



Professional Indemnity Policy



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General Information & Important Notices

How We protect your privacy

We use information provided by Our customers to allow Us to offer Our products and services. This means We may need to collect Your personal information, and sometimes sensitive information about You as well (for example, Your claims history). We will collect this information directly from You where possible, but there may be occasions when We collect this information from someone else.

We will only use Your information for the purposes for which it was collected, other related purposes and as permitted or required by law. You may choose not to give Us Your information, but this may affect Our ability to provide You with insurance cover.

We may share this information with companies within Our group, government and law enforcement bodies if required by law and others who provide services to Us or on Our behalf, some of which may be located outside of Australia.

By applying for, using or renewing any of Our products or services, or providing Us with Your information, You agree to this information being collected, held, used and disclosed as set out in this policy.

You can access Our privacy policy at www.plusindemnity.au/privacy-policy.

You can access the insurers privacy policy on their website at: <https://www.markel.com/privacy-policy>

General Insurance Code of Practice

The Insurance Council of Australia Limited has developed the General Insurance Code of Practice (“the Code”), which is a voluntary self-regulatory code. The Code aims to raise the standards of practice and service in the insurance industry.

Lloyd’s has adopted the Code on terms agreed with the Insurance Council of Australia. For further information on the Code please visit www.codeofpractice.com.au.

The Code Governance Committee (CGC) is an independent body that monitors and enforces insurers’ compliance with the Code. For more information on the Code Governance Committee (CGC) go to www.insurancecode.org.au

Complaints and disputes

If you have any concerns or wish to make a complaint in relation to this policy, our services or your insurance claim, please let us know and we will attempt to resolve your concerns in accordance with our Internal Dispute Resolution procedure. Please contact Our Complaints Officer detailed below in the first instance:

Complaints officer

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd trading as Plus Indemnity

Level 3, 84 William Street Melbourne 3000
PO Box 2 Collins Street West, Melbourne 8007
Email: admin@plusindemnity.au
Phone: 03 9939 9977

We will acknowledge receipt of your complaint and do our utmost to resolve the complaint to your satisfaction within 10 business days.

If we cannot resolve your complaint to your satisfaction, we will escalate your matter to Lloyd’s Australia who will determine whether it will be reviewed by their office or the Lloyd’s UK Complaints team.

Lloyd’s contact details are:

Lloyd’s Australia Limited
Email: ldraustralia@lloyds.com
Telephone: (02) 8298 0783
Post: Suite 1603 Level 16, 1 Macquarie Place,
Sydney NSW 2000

A final decision will be provided to you within 30 calendar days of the date on which you first made the complaint unless certain exceptions apply.

You may refer your complaint to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA), if your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction within 30 calendar days of the date on which you first made the complaint or at any time. AFCA can be contacted as follows:

Telephone: 1800 931 678
Email: info@afca.org.au
Post: GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001
Website: www.afca.org.au

Your complaint must be referred to AFCA within 2 years of the final decision, unless AFCA considers special circumstances apply. If your complaint is not eligible for consideration by AFCA, you may be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service (UK) or you can seek independent legal advice. You can also access any other external dispute resolution or other options that may be available to you.

The Underwriters accepting this Insurance agree that:

if a dispute arises under this Insurance, this Insurance will be subject to Australian law and practice and the Underwriters will submit to the jurisdiction of any competent Court in the Commonwealth of Australia; any summons notice or process to be served upon the Underwriters may be served upon:

*Lloyd’s Underwriters’ General Representative in Australia
Suite 1603
Level 16
1 Macquarie Place
Sydney NSW 2000*

who has authority to accept service on the Underwriters’ behalf;

if a suit is instituted against any of the Underwriters, all Underwriters participating in this Insurance will abide by the final decision of such Court or any competent Appellate Court.

In the event of a claim arising under this Insurance notice should be given as soon as possible to:

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd trading as Plus Indemnity

Level 3, 84 William Street Melbourne 3000
PO Box 2 Collins Street West, Melbourne 8007
Email: danielt@plusindemnity.au and
claims@plusindemnity.au

Intermediary Remuneration

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd trading as Plus Indemnity pays remuneration to insurance intermediaries when We issue, renew or vary a policy the intermediary has arranged or referred to Us. The type and amount of remuneration varies and may include commission and other payments. If You require more information about remuneration We may pay Your intermediary You should ask Your intermediary.

We, Us and Our

For the purposes of this policy, 'We', 'Us', and 'Our' means Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd trading as Plus Indemnity, ABN 14 606 511 639 - on behalf of the Insurers.

The Insurers of this product are set out in the definition of "We or Us or Our" in this policy.

To the extent that any policy is jointly issued on a co-insurance basis then each Insurer provides cover under the same terms and conditions but with a limited share of liability as per the percentage stated in the definition of "We or Us or Our" in this policy and the associated provision headed 'Several Liability'.

About Plus Indemnity

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd, trading as Plus Indemnity ABN 14 606 511 639, specialises in Professional Risk insurance (including Professional Indemnity Insurance, Malpractice Insurance, Information & Communication Technology Insurance, Management Liability Insurance and similar products). Pacific Indemnity's Australian Financial Service Licence number is 480863.

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd, trading as Plus Indemnity issues and administers the policy (including handling and settling claims). In arranging and effecting this insurance policy, Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd, trading as Plus Indemnity is acting as an agent of the Insurers and not as your agent.

Wholesale only

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd, trading as Plus Indemnity is only licensed to offer or provide General Insurance products or services which do not include any of the following types of General Insurance (which are defined by the Corporations Act as "retail"): Motor Vehicle, Home Building, Home Contents, Sickness and Accident, Consumer Credit, Travel, Personal or Domestic Property, Medical Indemnity or any other kind of General Insurance which has been prescribed by the Corporations Regulations.

Policy wording

Insuring Clauses

We will pay to or on **Your** behalf all awards of damages and awards of claimants costs against **You** resulting from any **Claim for Civil Liability** arising from the provision of **Professional Services** by or on behalf of the **Named Insured**.

We do this only for **Claims** which:

- a) are made against **You** during the **Period of Insurance**; and
- b) **We** are told about in writing as soon as reasonably possible during the **Period of Insurance**; and
- c) arise out of an act error or omission after the Retroactive Date, if any, specified in the **Schedule**.

We will also pay on **Your** behalf (and as needed, advance) the **Claim Investigation Costs** for **Covered Claims**. **We** are not however obliged to defend, or to continue to defend, any **Claim** or pay, or continue to pay, **Claim Investigation Costs**, once the **Policy Limit** (or the **Sub Limit**, as the case may be) has been exhausted.

All **Cover** provided under this **Policy** is subject to the Insuring Clauses and all the **Policy** terms, conditions, exclusions and limits contained in or endorsed on this **Policy** and the payment of the Gross Premium stated in the **Schedule**.

Insuring Clause clarifications

For clarity, and subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limits of the **Policy**, **Civil Liability Covered** by this **Policy** includes (but is not necessarily limited to) liability arising from the provision of **Professional Services** for the following:

- Breach of professional duty;
- Breach of confidentiality;
- Breach of privacy;
- Breach of fiduciary duty;
- Defamation;
- Loss of or damage to **Documents** (to the full **Policy Limit**);
- Liability for the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious acts or omissions of persons for whom **You** are responsible – vicarious liability (subject to the Additional Special Provisions for Misappropriation of Money, Dishonesty and Fraud);
- **Intellectual Property** breaches;
- Breaches of the Competition and Consumer Act and the Fair Trading Acts (Australian & New Zealand);
- Misleading and deceptive conduct breaches under the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001;
- Vicarious Liability;
- Unintentional breaches of warranty of authority.

