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 special 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 vendors subscriber or the electronic lodgment 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.

- 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 sales is checked.
- 21.2 The purchaser may end this contract within 14 days from the days 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 in 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 adjustment 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 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:
  - 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 in special condition 24.6 if:
  - (a) the settlement is conducted through an electronic lodgement 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 GST withholding notice in accordance with section 14-255 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 premise 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 the electronic lodgement 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 lodgement 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's 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.

## 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.
- A cooling off notice under section 31 of the Sale of Land Act 1962 or a notice under general condition 20 [loan approval],
   [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 authorised 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 that 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:
  - 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;
  - 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.

## **Guarantee and Indemnity**

l/We,	 of
and	 of

(a) any neglect or forbearance on the part of the Vendor in enforcing payment of any of the moneys payable under the within Contract;

(b) the performance or observance of any of the agreements, obligations or conditions under the within Contract;

(c) by time given to the Purchaser for any such payment performance or observance;

(d) by reason of the Vendor assigning his, her or their rights under the said Contract; and

(e) by any other thing which under the law relating to sureties would but for this provision have the effect of releasing me/us, my/our executors or administrators.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have set their hands and seals

this day of	20	
SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said	)	
Print Name	)	
in the presence of:	)	Director (Sign)
Witness	) )	
SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said	)	
Print Name	) )	
in the presence of:	)	Director (Sign)
Witness	)	

# Vendor Statement

The vendor makes this statement in respect of the land in accordance with section 32 of the Sale of Land Act 1962.

This statement must be signed by the vendor and given to the purchaser before the purchaser signs the contract.

The vendor may sign by electronic signature.

The purchaser acknowledges being given this statement signed by the vendor with the attached documents before the purchaser signed any contract.

Land	1380 Steiglitz Road, Sutherlands Creek 3331				
Vendor's name	Steiglitz Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 119493579	<b>Date</b> 22-∕Apr∕-24			
Vendor's signature	DocuSigned by:	lan C Bell Director/Secretary			
Purchaser's		Date			

Purchaser's name	Date / /
Purchaser's signature	
Purchaser's name	Date / /
Purchaser's signature	

## **1 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 1.1 Particulars of any Rates, Taxes, Charges or Other Similar Outgoings (and any interest on them)
  - (a) Are contained in the attached certificate/s.
- 1.2 **Particulars of any Charge** (whether registered or not) imposed by or under any Act to secure an amount due under that Act, including the amount owing under the charge

	То	
Other particulars (inclue	ding dates	and times of payments):

## 1.3 Terms Contract

This section 1.3 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a terms contract where the purchaser is obliged to make 2 or more payments (other than a deposit or final payment) to the vendor after the execution of the contract and before the purchaser is entitled to a conveyance or transfer of the land.

Not Applicable

## 1.4 Sale Subject to Mortgage

This section 1.4 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a contract which provides that any mortgage (whether registered or unregistered), is NOT to be discharged before the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipts of rents and profits.

Not Applicable

## 2 INSURANCE

## 2.1 Damage and Destruction

This section 2.1 only applies if this vendor statement is in respect of a contract which does NOT provide for the land to remain at the risk of the vendor until the purchaser becomes entitled to possession or receipt of rents and profits.

Not Applicable.

## 2.2 Owner Builder

This section 2.2 only applies where there is a residence on the land that was constructed by an owner-builder within the preceding 6 years and section 137B of *the Building Act* 1993 applies to the residence.

Not Applicable.

## 3 LAND USE

## 3.1 Easements, Covenants or Other Similar Restrictions

(a) A description of any easement, covenant or other similar restriction affecting the land (whether registered or unregistered): -

Is in the attached copies of title documents.

(b) Particulars of any existing failure to comply with that easement, covenant or other similar restriction are:

To the best of the vendor's knowledge, there is no existing failure to comply with the terms of any easement, covenant or other similar restriction.

## 3.2. Road Access

There is NO access to the property by road if the square box is marked with an 'X'

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## 3.3. Designated Bushfire Prone Area

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'

## 3.4. Planning Scheme

Attached is a report with the required specified information.

## 4 NOTICES

## 4.1. Notice, Order, Declaration, Report or Recommendation

Particulars of any notice, order, declaration, report or recommendation of a public authority or government department or approved proposal directly and currently affecting the land, being a notice, order, declaration, report, recommendation or approved proposal of which the vendor might reasonably be expected to have knowledge:

Not Applicable.

## 4.2. Agricultural Chemicals

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. However, if this is not the case, the details of any such notices, property management plans, reports or orders, are as follows:

Not Applicable.

## 4.3. Compulsory Acquisition

The particulars of any notices of intention to acquire that have been served under section 6 of the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act* 1986 are as follows:

Not Applicable.

## 5 BUILDING PERMITS

Particulars of any building permit issued under the *Building Act* 1993 in the preceding 7 years (required only where there is a residence on the land):

Not Applicable.

## **6** OWNERS CORPORATION

This section 6 only applies if the land is affected by an owners corporation within the meaning of the *Owners Corporations Act* 2006.

Not Applicable.

## 7 GROWTH AREAS INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTION ("GAIC")

Not Applicable.

## 8 SERVICES

The services which are marked with an 'X' in the accompanying square box are NOT connected to the land:

	Electricity supply $\Box$	Gas supply ⊠	Water supply $\Box$	Sewerage 🛛	Telephone services $ imes$
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## 9 TITLE

Attached are copies of the following documents:

9.1 (a) Registered Title

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.

## 10 SUBDIVISION

## 10.1. Unregistered Subdivision

This section 10.1 only applies if the land is subject to a subdivision which is not registered.

