



## Terms of Engagement

### OUR AGREEMENT

This Agreement is constituted by these Terms and any other later document that we advise you becomes part of, or varies this Agreement. These Terms confirm our understanding of the nature and the limitations of the services we will provide.

### Your Responsibilities

Upon receipt of this engagement letter, you agree to the following:

- You will provide us with all information necessary for dealing with your affairs including information which we reasonably request, in sufficient time to enable our services to be completed before any applicable deadline. We will rely on such information being true, correct and complete and will not audit the information.
- You authorise us to approach such third parties as may be appropriate for information that we consider necessary to deal with your affairs.
- You will be responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records to enable us to prepare your annual financial accounts and income tax returns.
- You appoint us to be your Tax Agents and BAS Agents for dealings with the ATO, including making any necessary STP lodgements and STP finalisation declarations.
- It is your responsibility to comply with the required GST Legislation and Business Activity Statement commitments.
- To pay our invoices as required by their due dates.
- To provide prompt answers to our questions and subsequent requests for additional financial information.
- To be up-front and honest in disclosing all your financial and taxation information.
- To provide all financial information to us in a complete, concise format. This will help us complete your work on time and within budget.
- To keep us up-to-date on all your business affairs and any financial arrangements that you are looking at entering into before the arrangement is concluded. We are here to give you the right, proactive advice before you act, but we cannot do this if you do not communicate with us regularly.
- To read all correspondence, letter, telephone, e-mail or otherwise we send to you promptly and to act upon it as requested within the time stipulated or within reasonable time.
- To listen to our advice.
- To contact us immediately if for whatever reason you are not completely happy with our level of professional service or recent invoice that we have sent you.

### Taxation Services

In engaging us to provide taxation services, it is important for you to understand the following:

- You are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the particulars and information provided to us by you.
- Any advice we provide is only an opinion based on our knowledge of your particular circumstances.
- You have obligations under the self-assessment regime to keep full and proper records in order to facilitate the preparation of accurate returns.

- We cannot provide taxation services if we find that information on which those services are to be based contain false or misleading information, or omit material information, and you are not prepared to appropriately amend that information.

### Your disclosure and record keeping obligations

You are required by law to keep full and accurate records relating to your tax affairs in order to facilitate the preparation of accurate tax returns. The responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the particulars and information provided to us by you rests with you. Any advice given to you by us is only an opinion based on our knowledge of your circumstances.

It is your obligation to provide us with all information that you reasonably expect will be necessary to allow us to perform work specified under this engagement within a timely manner or as requested. This includes providing accurate and complete responses to questions asked of you by us within 10 working days. Inaccurate, incomplete or late information could have a material effect on our services and/or our conclusions and may result in additional fees.

You are also required to advise us on a timely basis if there are any changes to your circumstances that may be relevant to the performance of our services. Specifically, if any subsequent event results in the information you provided to us being inaccurate, incomplete or misleading, then you are obliged to advise us as soon as possible. We take no responsibility to the extent that our advice is inaccurate, incomplete or misleading because it is based on inaccurate, incomplete or misleading information being provided to us.

By accepting the terms in this Agreement, you will be taken to have agreed that the performance of our services is dependent on the performance of your obligations relating to disclosure and record keeping. You are responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the accounting records and disclosure to us of all material and relevant information.

The *Taxation Administration Act 1953* contains specific provisions that may provide you with "safe harbours" from administrative penalties for incorrect or late lodgement of returns if, amongst other things, you give us "all relevant taxation information" in a timely manner. Accordingly, it is to your advantage that all relevant information is disclosed to us as any failure by you to provide this information may affect your ability to rely on the "safe harbour" provisions and will be considered in determining the extent to which we have discharged our obligations to you.

You are also required to advise us if you become aware of any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest. Generally, a conflict of interest is any event which may result in us becoming unable to remain objective in the performance of our services to you.

Some examples of events which could give rise to a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest during this engagement are changes to your business circumstances, events affecting your family (eg. death and/or marriage breakdown) or a legal action commencing against you.

In relation to your financial records, you will be specifically responsible for retaining copies of all financial records and source documents for a period of 5 years, and providing to us all financial information we have requested within 10 working days of our request.

Please note that if you do not provide us your financial information properly reconciled and in the format requested by us, any up-front or fixed prices in the proposals we have provided to you will not be applicable and the price for our services will be higher.

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### **Who may instruct us**

You confirm that you, and any other person you nominate in writing from time to time (provided we have acknowledged such nomination), are authorised to give us instructions and information on behalf of all persons we are acting for and to receive our advice and documents in their behalf.