Extensions

Each of the following extensions automatically applies unless otherwise stated in the endorsements or the **Schedule**. Each of the extensions is subject to the Insuring Clause and all other terms, exclusions, conditions and the **Policy Limit** of this **Policy** unless otherwise expressly stated.

Compensatory Penalties

Notwithstanding the Punitive & Exemplary & Liquidated Damages exclusion, **We Cover Claims** for **Compensatory Civil Penalties**. **Our** total liability for the payment of **Compensatory Civil Penalties** under the **Policy** shall not exceed \$250,000 in the aggregate, which is included within and not in addition to the **Policy Limit**.

However, **We** will not be liable to **Cover You** for any **Compensatory Civil Penalty**:

- a) for which **We** are legally prohibited at law from indemnifying **You**;
- b) based upon, attributable to or in consequence of any:
 - (i) wilful, intentional or deliberate failure to comply with any lawful notice, direction, enforcement action or proceeding under any legislation; or
 - (ii) gross negligence or recklessness; or
 - (iii) requirement to pay taxes, rates, duties, levies, charges, fees or any other revenue charge or impost.

A separate **Excess** will apply to each **Compensatory Civil Penalty** payable under this extension.

Costs of responding to third party claims for equitable relief

In so far as an action for equitable relief is brought against **You** while this **Policy** is in force (arising from the provision of **Professional Services** by or on behalf of the **Named Insured**) and **We** are told about this in writing as soon as reasonably possible while this **Policy** is in force, then **We** will also pay on **Your** behalf (and as needed, advance) the **Claim Investigation Costs** of any such action.

Enquiries – legal costs cover – including for regulatory, licensing, disciplinary or coronial enquiries

For those **Enquiries** of which **You** first become aware (and of which **We** are told about in writing as soon as reasonably possible) while this **Policy** is in force, **We Cover You** and **Your Employees** up to \$250,000 in the aggregate in respect of **Claim Investigation Costs** for **Your** representation at any such **Enquiry**. This **Cover** does not extend to paying **Your** regular or overtime wages, salaries or fees, or those of **Your Employees**.

The **Excess** applicable to the **Cover** provided under this Section is the **Excess** stated in the **Schedule**.

Court Attendance Costs

For any person described in a) and b) below who is required to physically attend at Court for the purposes of giving evidence as a witness in connection with a **Covered Claim**, then it is agreed that **Claim Investigation Costs** will include the following payments, per day on which attendance in court is required:

- a) Payable to any **Principal** or **Former Principal** - \$500
- a) Payable to any **Employee** - \$250

No **Excess** shall apply to this Section of the **Policy**.

Public Relations Cover

We will pay the reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses of a public relations consultant retained by **You** with **Our** prior written consent (which shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld) to design and implement a **Publicity Campaign** approved by **Us**, which is designed to prevent or mitigate damage to **Your** reputation in consequence of a **Covered Claim** arising from the provision of **Professional Services**.

Our total liability for the payment of such fees, costs and expenses of a public relations consultant under the **Policy** shall not exceed a **Sub Limit** of \$50,000 in the aggregate, which is included within and not in addition to the **Policy Limit**.

Notwithstanding the **Policy** excess specified in the **Schedule**, the **Excess** applicable to the cover provided under this Section is \$1,000 for each and every **Publicity Campaign**.

Privacy Remediation Expenses

We will pay, on **Your** behalf, **Privacy Remediation Expenses** in respect of a privacy breach event which is notified to **Us** during the **Period of Insurance**, subject to a **Sub Limit** of \$100,000 any one privacy breach event and in the aggregate for all such privacy breach events.

Contractual Liability Defence Costs

Notwithstanding the exclusion for contractual warranties and guarantees within this **Policy** **We** will **Cover You** for all **Claim Investigation Costs** which **We** consider reasonable and necessary in defending **You** against any **Claim** which:

- a) is made against **You** while this **Policy** is in force; and
- b) **We** are told about in writing as soon as reasonably possible while this **Policy** is in force; and
- c) arise from an act, error or omission on or after the Retroactive Date as specified in the **Schedule** which arise out of:
 - (i) a liability under a contractual warranty, guarantee or undertaking; or
 - (ii) a breach of an indemnity and/or hold harmless term of a written contract,

to the extent that such liability or breach resulted from **Your** act, error or omission in the performance or provision of **Professional Services**.

Our total liability for the payment of such legal costs and expenses under the **Policy** shall not exceed a **Sub Limit** of \$100,000 in the aggregate, which is included within and not in addition to the **Policy Limit**.

Vicarious Liability

The performance of **Professional Services** by **You** includes, for the purpose of this **Policy**, acts, errors or omissions of **Your** agents or consultants while undertaking work pursuant to the contract with **You** which is reasonably incidental to **Your Professional Services** and for which **You** are liable. Such agents and consultants, however, are not **Covered** by this **Policy**.

Continuous Cover

We **Cover You** for any **Claim**, otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy**, arising from a **Known Circumstance** (notwithstanding the exclusion for **Claims** arising from **Known Circumstances** within this **Policy**) if:

- a) there has been no fraudulent non-disclosure or fraudulent misrepresentation in respect of such **Known Circumstance**; and
- b) **We** were **Your** professional liability insurer when **You** first knew of such **Known Circumstance**; and
- c) **We** continued without interruption to be **Your** professional liability insurer up until this **Policy** came into effect; and
- d) had **We** been notified by **You** of the **Known Circumstance** when **You** first knew of it, **You** would have been entitled to **Cover** under the policy in force at that time but are not now entitled to be **Covered** by that policy, and **You** would (but for the Claims or Facts Which May Give Rise To Any Claim or Loss Or Liability or Enquiry exclusion of this **Policy**) otherwise be **Covered** under this **Policy**; and
- e) neither the **Claim** nor **Known Circumstance** have previously been notified to **Us** or to any other insurer.

If **You** were entitled to have given notice under any other policy of insurance but did not (for whatever reason) and have therefore lost an entitlement to indemnity, then this Continuous Cover extension does not apply to provide indemnity under this **Policy** to the extent that indemnity would have otherwise been available to **You** had you provided the notice required under that other policy of insurance.

We may reduce the amount **We** pay out under this extension by the amount of any prejudice **We** may suffer in consequence of any delayed notification to **Us**.

The **Policy Limit** of the **Cover** **We** provide under this extension is the lesser available under the terms of the policy in force at the earlier time referred to in paragraph d) above, or under this **Policy**. The terms of this **Policy** otherwise apply.

Prior Corporate Entities and Former Subsidiaries - Run-off Cover

This **Policy** extends to **Cover** (as if they were **You**):

- a) corporate entities through which the **Named Insured** previously traded, in the course of the provision of **Professional Services**, provided that those corporate entities are still owned by the **Named Insured**; and
- b) any of **Your** former **Subsidiary** companies or other former incorporated entities,

provided that such **Cover** shall only apply in respect of:

- (i) **Claims** arising from the provision of **Professional Services**; and
- (ii) acts, errors or omissions which occurred after the Retroactive Date specified in the **Schedule** and prior to the date on which such **Subsidiary** ceased to be **Your Subsidiary** or ceased to trade.