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Not Applicable.

## 10.2. Staged Subdivision

This section 10.2 only applies if the land is part of a staged subdivision within the meaning of section 37 of the *Subdivision Act* 1988.

Not Applicable.

## 10.3. Further Plan of Subdivision

This section 10.3 only applies if the land is subject to a subdivision in respect of which a further plan within the meaning of the *Subdivision Act* 1988 is proposed. Not Applicable.

## 11 DISCLOSURE OF ENERGY INFORMATION

(Disclosure of this information is not required under section 32 of the Sale of Land Act 1962 but may be included in this vendor statement for convenience.)

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

- (a) to be a building or part of a building used or capable of being used as an office for administrative, clerical, professional or similar based activities including any support facilities; and
- (b) which has a net lettable area of at least 1000m<sup>2</sup>; (but does not include a building under a strata title system or if an occupancy permit was issued less than 2 years before the relevant date):

Not Applicable.

## 12 DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST

(The Sale of Land Act 1962 provides that the vendor or the vendor's licensed estate agent must make a prescribed due diligence checklist available to purchasers before offering land for sale that is vacant residential land or land on which there is a residence. The due diligence checklist is NOT required to be provided with, or attached to, this vendor statement but the checklist may be attached as a matter of convenience.)

- □ Vacant Residential Land or Land with a Residence
- Attach Due Diligence Checklist (this will be attached if ticked)

## **13 ATTACHMENTS**

Register Search Statement Plan Planning Property Report Land Information Certificate Water Information Certificate VicRoads Certificate Land Tax Certificate Due Diligence Checklist DocuSign Envelope ID: 1FCB5380-5345-4F79-B8F2-03B8511D1180

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## LAND DESCRIPTION

Land in Plan of Consolidation 100418. PARENT TITLES : Volume 06660 Folio 938 Volume 08872 Folio 051 Created by instrument CP100418 02/06/1971

#### **REGISTERED PROPRIETOR**

Estate Fee Simple Sole Proprietor STEIGLITZ HOLDINGS PTY LTD of 110 SCANLONS ROAD WANDONG VIC 3758 AE605904A 14/09/2006

## ENCUMBRANCES, CAVEATS AND NOTICES

MORTGAGE AW561597Q 17/02/2023 SCOTTISH PACIFIC BUSINESS FINANCE PTY LTD

MORTGAGE AX679131Y 25/01/2024 ABLCORP FINANCE PTY LTD

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 or imaged folio set out under DIAGRAM LOCATION below.

#### DIAGRAM LOCATION

SEE CP100418 FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND BOUNDARIES

## ACTIVITY IN THE LAST 125 DAYS

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

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICES

NIL

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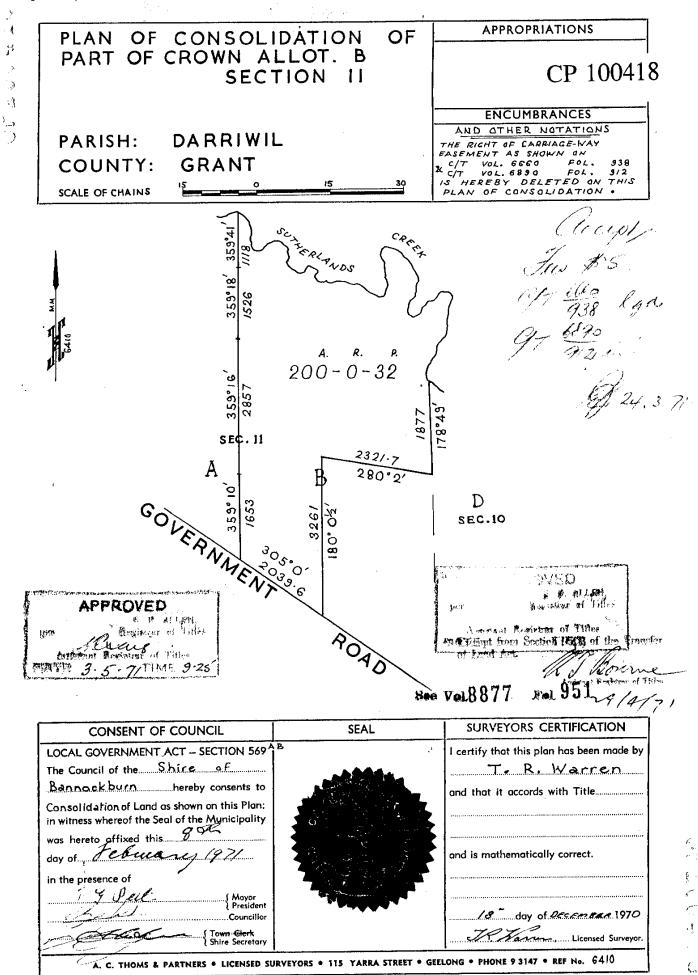
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PROPERTY DETAILS			
Address:	1380 STEIGLITZ ROAD SUTHERLANDS CREEK 3331		
Crown Description:	More than one parcel - see link below		
Standard Parcel Identifier (SPI):	More than one parcel - see link below		
Local Government Area (Council):	GOLDEN PLAINS	<u>www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au</u>	
Council Property Number:	45400570		
Planning Scheme:	Golden Plains	<u> Planning Scheme – Golden Plains</u>	
Directory Reference:	Vicroads 77 D9		
This property has 2 parcels. For full parcel details get the free Property report at <u>Property Reports</u>			

## UTILITIES

Rural Water Corporation:	Southern Rural Water
Urban Water Corporation:	Barwon Water
Me <b>l</b> bourne Water:	Outside drainage boundary
Power Distributor:	POWERCOR