If we are acting for a business, and we receive conflicting advice, information or instructions from different persons, we may refer the matter to the board of directors, partners or proprietors (as applicable) and act only as requested by them.

### **You and your Spouse/Partner**

If you have a spouse or partner as a listed individual in this letter of engagement, then we will advise you and your spouse or partner on the basis that you are a family unit with shared interests. We may deal with either of you and may discuss with either of you the affairs of the other. If you wish to change these arrangements, please let us know.

### **Know your customer**

We may be required to verify your identity for the purposes of the anti-money laundering laws. We may request from you such information as we require for these purposes and make searches of appropriate databases.

### **Qualifications on our services**

To the extent our services involve the performance of services established by law, nothing in the engagement letter or these terms reduce our obligations under such law. You must not act on advice given by us on an earlier occasion without first confirming with us that the advice is still valid. Our services are limited exclusively to those you have engaged with us to perform. Unless otherwise specified in the engagement letter, our services cannot be relied upon to disclose irregularities and errors, including fraud and other illegal acts, in your affairs. Neither an audit nor a review will be conducted and, accordingly, no assurance will be expressed.

Where our engagement is recurring, we may amend our engagement letter and these terms where we consider it necessary or appropriate to do so. If you do not accept such amendments, you must notify us promptly in which case you may terminate our engagement in accordance with section "Termination" below and those amendments will not apply prior to such termination.

### **No Statutory Financial Audits Are Conducted**

Be aware that your accounts and tax returns may be subject to an ATO audit and that penalties apply for incorrect returns. Link Accounting and Business Solutions is not being engaged to conduct a statutory audit of the financial records of any of your business entities and we will not express an auditor's opinion as to the truth and fairness of the financial statements. Before we lodge any of your returns on your behalf, we will forward the documents to you for approval and signing, you must return the documents to us for lodgment.

### **Reliance on advice**

We will endeavour to record all advice on important matters in writing. Advice given verbally is not intended to be relied upon unless confirmed in writing. If we provide verbal advice (for example during a meeting or telephone conversation) that you wish to rely on, you must ask us to confirm the advice in writing.

### **Investment and financial advisory advice**

We will not provide you with investment or financial advice regulated under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) unless we have expressly agreed to do so in writing, specifying an applicable Australian Financial Services Licence number.

### **Your rights and obligations under the taxation laws**

You have certain rights under Australian taxation laws, including the right to seek a private ruling from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) or to appeal or object against a decision made by the Commissioner. As relevant, we will provide further information to you concerning your rights and obligations under the Australian taxation laws while we provide our service to you. You also have certain obligations under the Australian taxation laws, such as the obligation to keep proper records and the obligation to lodge returns by the due date.

### **Our obligation to comply with the law**

Under the self-assessment provisions of the current tax legislation the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the accounting records are your responsibility. The onus is on you to have disclosed all material and relevant information to support your income tax returns and in particular, with respect to the deductions claimed and transactions within your group of entities.

Furthermore, the recent changes to APES 110 on Responding to Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations (NOCLAR) requires us to report a non-compliance with laws and regulations or acts or omission or commission, intentional or unintentional by a client or by those charged with Governance, by management or by other individuals working for or under the direction of a client which are contrary to the prevailing laws or regulations. If we decide that the disclosure of NOCLAR to the appropriate authority is the correct course of action, then such a disclosure will not be considered a breach of confidentiality under our code of ethics.

We have a duty to act in your best interests. However, the duty to act in your best interests is subject to an overriding obligation to comply with the law even if that may require us to act in a manner that may be contrary to your interests. For example, we could not lodge an Income Tax Return for you that we knew to be false in a material respect.

Our advice and/or services will be based on Australian Taxation Laws in force at the date of the provision of the advice and/or services. It is your responsibility to seek updated advice if you intend to rely on our advice at a later stage. We note that Australian Taxation Laws are often subject to frequent change and our advice will not be updated unless specifically requested by you at the time of the change in law or announced change in law.

### **Conflicts of interest**

We will inform you if we become aware of any conflict of interest in our relationship with you (including between the various persons this engagement letter covers) or in our relationship with you and another client. Where conflicts are identified which cannot be managed in a way that protects your interests then we will be unable to provide further services to some or all of the persons to whom this engagement applies. If this arises, we will inform you promptly.

We may act for other clients whose interests are not the same as or are adverse to yours, subject to the obligations of conflicts of interest and confidentiality referred to above.