This extension of **Cover**, however, is subject to receipt by **Us**, at the time of any such **Claim**, of an express written request from the **Named Insured** under the **Policy** to so extend the **Policy Cover**.

Mergers & Newly Acquired Subsidiaries

This **Policy** extends to **Cover** entities (practicing in the same professional discipline as **You**) in respect of **Claims** arising from the provision of **Professional Services** of substantially the same type as those **Covered** by this **Policy**, which are merged with or acquired by **You** while this **Policy** is in force. This **Cover** is only an interim **Cover** for a maximum of thirty days from the date of the merger or acquisition (or until the **Policy** expires if that is sooner). **We** may agree to extend this period (subject to additional premium) after receipt of a satisfactory underwriting submission in respect of the merged or acquired entity. The Retroactive Date for such **Cover** is deemed to be the date of the merger with or acquisition by **You** unless **We** otherwise agree in writing.

Run-off cover until policy expiry date following mergers, acquisitions and winding up

In the event that a **Run-Off Event** occurs to **You** during the **Period of Insurance** specified in the **Schedule**, then the **Cover** provided by this **Policy** shall continue until the expiry date of this **Policy** but only in respect of any **Claim** otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy** arising from any act, error or omission prior to the date of the **Run-Off Event**.

Cover to Spouse, domestic partner, Estates, Administrators & Executors and Legal Representatives

If **You**, or anyone entitled to **Cover** under this **Policy**, dies or becomes legally incompetent or insolvent, **We Cover Your** spouse, domestic partner, estate, legal representative or assigns, or the party entitled to **Cover**, to the same extent as **Cover** would otherwise have been available to **You**, but only in respect of **Your** acts, errors or omissions and not of the spouse, domestic partner, estate, administrator, executor, legal representatives or assigns.

Non-Renewal Extended Notification Period

- a) In the event that this **Policy** is not renewed or is cancelled for any reason, other than fraud or non-payment of premium, then **You** have until such time that **You** effect another insurance policy which **Covers** substantially the same risk as this **Policy**, either with **Us** or any other insurer(s), or a period of thirty (30) days commencing on the day immediately following expiry/cancellation of this **Policy**, whichever is sooner, to notify **Us** of any **Claims** made against **You** while this **Policy** is in force.
- b) **Cover** under this extension:
 - (i) does not reinstate or increase the **Policy Limit** or extend the **Period of Insurance**;
 - (ii) will only apply to acts, errors or omissions committed or alleged to have been committed by **You** before the end of the **Period of Insurance** or the cancellation date of this **Policy** where this **Policy** has been cancelled; and
 - (iii) is limited to **Claims** and **Enquiries** arising from an act, error or omission which occurred on or after the Retroactive Date specified in the **Schedule**.

Joint Venture

- a) If the name of a **Joint Venture** is specified in the **Schedule**, then **We Cover You** for **Your** individual and joint liability in respect of that **Joint Venture** as otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy**.
- b) If the name of the **Joint Venture** is not specified in the **Schedule** then **We Cover You** only for **Your** acts, errors or omissions arising from the provision of **Professional Services** as otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy**.

What is not Covered

We do not Cover You for or in respect of:

Claims or Facts Which May Give Rise To Any Claim or Loss or Liability or Enquiry

Claims, or facts which may give rise to any **Claim** or loss or liability or **Enquiry**:

- a) known to **You** at the inception date of this **Policy**; or
- b) arising from a **Known Circumstance**; or
- c) directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any **Known Circumstance** or known **Claims**, losses, liabilities or **Enquiries**; or
- d) disclosed in the **Proposal** or arising from or associated with facts or circumstances disclosed in the **Proposal**; or
- e) if the **Policy** is endorsed or amended mid term, for any **Claim** or **Covered Claim** or any associated costs that arose from a **Known Circumstance** (as at the effective date of the amendment or endorsement) to the extent that the **Claim** or **Covered Claim** or any associated costs would not have been **Covered** by the **Policy** before such amendment or endorsement.

Foreign Courts

Claims:

- a) first brought in or determined pursuant to the laws of, the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, or their territories or protectorates; or
- b) arising out of the enforcement of judgments, orders or awards obtained in or determined pursuant to the laws of the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, or their territories or protectorates; or
- c) where the proper law of the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada, or their territories or protectorates is applied to any of the issues in any **Claim** or **Covered Claim**, **Covered** by this **Policy**.

Assumed duty or obligation

Claims which:

- a) allege a liability under a contractual warranty, guarantee or undertaking (unless the liability would have existed regardless of the contractual warranty, guarantee or undertaking); or
- b) arise from circumstances where a right of contribution or indemnity has been given up by **You**; or
- c) arise from circumstances where someone has done work or provided services under an arrangement or agreement with **You** which limits any potential right for **You** to receive contribution or indemnity from that person; or
- d) arise from any **Civil Liability** which **You** agree to accept in connection with the provision of the **Professional Services** which is more onerous than that which **You** would otherwise have at common or statute law; or
- e) arise from any business not conducted for or on behalf of the **Named Insured**.

Related parties

Claims against any of **You** brought by or on behalf of:

- a) any other of **You**; or
- b) any company in respect of which **You** or any person or party specified in a) above holds (beneficially or otherwise) more than 10% of the voting shares or rights and/or an executive role; or
- c) any trust in respect of which **You** or any person or party specified in a) above is a trustee and/or beneficiary and/or has a direct or indirect financial interest; or
- d) any other person, firm or incorporated body having control of over 10% or more of the voting shares or rights or an executive role in the operation of the **Named Insured**.

Refund of Professional Fees and Trading Debts

Claims:

- a) for (or calculated by reference to) the refund of professional fees or charges (by way of damages, offset or otherwise); or
- b) for the costs and expenses incurred by **You** or on **Your** behalf in complying with any contractual obligations or making good any faulty product; or
- c) directly or indirectly arising from the provision of cost guarantees, estimates of probable costs, estimates of probable financial savings or contract price or cost estimates being exceeded; or
- d) related to a liability to pay trading debts, or the repayment of any loan.

Profit

Any forgone or un-realised profit. In particular, there is no **Cover** under this **Policy** for any component of profit which would have been derived or derivable by **You** from the sale or supply of any goods, services or rights by **You** or on **Your** behalf.

Insolvency

Liability or loss directly or indirectly arising out of **Your** insolvency, bankruptcy or liquidation.

Goods & Workmanship

Claims directly or indirectly arising from:

- a) the manufacture, maintenance, installation, assembly, processing, sale, supply or distribution of goods or products by **You** or on **Your** behalf; or
- b) workmanship in manufacture, fabrication, construction, erection, installation, assembly, alteration, maintenance, servicing, remediation, repair, demolition or disassembly (including any materials, parts or equipment furnished in connection therewith) by **You** or on **Your** behalf; or from supervision of such workmanship by any of **You**.