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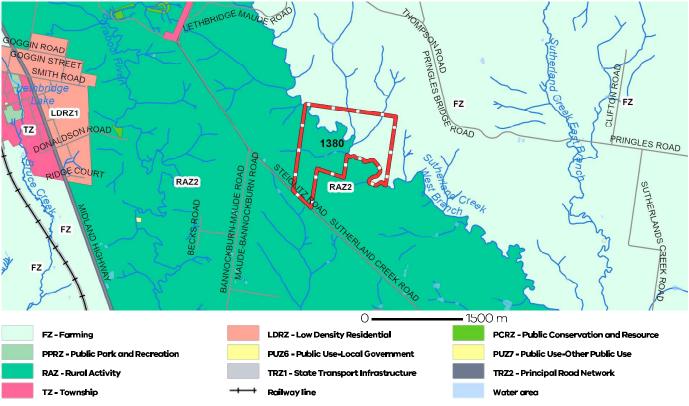
Legislative Council: Legislative Assembly: WESTERN VICTORIA GEELONG

OTHER Registered Aboriginal Party: Wadawurrung Traditional Owners **Aboriginal Corporation** 

# View location in VicPlan

## **Planning Zones**

FARMING ZONE (FZ) (GOLDEN PLAINS) SCHEDULE TO THE FARMING ZONE (FZ) (GOLDEN PLAINS) RURAL ACTIVITY ZONE (RAZ) (GOLDEN PLAINS) RURAL ACTIVITY ZONE - SCHEDULE 2 (RAZ2) (GOLDEN PLAINS)



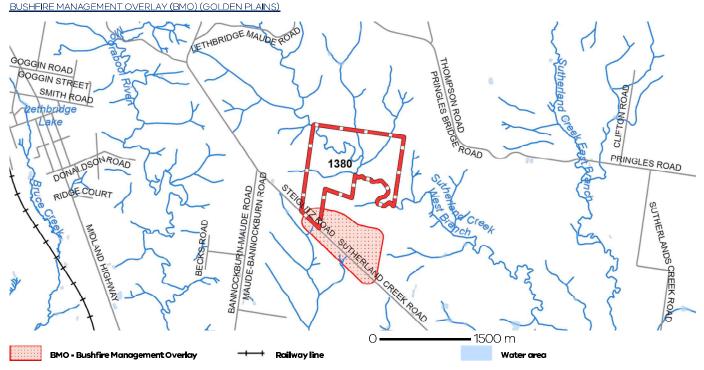
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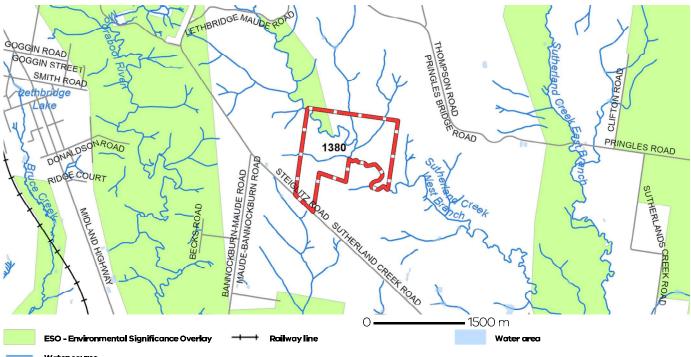


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## ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY (ESO) (GOLDEN PLAINS)

ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE OVERLAY - SCHEDULE 3 (ESO3) (GOLDEN PLAINS)



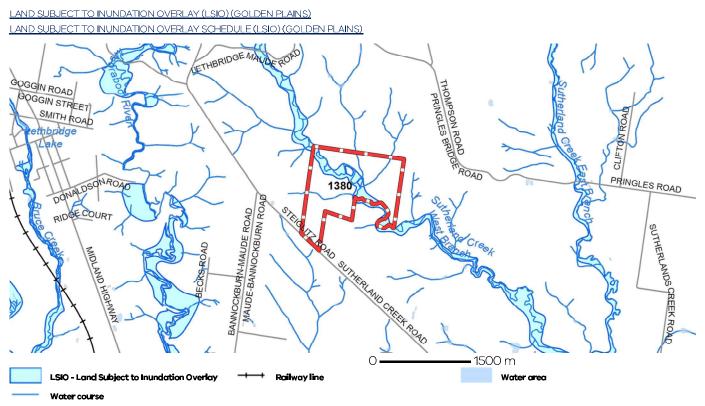
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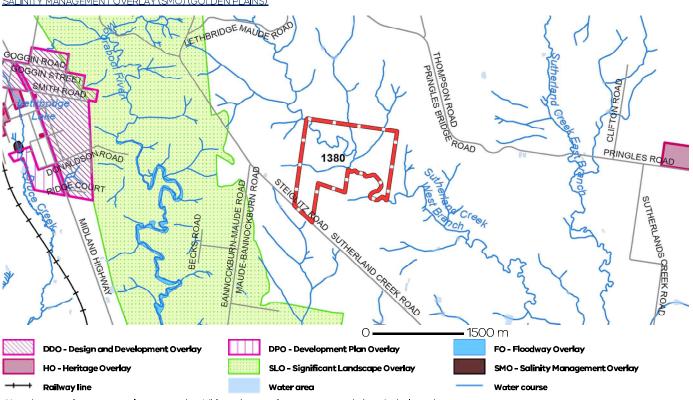
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OTHER OVERLAYS

Other overlays in the vicinity not directly affecting this land DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (DDO) (GOLDEN PLAINS) DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERLAY (DPO) (GOLDEN PLAINS) FLOODWAY OVERLAY (FO) (GOLDEN PLAINS) HERITAGE OVERLAY (HO) (GOLDEN PLAINS) HERITAGE OVERLAY (HO) (GREATER GEELONG) SIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE OVERLAY (SLO) (GOLDEN PLAINS) SALINITY MANAGEMENT OVERLAY (SMO) (GOLDEN PLAINS)



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## Areas of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity

All or part of this property is an 'area of cultural heritage sensitivity'.