### **Fees and payments**

Our fees will be charged on the basis set out in the engagement letter and have been set based on the level of skill, responsibility, importance and value of the advice, as well as the level of risk. If we have provided you with an estimate of our fees for any specific work, this is an estimate only and our actual fees may vary. We may provide a fixed fee for the provision of specific services. If it becomes apparent to us, due to unforeseen circumstances, that a fixed fee is inadequate, we may notify you of a revised figure and seek your agreement to it.

In some cases, you may be entitled to assistance with your professional fees, particularly in relation to any investigation into your tax affairs by the ATO. Assistance may be provided through insurance policies you hold or via membership of a professional or trade body. Other than where such insurance was arranged

through us, you will need to advise us of any such insurance cover that you have. You will remain liable for our fees regardless of whether all or part are to be paid by someone else. For any work we do where we charge by hourly rates, our currently hourly rates are:

**POSITION \$363.00 PER HOUR**

Unless otherwise agreed to the contrary, our fees do not include the costs of any counsel, or other professionals or third parties engaged with your approval.

We will bill monthly and our invoices are due for payment upon presentation. Our fees set out in our engagement letter are inclusive of GST which will be added to our invoice where it is chargeable. Any disbursements and expenses we incur in the course of performing our services will be added to our invoices where appropriate.

If the amount payable on the Invoice is not paid within 14 days of the date of that Invoice, then you agree that interest will be payable by you on the total unpaid amount calculated 14 days from the date of the Invoice until the actual date of payment at the rate of 10% per annum calculated daily.

We may also suspend our services or to cease to act for you on giving written notice if payment of any fees is unduly delayed. **Payment of all outstanding invoices to us in full must be made before we lodge your Tax Returns with the ATO.** In the event of you being in default of your obligation to pay us within the payment terms as listed in this Engagement Letter and the overdue invoice(s) are then referred to a debt collection agency and/or law firm for collection and we are charged commission and/or disbursements and/or legal fees, you agree that you will be liable to pay as a liquidated debt to us any commission, disbursements and legal fees payable by us. If you decide to leave Link Accounting & Business Solutions and appoint another accountant, then we will immediately review the work-in-progress at that point in time, and we will issue a final invoice for the balance of work-in-progress at that point. Please note that under any Fixed Price Agreement, it is expected that a large portion of some of the work will be carried out earlier in the agreement period (eg. Tax Returns). This may be work that you were not made aware of that we were undertaking, however for practical reasons we do not advise clients of every instance that we work on their files when the work is minor and ancillary to complying with the Australian Taxation Office requirements and other requests that we may have (banks, requests for finance applications, etc.) This does not lessen the fact that the work was undertaken on your behalf and you also have a responsibility to settle this account before any records or information is provided to your new accountant.

We intend to exercise these rights only where in our opinion it is fair and reasonable to do so.

#### **Director's / Trustee's Indemnity**

In the event that the entity invoiced by us for our services is unable to discharge its liabilities to us, then the entity's Directors or Trustees agree to personally indemnify us for any such liability.

#### **Lien**

If permitted by or professional guidelines, we may exercise a lien over all materials or records in our possession relating to all engagements for you until all outstanding fees and disbursements are paid in full.

#### **Confidentiality**

In conducting this engagement, information acquired by us during the engagement, including information relating to your affairs whether it belongs to you or not or is provided by you or not, is subject to strict confidentiality requirements. That information will not be disclosed by us to other parties except as required or allowed for by law, or with your express consent. The recent changes to Section 225 (and 360) of APES 110 on Responding to Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations (NOCLAR) requires us to report a non-compliance with laws and regulations or acts or omission or commission, intentional or unintentional by a client or by those charged with Governance, by

management or by other individuals working for or under the direction of a client which are contrary to the prevailing laws or regulations. If we decide that the disclosure of NOCLAR to the appropriate authority is the correct course of action, then such a disclosure to a regulatory authority (such as the ATO) will not be considered a breach of confidentiality under our code of ethics. If we are required to make a disclosure to a regulatory authority, you agree to forever release us from any claim for costs or losses you incur in responding to or dealing with anything that arises from our disclosure.

We wish to draw your attention to our firm's system of quality control which has been established and maintained in accordance with the relevant APESB standard. Thus, our files may be subject

to review as part of the quality control review program of CAANZ, which monitors compliance with professional standards by its members. We advise you that by accepting our engagement you acknowledge that, if requested, our files relating to this engagement will be made available under this program. Should this occur, we will advise you.