Employers Liability, Directors' & Officers' Liability, Occupier's Liability, Motor, Marine, etc

Claims:

- a) directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to or in consequence of **Your** liability as an employer; or
- b) for bodily injury (including mental anguish or emotional distress), sickness, disease or death of any employee, apprentice, contractor, volunteer or any worker who is under **Your** direction, control and/or supervision or for whose workplace safety **You** are responsible; or
- c) arising out of or in respect of actual or alleged unlawful discrimination (or other unlawful act, error or omission) by any of **You** against any employee or employment applicant; or

- d) arising out of or in respect of actual or alleged acts errors or omissions of any of **You** who is a director or officer of any incorporated body and while acting in that capacity; or
- e) arising from occupation (or alleged occupation) of land or buildings by any of **You**; or
- f) arising from or in respect of **Your** liability as an owner or operator of any aircraft, marine craft or motor vehicles of any kind.

Punitive & Exemplary & Liquidated Damages

For punitive, aggravated or exemplary or liquidated damages or for fines or penalties. Further, this **Policy** does not provide **Cover** for any investigation or defence costs associated with such **Claims** or **Covered Claims**.

Intentional or Dishonest Damage or Loss

Intentional or dishonest damage or loss:

- a) arising from **Your** acts, errors, omissions or conduct, or acts, errors, omissions or conduct by a party otherwise entitled to **Cover** under this **Policy**, with the intention (or with reckless disregard for the consequences) of either:
 - (i) causing loss, damage or injury (including mental or emotional damage); or
 - (ii) depriving a third party (or another of **You**) of a tangible or intangible asset or thing to which they are entitled; or
 - (iii) arising from any wilful breach of any statute, contract or duty by **You**;
- b) arising from **Your** fraudulent or dishonest or criminal or malicious acts or omissions or conduct.

This exclusion does not restrict **Cover** otherwise provided under the **Policy** for vicarious liability for the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious acts or omissions of persons for whom **You** are responsible.

De-Registration

Claims arising from acts, errors or omissions by or on **Your** behalf which occurred at a time when a statutory registration or licence (which was required by law in order for **You** to be entitled to practice or provide the **Professional Services**) was not held, was cancelled or suspended or was otherwise not current or valid for the **Professional Services** provided.

Asbestos

Claims which would not have arisen but for the existence of asbestos.

Radioactivity & Nuclear Hazards

Claims arising from:

- a) ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear material; or
- b) the hazardous properties of any nuclear explosive, assembly or component.

War & Uprisings

Claims arising directly from:

- a) war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, civil or military uprisings, hostilities (even if war is not declared), or government power being taken unlawfully; or
- b) property being taken, damaged or destroyed by a government or public or local authority.

Terrorism

Claims directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or arising out of or in connection with:

- a) any act of **Terrorism** regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss, damage, illness, injury, death, cost or expense; or
- b) any action in controlling, preventing, suppressing, retaliating against, or responding to any act of **Terrorism**.

Pollution

Claims arising directly or indirectly from the discharge, dispersal, release or escape of **Pollutants** into or upon land, the atmosphere, or any water course or body of water.

Cyber

1. any of **Your** own loss, damage, costs, expense, fines, penalties, mitigation costs or any other first party amount caused by, resulting from or arising out of:
 - a) a **Cyber Act**;
 - b) any partial or total unavailability or failure of any **Computer System**;

provided the **Computer System** is owned or controlled by **You** or any other party acting on **Your** behalf in either case; or

- c) the receipt or transmission of malware, malicious code or similar by **You** or any other party acting on **Your** behalf.

For the avoidance of doubt, this **Policy** excludes indemnity for any **Cyber Extortion Payment** arising out of a) b) or c) above.

2. any loss, damage, liability, claim, costs, expense, fines, penalties, mitigation costs or any other amount directly or indirectly caused by, directly or indirectly resulting from or directly or indirectly arising out of any failure or interruption of service:
 - a) to **You** or any other party acting on **Your** behalf by an internet service provider, telecommunications provider or cloud provider but not including the hosting of hardware and software owned by **You**;
 - b) by any utility provider, but only where such failure of interruption of service impacts a **Computer System** owned or controlled by **You** or any other party acting on **Your** behalf;

except this exclusion shall not apply in respect of any failure or interruption of service caused by any actual or alleged negligent act, error or omission by **You**.

3. any loss, damage, liability, claim, costs, expense, fines, penalties, mitigation costs or any other amount for actual or alleged breach of **Data Protection Law** by **You** or any other party acting on **Your** behalf.
4. any costs of reconstituting or recovering lost, inaccessible or damaged documents owned or controlled by **You** or any other party acting on **Your** behalf in this **Policy** shall not apply to **Data**.

Except as expressly provided in this exclusion, or by other restrictions in this **Policy** specifically relating to the use of (or inability to use) a **Computer System**, no cover otherwise provided under this **Policy** is restricted solely due to the use of (or inability to use) a **Computer System**.

This exclusion takes priority over any other provision in this **Policy** however nothing in this exclusion restricts cover offered under the **Privacy Remediation Expenses** extension in the **Policy**.

For the purposes of this exclusion the following definitions apply:

Computer System means any computer, hardware, software, communications system, electronic device (including, but not limited to, smart phone, laptop, tablet, wearable device), server, cloud or microcontroller including any similar system or any configuration of the aforementioned and including any associated input, output, data storage device, networking equipment or back up facility.

Cyber Act means an unauthorised, malicious or criminal act or series of related unauthorised, malicious or criminal acts, regardless of time and place, or the threat or hoax thereof, involving access to, processing of, use of or operation of any **Computer System**.

Cyber Extortion Payment means any money, securities, funds (including bitcoin or other types of crypto currency or digital currency), or the fair market value of property, uncertificated securities or services, which has been paid or delivered by **You** or on **Your** behalf to attempt to terminate or end an event at 3 a), b) or c).

Data means information, facts, concepts, code or any other information of any kind that is recorded or transmitted in a form to be used, accessed, processed, transmitted or stored by a **Computer System**.

Data Protection Law means any applicable data protection and privacy legislation or regulations in any country, province, state, territory or jurisdiction which govern the use, confidentiality, integrity, security and protection of personal **Data**.

Limits & GST

Cover under this **Policy** shall not exceed the **Policy Limit** for any one **Claim** or series of **Claims** (including **Covered Claims**) arising from the same or interrelated acts, errors or omissions. For the purposes of this **Policy**, all such **Claims** shall be deemed to have been made against **You** in the earliest **Period of Insurance** in which such a **Claim** is first made against **You** (or during which **You** first become aware of facts that might give rise to a **Claim**).

Where the same **Claim** is made against more than one of **You** then the limit is not increased by reason of the number of persons against whom the **Claim** is made.

Aggregate Policy Limit

Subject to the above and the following qualifications, **We** will provide **Cover** to a maximum of twice the **Policy Limit** for all **Claims Covered** by this **Policy**.

Aggregate Limit qualifications

To the extent permitted by law, if there is other insurance cover available to **You**, then subject to Section 45 of the Insurance Contracts Act, **Cover** in excess of one **Policy Limit** (up to a maximum of twice the **Policy Limit**) is only available for so much of the liability (otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy**) which is not **Covered** by such insurance.

Limit of Cover for Claim Investigation Costs

Where **Cover** is provided under this **Policy** for any **Claim**, then **Claim Investigation Costs** are payable in respect of that **Claim** in addition to the **Policy Limit** but only up to an amount equal to the **Policy Limit**. The aggregate amount **We** pay in total for **Claim Investigation Costs** for or in respect of all **Claims Covered** by this **Policy** shall not exceed an amount equal to twice the **Policy Limit**.

