

BUYING AT AUCTION

Particulars and conditions of sale

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BEFORE YOU BID

If you're planning to bid at auction, it's important to carefully read and understand the Particulars and Conditions of Sale. These terms are crucial as they govern your participation and potential purchase.

We recommend that all prospective purchasers consult with their solicitor to review this document, along with the Record of Title and Land Information Memorandum (LIM), before bidding. This review is essential for a clear understanding of your legal obligations and the property's specifics.

Be aware that if you are the successful purchaser, you'll need to immediately pay a 10% deposit of the purchase price at the auction's conclusion. You'll also be required to settle the balance on the date specified in Clause 1.4 of the agreement, unless a prior arrangement is made with the vendor. The agreement is unconditional with very limited rights of cancellation.

By participating in the auction, you acknowledge your understanding and agreement to these terms. For questions or further clarification, feel free to contact us or seek legal advice.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY AUCTION

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AUCTION DETAILS

Auctioneer: Here. Powered by Ownly Limited

Place of Auction: 90 Waratah street, Avondale, Christchurch 8061

Date and Time of Auction: Saturday 28 November 2026 at 2:00PM (unless sold prior)

Licensed Real Estate Agent acting for Vendor: Here. Powered by Ownly Limited

Vendor: Joshua Gary Cosgrove & Allanah Beverley Davey

The vendor is registered under the GST Act in respect of this transaction and/or will be so registered at settlement: ~~**Yes/**~~**No**
If "Yes", Schedule 3 must be completed by the parties.

PROPERTY

Address: 90 Waratah Street, Avondale, Christchurch 8061

Estate: **FREEHOLD** ~~**LEASEHOLD**~~ ~~**STRATUM IN FREEHOLD**~~
~~**STRATUM IN LEASEHOLD**~~ ~~**CROSS LEASE (FREEHOLD)**~~ ~~**CROSS LEASE (LEASEHOLD)**~~

If none of the above are deleted, the estate being sold is the first option of freehold.

Legal Description:

Area (more or less):	*Lot/Flat/Unit:*	*DP:*	*Record of Title (unique identifier):*
512 square metres	Lot 16	45875	CB24F/473

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TENANCIES

~~**Yes/**~~**No**

Particulars of any tenancies are set out in Schedule 2 or another schedule attached to this agreement by the parties.

1.0 Conditions of sale

1.1 The property and the chattels included in the sale are sold on these Particulars and Conditions of Sale, the General Terms of Sale and any Further Terms of Sale.
1.2 GST will be payable in accordance with the statement of the purchase price in the Memorandum of Contract.
1.3 The GST date is (clause 14.0):
1.4 The settlement date is: 29 January 2027 or by mutual agreement
1.5 The interest rate for late settlement is 14% p.a.

2.0 Conduct of auction

2.1 The property is offered for sale subject to a reserve price and, subject to the reserve price being met, the highest bidder whose bid is accepted by the auctioneer shall be the purchaser.
2.2 The auctioneer may nominate the sum by which the bidding can be raised.
2.3 The auctioneer may refuse any bid.
2.4 The auctioneer or the licensed real estate agent acting for the vendor in respect of the sale may submit a bid on behalf of any person. The auctioneer shall identify a person so acting before the commencement of bidding.
2.5 The vendor may bid personally, or by a representative, or through the auctioneer, provided that the bid is less than the reserve price. The auctioneer shall identify each vendor bid as it is made.
2.6 The vendor may withdraw the property at any time before it has been sold and without declaring the reserve price.
2.7 If a dispute arises concerning any bid, the auctioneer may determine the dispute or re-offer the property at the last undisputed bid.
2.8 The purchaser shall immediately on the completion of the auction:
(a) sign the Memorandum of Contract, failing which the auctioneer may sign on behalf of the purchaser;
(b) pay to the vendor's licensed real estate agent the deposit being 10% of the purchase price unless otherwise agreed; and
(c) complete its GST information in Schedule 3, if applicable.