#### **Privacy Act**

We may collect Personal Information about your representatives, your clients and others when we provide services to you. If we do, you agree to work with us to ensure that we both meet the obligations that we each may have under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (as amended) (Privacy Act). The obligations may include notifying the relevant person to whom the personal information relates who we are and how we propose to use their personal information. Where you have collected personal information, you confirm that you have collected the personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act, that you are entitled to provide this personal information to us and that we may use and disclose the personal information for the purpose/s we provide our services to you. We will handle personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act.

#### **Ownership of materials**

We own the copyright and all other intellectual property rights in everything we create in connection with this engagement. Unless we agree otherwise, anything we create in connection with this agreement may be used by you only for the purpose for which you have engaged with us.

Our engagement may result in the production of Financial Statements, Income Tax Returns, Super Fund Documents, and other electronic documents or files which will be supplied to you. Ownership of these documents will vest in you. All other documents produced by us in respect of this engagement will remain our property.

All working papers prepared by us (in any form whatsoever, including physical and electronic) remain our property. We will retain these papers in accordance with our normal record keeping practices in accordance with our professional and legal obligations.

You agree we can use your logos and trade marks for the sole purpose of providing advice to you in connection with the engagement, unless you tell us otherwise.

Please note that our work papers, calculations, accounting software files that we pay for and client files that we have created remain our intellectual property and will not be provided to you or any other third party.

If our services are terminated (by either party), each client separately agrees that we shall be entitled to retain all documents owned by that client (including all tax refund cheques of that client which come into our possession) until payment in full of all outstanding fees outstanding from all members of the Group on any account.

#### **Limitation of liability**

Our liability is limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.

You agree not to bring any claim against any of our principals or employees in their personal capacity.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, we are not liable to you for:

- Indirect, special or consequential losses or damages of any kind; or
- Liability arising due to the acts or omissions of any other person or circumstances outside our reasonable control, or your breach of these terms

Further information on the scheme is available from the Professional Standards Council's website: <http://www.psc.gov.au>

#### **Limitation of third party rights**

Our advice and information is for your sole use, and we accept no responsibility to any third party, unless we have expressly agreed in the engagement letter that a specified third party may rely on our work.

#### **Termination**

Each of us may terminate this agreement by giving not less than 30 days' notice in writing to the other party except where a conflict of interest has arisen, you fail to cooperate with us or we have reason to believe that you have provided us or any other person misleading or factually inaccurate information, in which case we may terminate this agreement immediately. Termination will not affect any accrued rights.

#### **Communication**

You must advise of any changes to your contact details. We may send any communications to the last contact details you have provided. Unless you instruct us otherwise we may, where appropriate, communicate with you and with third parties via email or by other electronic means. The recipient is responsible for virus checking emails and any attachments. There is a risk of nonreceipt, delayed receipt, inadvertent misdirection or interception by third parties in any form of communication, whether electronic, postal or otherwise. We are not responsible for any such matters beyond our control.

#### **Applicable law**

Our engagement is governed by West Australian law. The courts sitting in that state will have non-exclusive jurisdiction in relation to any dispute between us.

#### **Interpretation**

If any provision of the engagement letter or these terms is void, that provision will be served and the remainder will continue to apply. If there is any conflict between the engagement letter and these terms, these terms will prevail.

#### **Disputes and complaints**

If you have any concerns about our costs or services, please speak to the person responsible for this engagement, who is your allocated Client Manager. To resolve your concerns we have policies and procedures in place to deal appropriately with complaints and will use best endeavours to resolve a complaint or dispute to the mutual satisfaction of the parties involved. We may require you to detail your complaint in writing to allow us to fully investigate any concerns that you raise.

#### **Outsourced Services**

We may involve third party contractors or outsourced service providers in providing various aspects of your accounting work. These services may include:

- Accounting file preparation and/or Data entry into our accounting systems
- Auditing of accounts (including Self-Managed Super Funds)
- Financial Planning and dealing with Financial Institutions

- Home Loan, Business Loan and Personal Loan Services
- Investment and Insurance Services

Acceptance of our services in conjunction with this engagement document indicates your acceptance of the use of outsourced services as described above. Where the outsourced service requires that the disclosure of personal information to an overseas recipient, a consequence of your consent is that we, your accountants, will be required to take reasonable steps to ensure that Australian Privacy Principles are complied with by the overseas recipients of the Personal Information.