Sub Limits

If this **Policy** or the **Schedule** indicates any **Sub Limits** for specific types of **Cover** under this **Policy**, then the applicable **Sub Limits** and not the **Policy Limit** apply only to these **Claims**. These **Sub Limits** are included within and not in addition to the **Policy Limit**.

GST Input Tax Credits

- a) Where and to the extent that **We** are entitled to claim an Input Tax Credit for a payment made under the **Policy**, then any monetary limit in the **Policy** on **Our** obligation to make such a payment, shall be net of **Our** entitlement to the Input Tax Credit.
- b) Where and to the extent that **You** are entitled to claim an Input Tax Credit for a payment required to be made by **You** as an **Excess**, then the amount of the **Excess** shall be net of **Your** entitlement to the Input Tax Credit.



- c) Where payment is made under this **Policy** for the acquisition of goods, services or other supply, **We** will reduce the amount of the payment by the amount of any Input Tax Credit that **You** are, or will be, entitled to under A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 in relation to that acquisition, whether or not that acquisition is made.
- d) Where payment is made under this **Policy** as compensation instead of payment for the acquisition of goods, services or other supply, **We** will reduce the amount of the payment by the amount of any Input Tax Credit that **You** would have been entitled to under A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 had the payment been applied to acquire such goods, services or other supply.

Claim Conditions

You have certain responsibilities that are set out in this section and in the **Policy**. These responsibilities also apply to any person that is **Covered** by the **Policy**.

If **You** do not meet these responsibilities, **We** may refuse to pay a **Claim** or **Covered Claim** or reduce **Cover** under the **Policy**. **We** may also decide to cancel the **Policy** if permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984.

The course of action **We** take when **You** fail to do any of these things will be considered in each circumstance based on what impact or effect **Your** failure to do so caused or contributed to the **Claim** or **Covered Claim** or changes **Our** liability under the **Policy**.

Investigation, defence and settlement of Claims

We must be told about Claims

You must tell **Us** in writing about any **Claims** or losses as soon as reasonably possible and while this **Policy** is in force. If this is not done, **Your** right to **Cover** under this **Policy** may be affected.

Claims co-operation

Each of **You** must:

- a) diligently do, and allow to be done, everything reasonably practicable to avoid or lessen **Your** liability in relation to a **Claim** (or **Covered Claim**) or loss otherwise **Covered** by this **Policy**; and
- b) as soon as reasonably possible give to **Us** the help and information that **We** may reasonably require to:
 - (i) investigate, mitigate and defend a **Claim** or loss; and
 - (ii) determine **Our** liability under this **Policy**.

We will only request information and documents relevant to handling **Your** claim and **We** will explain why it is needed.

We can protect Our position

When **We** receive a notification of a **Claim**, or **Covered Claim**, then **We** can take whatever action **We** consider appropriate to protect **Our** position.

This does not, however:

- a) indicate that any of **You** is entitled to be **Covered** under this **Policy**; or
- b) prejudice **Our** rights under the **Policy** or at law.

We can manage the Claim (or Covered Claim) on Your behalf

We can:

- a) take over and defend or settle any **Claim** (or **Covered Claim**) in **Your** name; and
- b) claim in **Your** name, any right that **You** may have for contribution or indemnity.

You must not admit liability for or settle any Claim (or Covered Claim)

You must not:

- a) admit liability for, or settle any **Claim** (or **Covered Claim**); or
- b) incur any **Claim Investigation Costs** without first obtaining **Our** written consent (which will not be unreasonably withheld). If **Our** prior written consent is not obtained, **Your** right to **Cover** under this **Policy** may be affected.

Your right to contest

If **You** elect not to consent to a settlement that **We** recommend and **You** want to contest or continue the dispute or legal proceedings, then **We** will only **Cover You** (subject to the **Policy Limit**) for:

- a) the amount **We** could have settled the matter for; less
- b) the relevant **Excess** specified in the **Schedule**; plus
- c) the **Claim Investigation Costs** calculated to the date **You** elected not to consent to the settlement.

Senior Counsel

Unless a Senior Counsel, that **We** and **You** both agree to instruct, advises that the **Claim** or **Covered Claim** should be contested, then to the extent permitted by law (subject to Section 43 of the Insurance Contracts Act) neither **We** nor **You** can require the other to contest any legal proceedings about a **Claim** if the other does not agree to do so.

In formulating his or her advice, Senior Counsel must be instructed to consider the economics of the matter, having regard to but not limited to:

- a) the damages and costs likely to be recovered; and
- b) the likely costs of defence; and

- c) **Your** prospects of successfully defending the **Claim** or **Covered Claim**.

The cost of Senior Counsel's opinion will form part of the **Claim Investigation Costs**.

If Senior Counsel advises that the matter should be or is appropriate to be settled and if the terms of settlement which **We** recommend are within limits which are reasonable (in Senior Counsel's opinion and in the light of the matters he/she is required to consider), then **You**:

- a) cannot (subject to the provisions herein under the heading "Your right to contest") object to the settlement; and
- b) will be required to pay the relevant **Excess** specified in the **Schedule** as soon as reasonably possible.

Payments to settle potential Claims

Any money **We** pay to settle anything which might give rise to a **Claim** (or **Covered Claim**), is taken to be:

- a) a payment to settle a **Claim** (or **Covered Claim**); and
- b) a payment for the purpose of calculating the total of all **Claims** (or **Covered Claims**) under this **Policy**.

Recovering money from Employees

We will not recover any amount paid out in respect of a **Claim** or loss under this **Policy** from any of **Your Employees** or former **Employees** unless the **Claim** (or **Covered Claim**) arose from dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious acts or omissions of such **Employee** or former **Employee**.

Offsetting of costs & expenses You owe Us against what We owe You

If **We** incur costs or expenses above **Our** liability under the **Policy** for **Claim Investigation Costs**, then **You** will be required to pay whatever amount is above that liability as soon as reasonably possible after **We** ask for it.

We can offset that payment due from **You** against (and deduct that amount from) any amount **We** must pay to or on behalf of **You** under this **Policy**.

The Excess

- a) **We** only provide **Cover** (up to the **Policy Limit**) for that part of the **Covered Claim** above the **Excess** specified in the **Schedule**;
- b) There is no **Excess** for **Claim Investigation Costs** when **We** **Cover You** for the **Covered Claim**;
- c) Only one **Excess** is payable for any one **Claim** or series of **Claims** (including **Covered Claims**) arising from the same or interrelated acts, errors or omissions.

Advancement of Claim Investigation Costs

If **We** elect not to take over and conduct the defence or settlement of any **Claim**, then **We** will pay all reasonable and necessary **Claim Investigation Costs** provided that:

- a) **We** have not already denied indemnity under the **Policy**; and
- b) **Our** written consent is obtained prior to **You** incurring such **Claim Investigation Costs** (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).

We reserve the right to recover any **Claim Investigation Costs** paid under this provision from **You**, in the event and to the extent that:

- a) **You** make an admission in writing of any fraudulent, dishonest, malicious or intentional conduct; or
- b) it is subsequently established, directly or indirectly, by admission, judgment or other final adjudication, that **You** were not entitled to **Cover** under this **Policy**.