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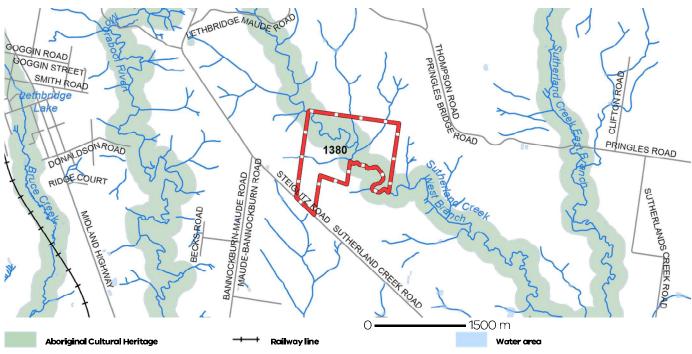
Under the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, 'areas of cultural heritage sensitivity' are one part of a two part trigger which require a 'cultural heritage management plan' be prepared where a listed 'high impact activity' is proposed.

If a significant land use change is proposed (for example, a subdivision into 3 or more lots), a cultural heritage management plan may be triggered. One or two dwellings, works ancillary to a dwelling, services to a dwelling, alteration of buildings and minor works are examples of works exempt from this requirement.

Under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, where a cultural heritage management plan is required, planning permits, licences and work authorities cannot be issued unless the cultural heritage management plan has been approved for the activity.

For further information about whether a Cultural Heritage Management Plan is required go to http://www.aav.nrms.net.au/aavQuestion1.aspx

More information, including links to both the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018, can also be found here - https://www.aboriainalvictoria.vic.aov.au/aboriainal-heritaae-leaislation.



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## **Further Planning Information**

Planning scheme data last updated on 7 December 2023.

A **planning scheme** sets out policies and requirements for the use, development and protection of land. This report provides information about the zone and overlay provisions that apply to the selected land. Information about the State and local policy, particular, general and operational provisions of the local planning scheme that may affect the use of this land can be obtained by contacting the local council or by visiting https://www.planning.vic.gov.au

This report is NOT a Planning Certificate issued pursuant to Section 199 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. It does not include information about exhibited planning scheme amendments, or zonings that may abut the land. To obtain a Planning Certificate go to Titles and Property Certificates at Landata - https://www.landata.vic.gov.au

For details of surrounding properties, use this service to get the Reports for properties of interest.

To view planning zones, overlay and heritage information in an interactive format visit https://mapshare.maps.vic.gov.au/vicplan

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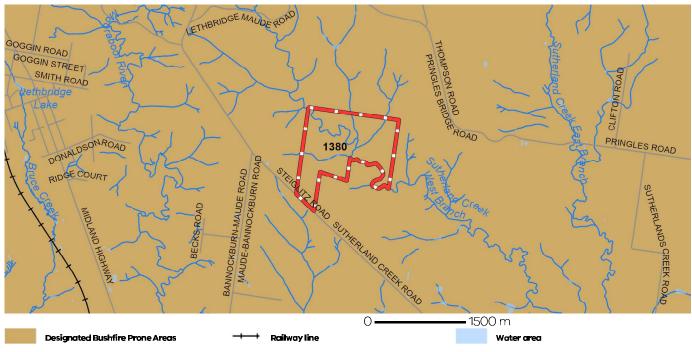


## **Designated Bushfire Prone Areas**

This property is in a designated bushfire prone area. Special bushfire construction requirements apply to the part of the property mapped as a designated bushfire prone area (BPA). Planning provisions may apply.

Where part of the property is mapped as BPA, if no part of the building envelope or footprint falls within the BPA area, the BPA construction requirements do not apply.

Note: the relevant building surveyor determines the need for compliance with the bushfire construction requirements.



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Designated BPA are determined by the Minister for Planning following a detailed review process. The Building Regulations 2018, through adoption of the Building Code of Australia, apply bushfire protection standards for building works in designated BPA.

Designated BPA maps can be viewed on VicPlan at https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/vicplan/ or at the relevant local council.

Create a BPA definition plan in VicPlan to measure the BPA.

Information for lot owners building in the BPA is available at https://www.planning.vic.gov.au.

Further information about the building control system and building in bushfire prone areas can be found on the Victorian Building Authority website https://www.vba.vic.gov.au, Copies of the Building Act and Building Regulations are available from http://www.legislation.vic.gov.au, For Planning Scheme Provisions in bushfire areas visit https://www.planning.vic.gov.au.

## **Native Vegetation**

Native plants that are indigenous to the region and important for biodiversity might be present on this property. This could include trees, shrubs, herbs, grasses or aquatic plants. There are a range of regulations that may apply including need to obtain a planning permit under Clause 52.17 of the local planning scheme. For more information see Native Vegetation (Clause 52.17) with local variations in Native Vegetation (Clause 52.17) Schedule

To help identify native vegetation on this property and the application of Clause 52.17 please visit the Native Vegetation Information Management system https://nvim.delwp.vic.gov.au/and Native vegetation (environment.vic.gov.au) or please contact your relevant council.

