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# **FINANCIAL SERVICES GUIDE**

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This document is a Financial Services Guide and is designed to assist you in deciding whether to use any of the financial services that we provide.

We are required by law to give you a Financial Services Guide (FSG), which helps educate, protect and promote honesty and fairness in financial services.

SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd has authorised the distribution of this Financial Services Guide by its Authorised Representatives.

This Guide contains information about:

- What advice and services we are authorised to provide;
- How we provide you with advice and make recommendations;
- Remuneration that may be payable in connection with the provision of financial services; and
- Our complaints handling procedures, should you have a complaint.

The named Authorised Representative/s in this Financial Services Guide– Adviser Profile & Fee Schedule is the person that is providing you with the advice.

#### Not Independent

SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd is **not** deemed independent under 923A of the Corporations Act as some of our authorised representative are authorised to provide insurance advice and receives commissions for any products recommended.

#### SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd

SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd is dedicated to providing you with financial services relating to superannuation strategies, specifically to your requirements for Self-Managed Superannuation Fund (SMSF).

SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd is not owned by any fund manager, bank, superannuation fund or life insurer. SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd and its Authorised Representatives always act on your behalf. We hold an Australian Financial Services Licence (No: 430062), issued by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

We are responsible for the financial services provided by our Authorised Representatives and have authorised the distribution of this Financial Services Guide.

The contact details for SMSF Advisers Network are:

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#### What advice can we provide you with?

Authorised Representatives of SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd can provide advice in the following areas:

- Basic Deposit Products; and
- Superannuation (including Self-Managed Superannuation Funds).

#### How can you provide us with instructions about your superannuation needs?

You can generally provide us with instructions in a variety of methods including face to face, in writing, by telephone, fax, electronically (e.g. email) or other agreed means. If applicable, we will inform you which instructions must be provided to us in writing.

#### The Planning Process

SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd requires that all Representatives must follow a process when meeting and advising customers of the services we offer. This process is summarised in 6 steps:

- Step 1: Introduce the advice process;
- Step 2: Identify your current situation and objectives;
- Step 3: Determine and document strategy;
- Step 4: Present and proceed with advice;
- Step 5: Manage the implementation process; and
- Step 6: Review ongoing recommendations.

#### **Statement of Advice (SOA)**

When you are provided with advice that takes into account your personal circumstances, you will receive a Statement of Advice (SOA). The SOA sets out the advice given to you, including any recommendations about specific financial products and the basis on which those recommendations are made.

The SOA will provide information on the amount of any commissions and other fees payable in respect of financial products recommended to you in connection with this advice.

If you require further advice, this may be provided to you either verbally or in writing. An advice document will be in the form of a Statement of Advice (SoA). Should you require additional copies of your advice documents, you may ask your Adviser to provide this to you any time within 7 years from the latest date advice was provided.

#### Fees and Remuneration

Your Authorised Representative is a professional adviser who receives payment for the advice and services they provide. These payments are used to fund the cost of such things as:

- Ongoing education and development for the adviser;
- Running a business, including office rental, phone/fax, internet, stationery etc; and
- Providing an income for the adviser.

Your adviser will receive remuneration by charging you a fee for service. These fees are outlined in the attached FSG Part 2 - Adviser Profile & Fee Schedule.

#### **Associations and Relationships**

SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd is a member of the Association of Independently Owned Financial Professionals. As a member of this organisation, SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd is required to adhere to their standards of practice.

SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd is also a fully owned subsidiary of the National Tax & Accountants' Association (NTAA). The NTAA has been a leading provider of education for accountants for over 20 years, delivering specialist knowledge in taxation issues and Self-Managed Superannuation Funds.

In addition, SMSF Advisers Network Pty Ltd and its Authorised Representatives maintain registers for any alternative remuneration received (also commonly known as 'Soft Dollar Benefits'), where such remuneration is material. These registers are referred to as the 'Alternative Remuneration Register' and they record details of the alternative forms of remuneration received. These registers are publicly available upon request.

#### Insurance

We hold Professional Indemnity Insurance cover for the activities conducted under our AFS Licence. The insurance will cover claims in relation to the conduct of authorised representatives, their representatives or employees who no longer work for the Licensee (but who did at the time of the relevant conduct). Our Professional Indemnity Insurance cover satisfies the requirements of s912B of the Corporations Act.

#### Privacy

To provide you with relevant advice, we maintain a record of the information you provide us such as your personal and financial objectives, your financial situation and your needs. We will also retain copies of the advice we provide to you. We are committed to ensuring the privacy and security of your personal information.

A copy of the SMSF Advisers Network Privacy Policy can be accessed via our website <u>www.smsfadvisersnetwork.com.au</u>, or you can obtain a copy free of charge from any of our Authorised Representatives or by contacting SAN on 1800 906 456.

You can review your file by contacting us on the above number and we will make your information available to you.

#### Complaints

SMSF Advisers Network is committed to providing quality financial services in an efficient and honest manner. We take all complaints seriously and have developed a formal complaint handling process to deal with any complaints from our clients. If you have a complaint, you should follow the steps outlined below:

- 1. Contact your Authorised Representative directly to discuss the issue and to seek a resolution.
- 2. If the complaint cannot be resolved by talking to your Authorised Representative, you should then contact SMSF Advisers Network directly in writing to:

The Complaints Officer

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3. If SMSF Advisers Network is not able to resolve your complaint to your satisfaction, you can then lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority.

**Phone:** 1800 931 678

**Online:** www.afca.org.au

Email: info@afca.org.au

 Mail:
 Australian Financial Complaints Authority

GPO Box 3

Melbourne VIC 3001