Allocation

- a) If a **Claim** includes both matters which are **Covered** and matters which are not **Covered** by this **Policy**, then both **You** and **We** will allocate (based upon **Your** relative legal and financial exposures to matters **Covered** and matters not **Covered** by this **Policy**) any amounts which have been incurred by **You** or on **Your** behalf.
- b) If both **You** and **We** cannot agree on an allocation of such amounts incurred by **You** or on **Your** behalf then:
 - (i) **We** will advance such portion of the **Claim Investigation Costs** which **We** deem to be **Covered** under this **Policy**, unless and until a different and final allocation is mutually agreed upon between **You** and **Us** or is judicially determined.
 - (ii) **We** may, in **Our** sole discretion, pay amounts (other than amounts for **Claim Investigation Costs**) which **We** deem to be **Covered** under this **Policy**, unless and until a different and final allocation is mutually agreed upon between **You** and **Us** or judicially determined.
 - (iii) any allocation of damages, **Claim Investigation Costs** or other amounts which are mutually agreed upon between **You** and **Us** or judicially determined in accordance with this provision will be applied retroactively to such amounts notwithstanding any prior payment or advancement, as the case may be, to the contrary.
 - (iv) any allocation or advancement of **Claim Investigation Costs** will not apply to or create any presumption with respect to the allocation of amounts in respect of a **Claim**, other than in respect of **Claim Investigation Costs**.

Disclosure of information to Us in respect of the Cover and the Claim (or Covered Claim)

The solicitors instructed by **Us** for any **Claim** (or **Covered Claim**) can disclose to **Us** any information that they may receive in that capacity, wherever and from whomsoever they obtain it and notwithstanding that they may also be representing **You** in respect of the notified circumstance or **Covered Claim**. By claiming under this **Policy**, **You** (and any person entitled to indemnity under this **Policy**) authorise such solicitors to disclose this information to **Us**.

Additional Special Provisions for Misappropriation of Money, Dishonesty and Fraud

When the **Claim** under this **Policy** involves the theft or misappropriation of **Money** (excluding the theft or misappropriation from a trust account operated by the **Named Insured**):

- the **Cover** is subject to the **Policy Limit** for all such **Claims**; and
- the **Cover** is subject to the **Policy** terms and conditions for **Claim Investigation Costs**, including the Limit of Cover for Claim Investigation Costs; and
- for any **Claim**, or **Claims** (including **Covered Claims**) arising from one act, error or omission, the aggregate **Cover** under this **Policy** for **Claims** involving or arising from the theft or misappropriation of **Money** shall not exceed the **Policy Limit**; and
- the **Named Insured** will be required to pay only one **Excess** inclusive of **Claim Investigation Costs** for all **Covered Claims** involving or arising from the theft or misappropriation of **Money** arising from the one act, error or omission.

When the **Claim** under this **Policy** involves theft or misappropriation of **Money** from a trust account operated by the **Named Insured**, then **We** only provide **Cover**, if:

- the trust account was audited at least annually by a qualified independent accountant; and
- all cheques prepared on that trust account are required to be signed by a **Principal** or two authorised people; and
- all electronic fund transfers are required to be authorised by a **Principal** and accounts which are accessible on line are reviewed at least weekly.

You must take and continue to take all reasonable precautions to prevent any **Claim** arising from fraud or dishonesty and continue to perform all the supervision, controls, checks and audits reasonably practicable to avoid or lessen a **Claim** arising from fraud or dishonesty.

We deduct from any money **We** pay for a **Claim** or loss arising from fraud or dishonesty.

- the amount of any money which **You** would have paid to the fraudulent, dishonest, criminal or malicious person the subject of **Cover** under this **Policy**, if they had not been fraudulent, dishonest, criminal or malicious; and
- the amount of any money of, or to which the person referred to in paragraph a) above is entitled, which **You** hold (if **We** can do so by law).

Notwithstanding express **Cover** extensions for vicarious liability arising from fraud or dishonesty of **Employees**, there is no **Cover** under this **Policy** to any person or entity the subject of **Cover** under this **Policy**, for any **Claim** or loss directly or indirectly based upon, or attributable to, or in consequence of any dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious acts or omissions or conduct of which:

- any such person or entity had knowledge, or had reason to suspect, at or prior to the time of such acts or omissions; and
- failed to take any reasonable action to prevent.

There is no **Cover** under this **Policy** to any person who was a participant in any fraudulent or dishonest or criminal or malicious acts or omissions or conduct for any **Claim** arising from such acts or omissions or conduct.

For the purpose of this **Policy**, **Money** means local or foreign currency, coins, bank notes, cheques, travellers cheques, registered cheques, postal orders, money orders, negotiable instruments, bearer bonds or coupons, stamps and bullion.

General Provisions

Premium Payment

The **Cover We** provide in this **Policy** is subject to full payment of the Gross Premium as stated in the **Schedule**. Otherwise, any outstanding premium or part thereof may be deducted from the amount **We** pay **You**.

Cover Beneficiaries

In so far as **Cover** is extended under this **Policy** to individuals and entities who are not a contracting party under this **Policy**, such **Cover** is subject to those individuals and/or entities (as the case may be) agreeing in writing within a reasonable time of notification to **Us** of the **Claim** or **Covered Claim**:

- to be bound by the terms, conditions, exclusions and limits of this **Policy**;
- to be bound by obligations of utmost good faith as if they were a contracting party; and
- to be liable individually, and together with **You**, for paying the **Excess** (or any other payment due to **Us** under this **Policy**) in respect of any **Cover** provided to them under this **Policy**.

Loss Prevention

You shall, as a condition to **Cover** under this **Policy**, take all reasonable steps to prevent any act, error, omission or circumstance which may cause or contribute to any **Claim** or loss which may be **Covered** under this **Policy**.

Other Insurance Which May Cover The Risk

You must as soon as reasonably possible advise **Us** in writing of any insurance already affected or which may subsequently be affected covering, in total or in part and whether absolutely or contingently, the liability, **Claim**, loss or **Claim Investigation Costs**, or any part of them, **Covered** by this **Policy**.

Responsibilities and notification of change of material risk

- a) **You** must as soon as reasonably possible advise **Us** in writing of a material change in the risk, including but not limited to notifying **Us** if any of the following occurs during the **Period of Insurance**:
 - (i) undertaking activities that are materially different from the **Professional Services**;
 - (ii) any cancellation or suspension, or loss of or condition imposed, upon any licence, registration or other authority required by **You** to conduct the **Professional Services**; or
 - (iii) **You** being insolvent, bankrupt or in liquidation; or
 - (iv) a **Run-Off Event**.
- b) When **We** receive notification of a change, **We** may decide to either:
 - (i) continue **Cover** with no change to the premium payable;
 - (ii) reduce the premium payable and return any refund to the **You**;
 - (iii) charge **You** an additional premium (**You** can cancel the policy if the additional premium is not acceptable); or
 - (iv) cancel the **Policy** if permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984.
- c) It is important for **You** to know that **We** may make changes to this **Policy** as a result of a change in information. When there is a change, **We** will inform **You**.
- d) If **You** do not notify **Us** of a material change, **We** may refuse to pay a **Claim** or **Covered Claim** or reduce **Cover** under the **Policy**. **We** may also decide to cancel the **Policy** if permitted in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984.
- e) The course of action **We** take when **You** fail to notify **Us** of a material change will be considered in each circumstance based on what impact or effect **Your** failure to do so caused or contributed to the **Claim** or **Covered Claim** or changes **Our** liability under the **Policy**.