You can find out more about the natural values on your property through NatureKit NatureKit (environment.vic.gov.gu)

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## LAND INFORMATION CERTIFICATE

In accordance with Section 121 Local Government Act 2020

APPLICANT'S NAME & ADDRESS	LANDATA	CERTIFICATE NO:	18187
	GPO BOX 527	YOUR REF:	72489302-028-9
	MELBOURNE VIC 3001	ISSUE DATE:	18/04/2024

Tax Invoice - ABN 86998570296

This certificate provides information regarding, valuation, rates, charges, other moneys owing and any orders and notices made under the Local Government Act 2020, the Local Government Act 1989, the Local Government Act 1958 or under a local law of the Council. This certificate is not required to include information regarding planning, building, health, land fill, land slip, flooding information or service easements. Information regarding these matters may be available from Council, or the relevant authority. A fee may be charged for such information.

PROPERTY NO:	A45400570	LOCATION:	1380 STEIGLITZ ROAD SUTHERLANDS CREEK 3331
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:		PC PC100418 CAA	
AREA:	164.6811 Hectares	PARISH:	DARRIWIL

## PROPERTY VALUATIONS AS AT 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2023 LEVELS (OPERATIVE DATE 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023):

Net Annual Value: \$	145,250	Capital Improved Value: \$	2,905,000	Site Value: \$	2,515,000
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## RATES & CHARGES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024

	LEVIED	ARREARS	BALANCE OWING
Credit Carried Forward	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rates	\$4,900.74	\$0.00	\$4,900.74
Waste Management Charge	\$427.00	\$187.36	\$614.36
Additional Garbage Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Additional Recycle Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Landfill Levy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Municipal Charge	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Fire Services Levy	\$744.95	\$0.00	\$744.95
Fire Service Levy Interest	\$0.00	\$19.62	\$19.62
Interest	\$0.00	\$266.46	\$266.46
Legal Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debtor Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RATES & CHARGES	\$6,322.69	\$473.44	\$6,796.13

**IMPORTANT**: Please contact Council's Rates Department for an update prior to 'Settlement' as any additional payment, charges or interest on outstanding amount may have affected the balance.

Confirmation of any variation to this certificate will only be given for up to 90 days from the date of issue and within the current financial year, provided there is no supplementary adjustment that has taken place to significantly alter the values.



Biller Code: 35238 Ref: 1454005708

## SEE-OVER FOR IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## ADDITIONAL RATE INFORMATION:

This property is currently classified on a farmland concessional rate. Application of this rate may cease on the sale of this property. The new owners may lodge an application to re-apply for the farmland rate.

This property may be subject to additional interest charges as the account has not been paid in accordance with legislated payment dates.

#### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- The current rating year is for the period 01/07/2023 to 30/06/2024. The lump-sum payment is due by 15/02/2024 OR by instalment 30/09/2023, 30/11/2023, 28/02/2024 and 31/05/2024. Depending on the payment method the client has involved in, interest is chargeable after the due dates on any outstanding amount.
- Overdue amounts accrue interest at the current prescribed rate under section 172(2) of the Local Government Act 1989.
- In accordance with Section 175(1) of the Local Government Act 1989, the purchaser must pay all rates and charges outstanding at the time that person becomes the owner of the land.
- The rate differential and associated charges that exists on the property prior to purchase may be amended if the use of the property changes after purchase.
- Supplementary Valuations are conducted by the Council due to a change in attributes of a property listed in Section 13DF and 13L the Valuation of Land Act 1960. As a result of this, an adjusted valuation may be returned in due course and a subsequent rate adjustment may be levied within the financial year.
- Section 122(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 requires a Notice of Acquisition be submitted to ensure Purchasers correct name, address and other important particulars are held by Council. Council cannot accept liability for incorrect addresses when notification of writing has not been supplied on time.

## **OUTSTANDING NOTICES**

Unless otherwise specified below, there are no outstanding notices or orders on the land served by Council which still apply as at the date of this certificate.

Details of any notices served:

## DIFFERENTIAL RATING

Golden Plains Shire operates a differential rating system. Rating charges for the 2023/24 financial year are as follows:

- A residential improved rate of \$0.0019265 on the Capital Improved Value of rateable land.
- A business, industrial & commercial rate of \$0.0019265 on the Capital Improved Value of rateable land.
- A Bannockburn business, industrial & commercial rate of \$0.002506 on the Capital Improved Value of rateable land.
- A farm land over 40 Ha B'Acre rate of \$0.001687 on the Capital Improved Value of rateable land.
- A farm intensive rate of \$0.001831 on the Capital Improved Value of rateable land.
- A farm land under 40 Ha B'Acre rate of \$0.0019265 on the Capital Improved Value of rateable land.
- A non-farm vacant land rate of \$0.003952 on the Capital Improved Value of rateable land.
- A vacant land non-developable rate of \$0.0019265 on the Capital Improved Value of rateable land.

I hereby certify that as at the date of issue, the information given in this certificate is a true and correct disclosure of the rates and other moneys and interest payable to Golden Plains Shire together with any notices or orders referred to in this certificate. Received the sum of \$28.90 fee.

AUTHORISED OFFICER

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## Information Statement Part A

In accordance with Section 158 of the Water Act 1989 (Should be Read in Conjunction with Part B)

 INSTALLATION NUMBER.
 18544265
 APPLICATION NUMBER:
 464160
 DATE:
 16/04/2024

 PROPERTY ADDRESS:
 1380 STEIGLITZ RD, SUTHERLANDS CREEK, VIC 3331
 DATE:
 16/04/2024

 YOUR REFERENCE:
 357987
 STEIGLITZ HOLDINGS PTY LTD
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The following service charges are applicable for the abovenamed property for the period 01/04/2024 to 30/06/2024. These charges are itemised separately to allow a pro-rata adjustment, and will not appear as due and payable below if they have already been paid.