#### **Use of cloud computing services**

We use the below cloud computing systems. These systems store files on remote servers operated by third parties, including the use of hosting providers in the United States of America and in Singapore.

- Xero (a cloud accounting system)
- Xero Practice Manager (a cloud practice management system)
- Xero Tax (a cloud tax return preparation system)
- Class Super and BGL Simple Fund (a cloud based super fund accounting and administration system)
- Office 365 (a cloud email and calendar system)
- Box and Dropbox (cloud document management systems)
- NowInfinity (a cloud company record management system)
- Docusign and Adobe Sign (a cloud electronic signature system)

We will notify you of any change to this list from time to time.

By reading this you authorise us to disclose information relating to such external cloud accounting software.

#### **Storage of personal information**

By agreeing to this engagement and accepting these services you acknowledge and agree that your personal information may be stored electronically overseas.

#### **Losses from unauthorised cyber-activity**

We will take all reasonable precautions to ensure that any electronic data that contains your private information is securely stored and that any emails we send are protected and are not able to be intercepted by third parties. However, we cannot be held liable for any loss that you might incur as a consequence of any third party intervention that accesses, procures or copies any data that contains your private information from any medium or device we use to store or transmit this information.

In the event that, despite our company having taken reasonable precautions to securely store your private information, you suffer any losses arising from unauthorised cyber-activity, you agree to forever release us from any claim for your losses.

#### **Period of engagement**

This engagement will start when you sign and accept the attached Engagement Letter and if requested make the specified upfront payment as listed in the Engagement Letter.

#### **Involvement of others**

Where, as part of this engagement, the services of an external consultant or expert are required, an estimated cost and timeframe and involvement will be provided to you for your approval.

#### **Single Touch Payroll**

This letter of engagement authorises us to prepare payroll related inputs and their process for calculating and paying your

employees, as well as preparing your taxation and superannuation obligations.

You authorise use to:

- prepare STP pay events on behalf of you;
- to make the relevant declaration to the ATO at the time of lodging each STP pay event; and
- to make the finalisation declaration to the ATO at the end of the financial year.'

You (as the employer) acknowledge and accept responsibility for:

- providing employee salaries and worked hours information to us, before the appropriate pay-run date(s);

- ensuring that employee remuneration amounts comply with the appropriate payroll awards and Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) requirements; and

- ensuring that employee have the correct PAYG amounts withheld from each pay and the statutory rate of superannuation is paid quarterly.

We will only provide a lodgment service. We make no representations about the accuracy of the information submitted, the due date or whether it is received by the ATO.

### **Preparation of Financial Reports**

We agree to provide the following services to you (if listed in the Schedule of Services):

- Profit & Loss Statement;
- Balance Sheet; and
- Statement of Cash Flows (if requested).

We agree that:

- the financial reports will be compiled in accordance with APES 315 – Compilation of Financial Information;
- the preparation of the financial reports does not include an audit or review, meaning the work completed cannot be relied on to locate errors or irregularities including fraud or other illegal practices which may exist in the data provided by you;
- Our engagement will be limited to procedures involving the collection, classification and summarisation of financial information and does not include verification or validation of any of the data;
- the statement prepared will be a Special Purpose Financial Report (SPFR) and not a General Purpose Financial Report subject to the *Corporations Act 2001*; and
- this service includes maintenance of the charts of accounts for the general ledgers of your business entities. This services does not include the preparation of any one-off financial reports for presentation to financiers. You may request this additional service in writing to us, and we will provide a separate Proposal for this work to you.

### **Tax Returns**

We agree to provide the following services to you (if listed in the Schedule of Services):

- analyse, discuss and make recommendations regarding your Tax Returns; and
- prepare and lodge your annual Tax Returns.

We have not been engaged by you to review the accuracy of any previous Tax Returns lodged by you or a previous Tax Agent. You are responsible for compliance with the substantiation provisions of the *Income Tax Assessment Act*.

We will not be responsible for any errors brought about by your failure to provide information or documents later found to be material to your tax affairs.

You are responsible for the timely provision of information to us, and we will not be responsible for any late lodgement or other fees and fines brought about by your failure to act in a timely manner.

Any tax refund estimate provided to you is an estimate only and we are not responsible and will not accept liability if the Australian Taxation Office determines an outcome which is different than that lodged

### **Unanticipated Services**

This letter relates only to the abovementioned services and details the basis and terms of this engagement. Unless otherwise agreed, our engagement will be limited to the matters described in this letter. Work that is performed or disbursements that are incurred which are outside the scope of this letter will be the subject of additional charge.



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