The Proposal – Severability and Non-imputation

The **Proposal We** were given by or on **Your** behalf before this **Policy** commenced, is taken to be a separate **Proposal** for each natural person or entity **Covered** under this **Policy**.

If there is any incorrect fact or misstatement in the **Proposal** that relates to one of **You** who is a natural person then, for the purposes of this **Policy**, **We** do not attribute it to any other of **You** who was not aware of the incorrect fact or misstatement.

Authority to accept notices & to give instructions

The person or entity first listed as the **Named Insured** in the **Schedule** is appointed as agent of:

- a) each of **You**; and
- b) any person or entity who is entitled to a benefit under this **Policy** (when they request **Cover** or suffer a loss under this **Policy**)

in all matters relating to this **Policy**, and to **Claims** or **Covered Claims** which are (or are to be) **Covered** by the **Policy**.

In particular (but without limitation) the person or entity first listed in the **Schedule**, as the **Named Insured**, is the agent for the following purposes:

- (i) to give and receive notice of **Policy** cancellation, to pay premiums and to receive any return premiums that may become due under this **Policy**; and
- (ii) to accept endorsements or other notices provided for in this **Policy**; and
- (iii) to give instructions to solicitors or counsel that **We** appoint or agree to, and to receive advice from them and to act on that advice; and
- (iv) to consent to any settlement that **We** recommend; and
- (v) to do anything that **We** or **Our** legal advisers think might help with the procedures set out in this **Policy** for settling and defending **Claims** or **Covered Claims**; and
- (vi) to give **Us** information relevant to this **Policy**, which **We** can rely on when **We** decide whether to accept the risk, and set the **Policy** terms or the premium.

De-registration

You must tell **Us** as soon as reasonably possible in writing if **Your** statutory registration or licence, (which you are legally required to hold to provide **Professional Services**) is cancelled, suspended or terminated or has had conditions imposed during the **Period of Insurance** specified in the **Schedule**.

Payment in Australian dollars in Australia

All premiums and **Claims** must be paid in Australian dollars in Australia.

Law of the Policy

This **Policy** is governed by the law of the Territory or State where the **Policy** was issued (which is specified in the **Schedule**). The courts of that place have jurisdiction in any dispute about or under this **Policy**.

Territorial & Jurisdiction Limits

Cover under this **Policy** is not restricted by where anything giving rise to the **Claim** occurred. However, **Our Cover** is restricted in accordance with the Foreign Courts exclusion in this **Policy**.

Schedule must be included

This **Policy** is only legally enforceable if it includes a **Schedule** issued by **Us**.

Several Liability

The Liability of an Insurer under this contract is several and not joint with other Insurers party to this contract. An Insurer is liable only for the proportion of liability it has underwritten.

An Insurer is not jointly liable for the proportion of liability underwritten by any other Insurer. Nor is an Insurer otherwise responsible for any liability of any other insurer that may underwrite this contract.

The proportion of liability under this contract underwritten by an Insurer (or, in the case of a Lloyd's syndicate, the total of the proportions underwritten by all the members of the syndicate taken together) is shown in the **Schedule**.

In the case of a Lloyd's syndicate, each member of the syndicate (rather than the syndicate itself) is an Insurer.

Each member has underwritten a proportion of the total shown for the syndicate (that total itself being the total of the proportions underwritten by all the members of the syndicate taken together). The liability of each member of the syndicate is several and not joint with any other members.

A member is liable only for that member's proportion.

A member is not jointly liable for any other member's proportion. Nor is any member otherwise responsible for any liability of any other insurer that may underwrite this contract. The business address of each member is Lloyd's, One Lime Street, London EC3M 7HA. The identity of each member of a Lloyd's syndicate and their respective proportion may be obtained by writing to Market Services, Lloyd's, at the above address. Although reference is made at various parts in this clause to "this contract" in the singular, where the circumstances so require this should be read as a reference to contracts in the plural. The Insurers bind themselves each and for their own part and not one for another. Each Insurer's liability under this Policy shall not exceed that percentage or amount of the risk shown against that Insurer's name.

Sanction Limitation and Exclusion

No (re)insurer shall be deemed to provide cover and no (re)insurer shall be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit hereunder to the extent that the provision of such cover, payment of such claim or provision of such benefit would expose that (re)insurer to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America.

Cancelling the Policy

You can cancel the Policy

You are entitled to cancel this **Policy** with effect from the date **We** receive a written request to cancel the **Policy**, provided that any such cancellation is subject to the following terms:

- a) if a **Claim** has been paid under the **Policy** or if **You** have notified a **Claim** (or facts which may give rise to a **Claim**) under the **Policy** then no return premium is payable.
- b) if there has been no **Claim** made or notified under the **Policy** then **We** will be entitled to retain premium for pro-rata 'time on risk' subject to a minimum administration charge of \$250 plus applicable statutory charges.

We can cancel the Policy

- a) **We** may cancel this **Policy** at any time in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 60 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984, by giving notice in writing to **You** of the date from which cancellation is to take effect.
- b) **We** may deliver this notice to **You** personally, or post it by certified mail (to **Your** broker or to the address **You** last gave **Us**). Proof that **We** mailed the notice is sufficient proof that **You** received the notice.
- c) Under Section 60 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984, **We** may cancel this **Policy** at any time where:
 - (i) it is in force by virtue of Section 58 of the Insurance Contracts Act 1984; or
 - (ii) it is an interim contract of general insurance.

After cancellation pursuant to this Clause, **We** will refund the premium for the time remaining on the **Policy**, less any non-refundable duties.

How to read this Insurance Policy

Words with special meanings

Some of the words in this **Policy** wording have special meanings. These meanings can be found in Definitions. If a word has a special meaning, it appears in this **Policy** in bold type and with a capital letter. These words may appear without bold type in endorsements in the **Schedule**.

Policy Interpretation

Except where the context otherwise requires it:

- (i) the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular;
- (ii) if a word or phrase is defined, its grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning;
- (iii) words importing a gender include every other gender.

Definitions

Whenever the following words are used in this **Policy** in bold type and with a capital letter, they have the special meanings set out below. These words may appear without bold type in endorsements in the **Schedule**.

Civil Liability

Liability for the compensatory damages, costs and expenses which a civil court orders **You** to pay on a **Claim** (as opposed to criminal liability or penalties). It includes the legal costs of the person making the **Claim**, for which **You** become liable.

Claim (or Claims)

The receipt by **You** of:

- a) any originating process (in a legal proceeding or arbitration), cross claim or counter claim or third party or similar notice claiming compensation against **You**; or
- b) any written or verbal demand from a third party claiming compensation against **You**.

Claim Investigation Costs

The reasonable and necessary legal costs and expenses (other than regular or overtime wages, salaries or fees of any of **You**) incurred by or on **Your** behalf with **Our** prior approval (which **We** will not unreasonably withhold) in the investigation, defence or settlement of any **Claim** or **Covered Claim** which is **Covered** by this **Policy** at the time the legal costs and expenses arise.