Water Service Charge	<b>Value</b> 30.44	<b>GST</b> 0.00	<b>Price</b> 30.44
Total Service Charge	\$ 30.44	0.00	30.44

Barwon Region Water Corporation hereby certifies that the following Charges and Interest are due and payable to it in respect of the abovenamed property.

#### Charges Due & Payable

			Value	GST	Price
Water Service Charge			30.44	0.00	30.44
Water Volume		to 08/04/2024	1,720.48	0.00	1,720.48
	TOTAL DUE	\$	1,750.92	0.00	1,750.92

#### Important Information

Due date for Billed Service and Volume Charges 09/05/2024

The supply of water/sewer to this property is "By Agreement"

The water meter for this property was last read on 08/04/2024. In order to ensure accurate water volume charges are able to be adjusted at the time of settlement, you will need to make application for a special meter reading. This can be requested via <u>Property enquiry</u> <u>application</u> or by visiting the Properties and development section of our website. You should allow 5 working days for this to be completed and the certificate to be sent to you.

The information statement will also provide details of other charges, including any unpaid amounts. In order to ensure this is accurate close to the time of settlement, you can request an Information Statement update by going to <u>Information statement update</u> or by visiting Properties and development – Information statement update page on our website or by calling 1300 656 007.

In accordance with Section 275 of the Water Act 1989, a person who becomes the owner of a property must pay to Barwon Water at the time the person becomes the owner of the property, any amount that is due to Barwon Water as a charge on that property.

To effect a change of ownership, details of the sale are required by Notice of Disposition or Acquisition to Barwon Water, P.O. Box 659, Geelong Vic 3220.

#### \* PLEASE NOTE: Verbal confirmation will not be given after 15/06/2024. Barwon Water will not be held responsible for \* information provided verbally. For settlement purposes another certificate should be obtained after 15/06/2024 and a fee will be payable.

If the property to be purchased is vacant land, any proposed building will attract connection fees and/or contribution fees. To find out more detail on these please contact Barwon Water on 1300 656 007.

Manager Customer Centre

Strategy Property Law C/- InfoTrack (LEAP) C/- LANDATA Two Melbourne Quarter, Level 13, 697 Collins Street Docklands



Biller Code: 585224 Ref Code: 6203 8186 1854 4265 7

## Information Statement Part B

In accordance with Section 158 of the Water Act 1989 (Should be Read in Conjunction with Part A)

16-04-2024

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#### Property: 1380 STEIGLITZ ROAD SUTHERLANDS CREEK 3331

I refer to your application received at this office on 15/04/2024. I wish to advise no encumbrances or easements related to Barwon Water works exist in respect of the above property, other than those that may be revealed by normal Title search, and no Notices or Orders presently remain outstanding relative to the connection of water supply and/or sewerage services.

Please note that this property is subject to a Water Supply By Agreement. Please refer to the attached document for details.

Should you have any inquiries, please contact Barwon Water on 1300 656 007.

Our Ref: EC464160 Your Ref: 357987 Agent Ref: 72489302-038-8 DocuSign Envelope ID: 1FCB5380-5345-4F79-B8F2-03B8511D1180

Barwon Water

## Barwon Water 1380 STEIGLITZ RD SUTHERLANDS CREEK

Scale: 1:500

Created: 16/04/2024

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Legend



# WATER SUPPLY "BY AGREEMENT"

Strategy Property Law C/- InfoTrack (LEAP) C/- LANDATA Two Melbourne Quarter, Level 13, 697 Collins Street Docklands

16-04-2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Water Supply 'By Separate Written Agreement' to:

#### 1380 STEIGLITZ RD SUTHERLANDS CREEK 3331

Barwon Water's records indicate this property is not within a "Declared Serviced Area" and is supplied with water under a Separate Written Agreement. (SWA)

You should note this agreement is between the occupier (owner or tenant) of a property and Barwon Water, and is subject to conditions that MUST be adhered to. It should also be noted there is no property entitlement for continued supply of water to the land in question. Therefore a new occupier (owner or tenant) of this property is required to apply to Barwon Water for a new agreement for water supply to be continued. Please find attached **an application form to be completed and submitted within 14 days** of you occupying the property.

Due to recent changes in "Safe Drinking Water Regulations", Barwon Water now reviews all conditions when a new "supply agreement" relates to a property, and reserves the right to ensure water supply systems are consistent with today's standard requirements. Therefore, when the information on the water supply to the property is reviewed, if it is found all the conditions (including new conditions required due to the above regulation changes) are not met, Barwon Water will insist they are met thus ensuring continuance of supply under agreement arrangements.

The new Customer Charter contains standard terms and conditions that relate to this type of water supply agreement. Additional conditions which may include: meter types (e.g. remote RF meters etc.), relocation of private service pipes outside private property, and other modifications etc., may also be required at the owner or occupier's expense prior to an agreement existing. Terms and Conditions documents are available at Barwon Water's offices, on our website at www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au, or our staff can arrange to post or fax a copy to you by calling the number below.

If an application form is not received within 14 days of the new occupancy, Barwon Water may direct termination of this water supply. Alternatively, if the occupier of the property is not the owner, please advise of the occupier's details (name and postal address) so the relevant documentation may be forwarded appropriately.

If the supply to the property is through a system owned by a third party, the occupier will be required to deal with the owner(s) regarding continued access.

Should you have any further enquiries regarding the information above, please contact Development Services on 1300 656 007.

Our Ref: EC464160 Your Ref: 357987 Agent Ref: 72489302-038-8



# Supply by agreement - renewal

Installation no:	Customer no:
*Mandatory	·
Location of property*	Title or site plan attached 🗌
Crown Allotment No: Parish name:	Lot No: Street No:
Street:	Suburb:
Nearest Cross Road:	
Owner details *	Applicant details * (if not the current owner)
Name:	Name:
Postal Address:	Postal Address:
Postcode:	Postcode:
Phone: Fax:	Phone: Fax:
E-mail:	E-mail
Settlement date:	Settlement date:
Purpose of use *	
Domestic	Industry (please specify type)
Stock (please specify)	
Has the purpose of the supply changed?	Yes No
If yes please provide details	
** Please note this renewal application will attract a renewa	al fee in accordance with the Barwon Water's schedule of charges
Supply Information *	
Tapping size: Mm Size of	meter at tapping point: mm_
Size of meter located at individual property boundaries:	20 mm 🗌 25 mm 🗌
Estimated maximum daily demand	
	kL Estimated maximum annual consumption kL
Is this a shared private water extension?	_ No
Location of existing connection to Barwon Water's main an	nd the location of existing meters:
Does this service currently cross the property's boundaries	s? yes No
Declaration *:	
Declaration *:	
I, the applicant, being the occupier of the above mentioned	property understand that Water Supply by Agreements are for non-

standard connections to Barwon Water's supply system and that upon review of this application Barwon Water may impose special conditions or refuse permission to connect.

Name:



\*\*\*\* Delivered by the LANDATA® System, Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning \*\*\*\*

## ROADS PROPERTY CERTIFICATE

The search results are as follows:

Strategy Property Law C/- InfoTrack (LEAP) 135 King St SYDNEY 2000 AUSTRALIA

Client Reference: 357987

NO PROPOSALS. As at the 10th July 2023, VicRoads has no approved proposals requiring any part of the property described in your application. You are advised to check your local Council planning scheme regarding land use zoning of the property and surrounding area.

This certificate was prepared solely on the basis of the Applicant-supplied address described below, and electronically delivered by LANDATA<sup>®</sup>.

1380 STEIGLITZ ROAD, SUTHERLANDS CREEK 3331 GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE

This certificate is issued in respect of a property identified above. VicRoads expressly disclaim liability for any loss or damage incurred by any person as a result of the Applicant incorrectly identifying the property concerned.

Date of issue: 10th July 2023

Telephone enquiries regarding content of certificate: 13 11 71

[Vicroads Certificate] # 69505435 - 69505435123938 '357987'

# **Property Clearance Certificate** Land Tax



INFOTRACK / ST	IRATEGY PROPERTY L	۵\۸/		Your Refere	ence: 2060	
		-~~		Certificate	No: 66129107	
				Issue Date:	10 JUL 202	23
				Enquiries:	ESYSPRO	D
Land Address:	1380 STEIGLITZ ROA	D SUTHERL	ANDS CREEK V	IC 3331		
Land Id 21285235	Lot	<b>Plan</b> 100418	Volume 10133 8877	<b>Folio</b> 886 951		Tax Payable \$0.00
Vendor: Purchaser:	STEIGLITZ HOLDINGS					
Current Land Tax STEIGLITZ HOLD	-	<b>Year</b> 2023	<b>Taxable Value</b> \$2,515,000	Proportional Tax \$0.00	Penalty/Interest \$0.00	<b>Total</b> \$0.00
Comments: Pro	operty is exempt: LTX pr	imary produ	ction land.			
Current Vacant R	Residential Land Tax	Year	Taxable Value	Proportional Tax	Penalty/Interest	Total
Comments:						
Arrears of Land 1	Гах	Year		Proportional Tax	Penalty/Interest	Total
reverse. The appl	subject to the notes that icant should read these	appear on th notes carefu	illy.	PITAL IMPROVED	VALUE: \$2,88	0,000
1/0/3-	det		SITE	VALUE:	\$2,51	5,000
Paul Broderick Commissioner of	State Revenue		CUF	RENT LAND TA	X CHARGE: \$0.00	



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sro.vic.gov.au | Phone 13 21 61 | GPO Box 1641 Melbourne Victoria 3001 Australia

## Notes to Certificate - Land Tax

#### Certificate No: 66129107

#### Power to issue Certificate

 Pursuant to section 95AA of the *Taxation Administration Act* 1997, the Commissioner of State Revenue must issue a Property Clearance Certificate (Certificate) to an owner, mortgagee or bona fide purchaser of land who makes an application specifying the land for which the Certificate is sought and pays the application fee.

#### Amount shown on Certificate

- The Certificate shows any land tax (including Vacant Residential Land Tax, interest and penalty tax) that is due and unpaid on the land described in the Certificate at the date of issue. In addition, it may show:
  - Land tax that has been assessed but is not yet due, - Land tax for the current tax year that has not yet been assessed, and

 Any other information that the Commissioner sees fit to include, such as the amount of land tax applicable to the land on a single holding basis and other debts with respect to the property payable to the Commissioner.

#### Land tax is a first charge on land

3. Unpaid land tax (including Vacant Residential Land Tax, interest and penalty tax) is a first charge on the land to which it relates. This means it has priority over any other encumbrances on the land, such as a mortgage, and will continue as a charge even if ownership of the land is transferred. Therefore, a purchaser may become liable for any such unpaid land tax.