Compensatory Civil Penalties

Pecuniary penalties awarded in and under the laws of the jurisdictions of Australia and New Zealand, against:

- a) **You** for any civil offence; or
- b) **You** for a strict liability offence in connection with a breach of occupational health and safety law or regulation ("OH&S"),

but solely resulting from the conduct of the **Professional Services**.

Cover (and 'Covered')

Indemnity under this **Policy**.

Covered Claim

The:

- a) **Claims**, liabilities, losses, costs; or
- b) facts which may give rise to a **Claim**,

which **We** may **Cover** or agree to **Cover** under this **Policy**.

Documents

Documents of any nature including the electronically stored data, software or computer programs for or in respect of any computer system; but not including bearer bonds, coupons, bank notes, currency notes or negotiable instruments.

Loss or damage to Documents does not include:

- a) loss or damage (including rearrangement) to such electronically stored data, software or computer programs arising from any computer virus or malware or from any design or programming defect in any computer program or computer operating system;
- b) normal wear and tear or the action of insects or rodents or other gradual process;
- c) documents lost, damaged or mislaid outside of Australia or New Zealand.

Employee

A natural person who is not a **Principal**, but who is or was, at the time the relevant act, error or omission giving rise to the **Claim**, a person who:

- a) is a party to a contract of service with the **Named Insured** and is or was remunerated by the **Named Insured** for that service; or
- b) is neither a party to a contract of service with the **Named Insured**, nor an independent contractor, but a party to a contract for services with the **Named Insured** for the provision of services to the **Named Insured** for reward; or
- c) a volunteer worker, or

d) a student,

and in respect of a), b), c) and d) above is (or was) at the time of the act, error or omission which gave rise to the **Claim** under **Your** direct control and supervision in the provision of **Professional Services**.

Enquiry (or Enquiries)

Any legal or quasi legal enquiry including coronial enquiry (into a matter arising out of the provision of **Professional Services** and such matter is the subject of and is not excluded from **Cover** under this **Policy**) in respect of which **You** are legally required to participate by reason of the fact that the body conducting the enquiry (including a regulatory, licensing or statutory body) has legal jurisdiction over **You** or any of **You** (either by reason of a statutory power or by reason of **Your** membership of a professional association which has the power to discipline its members).

Excess

The part **You** will be required to pay of each **Covered Claim**.

Former Principal

A person who has been, but is no longer:

- a) a **Principal** of **You**; or
- b) the **Principal** of any firm or incorporated body declared in the **Proposal**, which previously conducted the **Professional Services** which is now being conducted by the **Named Insured**.

Intellectual Property

Copyright, design, patent, trade mark or moral rights, including false attribution of authorship (under the Copyright Act 1968 Cth).

Joint Venture

An undertaking (regardless of what it is called) which the **Named Insured** carry on together with someone else who is not otherwise **Covered** under this **Policy**.

Known Circumstance

Any fact, situation or circumstance of which:

- a) any of **You** was aware at any time before this **Policy** began or before this **Policy** was amended or endorsed; or
- b) a reasonable person in **Your** professional position would have thought, at any time before this **Policy** began or before this **Policy** was amended or endorsed,

might result in someone making an allegation against any of **You** in respect of a liability or loss that might be **Covered** by this **Policy** or any amendment or endorsement of this **Policy**.

Named Insured

Any person or entity expressly identified in the **Schedule** as the **Named Insured**.

Period of Insurance

The 'Period of Insurance' specified in the **Schedule** – being the period between the inception date of this **Policy** and the expiry date of this **Policy** at 4.00 PM. The time being determined at the place where the **Policy** was issued.

Policy

The insurance contract made up of:

- a) this document;
- b) the **Schedule**; and
- c) the endorsements, if any, contained or referred to in the **Schedule**.

Policy Limit

The 'Policy Limit' specified in the **Schedule**.

Pollutants

Any solid, liquid, gases or thermal irritant or contaminant, including but not limited to smoke, vapour, soot, fumes, acids, alkalines, chemicals and waste. Waste includes material to be recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed.

Principal

A sole practitioner, a partner of a firm, or a director of a company, which firm or company is **Covered** by this **Policy**.

Privacy Remediation Expenses

Reasonable and necessary expenses for:

- a) advertising or other media services;
- b) broadcast, electronic, printed, telecast or telephonic announcements, communications or notices; or
- c) public relation services,

incurred solely to comply with a law, ordinance or regulation concerning the notification of others consequent upon the potential or actual unauthorised access to or unauthorised use by another person of an individual's personal information which is not publicly available.

Professional Services

The professional services undertaken by or on **Your** behalf and which are specified in the **Schedule** as **Covered** by this **Policy**. The performance of **Professional Services** by **You** includes, for the purpose of this **Policy**, acts, errors or omissions of **Your** agents or consultants while undertaking work which is reasonably incidental to the conduct by **You** of the **Professional Services** and for which **You** are liable. Such agents and consultants, however, are not **Covered** by this **Policy**.

Proposal

The written proposal form (the date of which is specified in the **Schedule**) together with any other material which was given to **Us** by or on **Your** behalf, and relied on by **Us** to effect this **Policy**.

Publicity Campaign

A publicity and/or public relations campaign designed and implemented by a public relations consultant.

Run-Off Event

Any **Named Insured** which, during the **Policy Period**, ceases to exist or operate, or which is disposed of or merged with or acquired by another entity.

Schedule

The schedule to this **Policy** wording, which is issued by **Us**.

Sub Limit(s)

The limit of **Cover** for each of the matters referred to in this **Policy** as being subject to a Sub Limit of **Cover**. If this **Policy** indicates any Sub Limits for specific types of **Cover** under this **Policy**, then the applicable Sub Limits and not the **Policy Limit** apply only to these **Claims**. These Sub Limits are included within and not in addition to the **Policy Limit**.

Subsidiary

Any company or other incorporated entity which, at the commencement of the **Period of Insurance**, and by virtue of Australian law was, or is, either directly or indirectly a subsidiary of any incorporated body identified in the **Schedule**.

Terrorism

Any act, or preparation in respect of action, or threat of action designed to influence the government, whether de jure or de facto, of any nation or any political division thereof, or in pursuit of political, religious, ideological, or similar purposes to intimidate the public or a section of the public of any nation by any person or group(s) of persons whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s) de jure or de facto, and which:

- a) involves violence against one or more persons; or
- b) involves damage to property; or
- c) endangers life other than that of the person committing the action; or
- d) creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public; or
- e) is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.

You / Your

Each of the following, individually and jointly:

- a) each person, firm or incorporated body identified in the **Schedule** as a **Named Insured** and each **Principal** or **Former Principal** of any such firm or incorporated body; and
- b) any entity which is engaged in the provision of **Professional Services** and which is created and controlled, while this **Policy** is in force, by anyone identified in the **Schedule** as a **Named Insured**; and
- c) anyone who becomes a **Principal** of the **Named Insured** while this **Policy** is in force (but only in respect of work undertaken for or on behalf of the **Named Insured** firm or incorporated body); and
- d) any person, firm or incorporated body who is entitled to **Cover** under the terms of this **Policy** (as a beneficiary); and
- e) any **Employee** or former **Employee**.

We or Us or Our

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The Insurers of this policy are:

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