#### Information for the purchaser

4. Pursuant to section 96 of the Land Tax Act 2005, if a purchaser of the land described in the Certificate has applied for and obtained a certificate, the amount recoverable from the purchaser cannot exceed the amount set out in the certificate, described as the "Current Land Tax Charge" overleaf. A purchaser cannot rely on a Certificate obtained by the vendor.

#### Information for the vendor

Despite the issue of a Certificate, the Commissioner may recover a land tax liability from a vendor, including any amount identified on this Certificate.

#### General information

- 6. A Certificate showing no liability for the land does not mean that the land is exempt from land tax. It means that there is nothing to pay at the date of the Certificate.
- 7. An updated Certificate may be requested free of charge via our website, if:

- The request is within 90 days of the original Certificate's issue date, and

- There is no change to the parties involved in the transaction for which the Certificate was originally requested.

#### For Information Only

LAND TAX CALCULATION BASED ON SINGLE OWNERSHIP Land Tax = \$20,457.50

Taxable Value = \$2,515,000

Calculated as \$9,375 plus ( \$2,515,000 - \$1,800,000) multiplied by 1.550 cents.

#### Land Tax - Payment Options

BPAY Biller Code: 5249 Ref: 66129107	CARD Ref: 66129107
<b>Telephone &amp; Internet Banking - BPAY</b> <sup>®</sup> Contact your bank or financial institution	<b>Visa or Mastercard</b> Pay via our website or phone 13 21 61.
to make this payment from your cheque, savings, debit or transaction account.	A card payment fee applies.
www.bpay.com.au	sro.vic.gov.au/paylandtax

# **Property Clearance Certificate** *Windfall Gains Tax*



INFOTRACK / ST				leference:	2060
				cate No:	66129107
				Date:	10 JUL 2023
Land Address:	1380 STEIGLITZ ROAD	SUTHERLANDS CREE	K VICTORIA 3331		
Lot	Plan	Volume	Folio		
	100418	10133	886		
Vendor:	STEIGLITZ HOLDINGS				
Purchaser:					
WGT Property Id	Event ID	Windfall Gains Tax	Deferred Interes	t Penalty/Interest	Total
		\$0.00	\$0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Comments:	No windfall gains tax lia	bility identified.			

This certificate is subject to the notes that appear on the reverse. The applicant should read these notes carefully.

CURRENT WINDFALL GAINS TAX CHARGE:
\$0.00

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Paul Broderick Commissioner of State Revenue

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# Notes to Certificate - Windfall Gains Tax

## Certificate No: 66129107

#### Power to issue Certificate

 Pursuant to section 95AA of the *Taxation Administration Act* 1997, the Commissioner of State Revenue must issue a Property Clearance Certificate (Certificate) to an owner, mortgagee or bona fide purchaser of land who makes an application specifying the land for which the Certificate is sought and pays the application fee.

#### Amount shown on Certificate

- 2. The Certificate shows in respect of the land described in the Certificate:
  - Windfall gains tax that is due and unpaid, including any penalty tax and interest
  - Windfall gains tax that is deferred, including any accrued deferral interest
  - Windfall gains tax that has been assessed but is not yet due
  - Windfall gains tax that has not yet been assessed (i.e. a WGT event has occurred that rezones the land but any windfall gains tax on the land is yet to be assessed)
  - Any other information that the Commissioner sees fit to include such as the amount of interest accruing per day in relation to any deferred windfall gains tax.

#### Windfall gains tax is a first charge on land

3. Pursuant to section 42 of the Windfall Gains Tax Act 2021, windfall gains tax, including any accrued interest on a deferral, is a first charge on the land to which it relates. This means it has priority over any other encumbrances on the land, such as a mortgage, and will continue as a charge even if ownership of the land is transferred. Therefore, a purchaser may become liable for any unpaid windfall gains tax.

#### Information for the purchaser

- 4. Pursuant to section 42 of the Windfall Gains Tax Act 2021, if a bona fide purchaser for value of land applies for and obtains a Certificate in respect of the land, the maximum amount recoverable from the purchaser is the amount set out in the certificate, described as the "Current Windfall Gains Tax Charge" overleaf.
- 5. If the certificate states that a windfall gains tax is yet to be assessed, note 4 does not apply.
- 6. A purchaser cannot rely on a Certificate obtained by the vendor.

#### Information for the vendor

 Despite the issue of a Certificate, the Commissioner may recover a windfall gains tax liability from a vendor, including any amount identified on this Certificate.

#### General information

- 8. A Certificate showing no liability for the land does not mean that the land is exempt from windfall gains tax. It means that there is nothing to pay at the date of the Certificate.
- 9. An updated Certificate may be requested free of charge via our website, if:
  - The request is within 90 days of the original Certificate's issue date, and
  - There is no change to the parties involved in the transaction for which the Certificate was originally requested.
- 10. Where a windfall gains tax liability has been deferred, interest accrues daily on the deferred liability. The deferred interest shown overleaf is the amount of interest accrued to the date of issue of the certificate.

#### Windfall Gains Tax - Payment Options

BPAY Biller Code: 416073 Ref: 66129115	CARD Ref: 66129115	Important payment information Windfall gains tax payments must be made using only these specific payment references.
<b>Telephone &amp; Internet Banking - BPAY®</b> Contact your bank or financial institution to make this payment from your cheque, savings, debit or transaction account.	Visa or Mastercard Pay via our website or phone 13 21 61. A card payment fee applies.	Using the incorrect references for the different tax components listed on this property clearance certificate will result in misallocated payments.
www.bpay.com.au	sro.vic.gov.au/payment-options	

## 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 the <u>Due diligence checklist page</u> on the Consumer Affairs Victoria website (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.

(04/10/2016)



## 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.