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SCHEDULE 1

List all chattels included in the sale

(Strike out or add as applicable. If necessary complete on a separate schedule or the further terms of sale)

~~**Stove**~~	( )	**Rangehood**	( )	**Wall/under bench oven**	( )	**Cooktop/hob**	( )
Dishwasher	( )	~~**Kitchen waste disposal**~~	( )	**Smoke detectors**	( )	**Bathroom extractor fan**	( )
~~**Security alarm**~~	( )	~~**Heated towel rail**~~	( )	**Heat pump**	(2)	**Garage door remote control**	(2)
Garden shed	( )	**Light fittings**		**Window coverings**		**Fixed floor coverings**	

Automatic garage door facility

Compost bin
Clothesline

Night store heater x 2 and alarm system (as is where is and is excluded from the Vendor warranties under General Term of Sale 9 of this Agreement)

Both parties should check that Schedule 1 (list of chattels) includes an accurate list of all items which are included with the sale and purchase (in addition to, or as part of any building).

SCHEDULE 2

Residential Tenancies

Name of Tenant(s):

Rent: **Term:** **Bond:** **Pet Bond:**

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Commercial/Industrial Tenancies

(If necessary complete on a separate schedule)

1. Name of Tenant(s):

Rent: **Term:** **Right of Renewal:** **Other:**

2. Name of Tenant(s):

Rent: **Term:** **Right of Renewal:** **Other:**

3. Name of Tenant(s):

Rent: **Term:** **Right of Renewal:** **Other:**

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GENERAL TERMS OF SALE

3.0 Definitions, time for performance, notices, and interpretation

3.1 Definitions

(1) Unless the context requires a different interpretation, words and phrases not otherwise defined have the same meanings ascribed to those words and phrases in the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985, the Property Law Act 2007, the Resource Management Act 1991 or the Unit Titles Act 2010.

(2) "Accessory unit", "owner", "principal unit" "unit", and "unit plan" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in the Unit Titles Act.

(3) "Agreement" means this document including the front page, these General Terms of Sale, any Further Terms of Sale, and any schedules and attachments.

(4) "Appointee", for the purposes of clause 11, means:

(a) an experienced property lawyer or an experienced litigator or an expert committee (such as a committee of TLANZ) appointed by the parties; and

(b) where, for the purposes of clause 11.8(4), the claim for compensation is made under clause 7.2, the appointee may be an experienced registered valuer or quantity surveyor appointed by the parties; but

(c) if the parties cannot agree on the appointee, the appointment shall be made on the application of either party by the president.

(5) "Associated person", "conveyancer", "offshore RLWT person", "residential land purchase amount", "RLWT", "RLWT certificate of exemption" and "RLWT rules" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in the Income Tax Act 2007.

(6) "Automatic garage door facility" means an electronic facility for the opening and closing of a garage door, operated by a garage door remote control.

(7) "Building", "building consent", "code compliance certificate", "commercial on-seller", "compliance schedule" and "household unit" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in the Building Act.

(8) "Building Act" means the Building Act 2004.

(9) "Building warrant of fitness" means a building warrant of fitness supplied to a territorial authority under the Building Act.

(10) "Cleared funds" means an electronic transfer of funds that has been made strictly in accordance with the requirements set out in the PLS Guidelines.

(11) "Commissioner" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the Tax Administration Act 1994.

(12) "Default GST" means any additional GST, penalty (civil or otherwise), interest, or other sum imposed on the vendor (or where the vendor is or was a member of a GST group its representative member) under the GST Act or the Tax Administration Act 1994 by reason of non-payment of any GST payable in respect of the supply made under this agreement but does not include any such sum levied against the vendor (or where the vendor is or was a member of a GST group its representative member) by reason of a default or delay by the vendor after payment of the GST to the vendor by the purchaser.

(13) "Electronic instrument" has the same meaning as ascribed to that term in the Land Transfer Act 2017.

(14) "Going concern", "goods", "principal place of residence", "recipient", "registered person", "registration number", "supply", "taxable activity" and "taxable supply" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in the GST Act.

(15) "GST" means Goods and Services Tax arising pursuant to the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985 and "GST Act" means the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985.

(16) "Key" includes any instrument, tool, or device for opening and shutting a lock to the property, whether a physical key, an electronic key, a code, a combination of these, or otherwise.

(17) "Landonline Workspace" means an electronic workspace facility approved by the Registrar-General of Land pursuant to the provisions of the Land Transfer Act 2017.

(18) "Leases" means any tenancy agreement, agreement to lease (if applicable), lease, sublease, or licence to occupy in respect of the property, and includes any receipt or other evidence of payment of any bond and any formal or informal document or letter evidencing any variation, renewal, extension, review, or assignment.

(19) "LINZ" means Land Information New Zealand.

(20) "Local authority" means a territorial authority or a regional council.

(21) "OIA consent" means consent to purchase the property under the Overseas Investment Act 2005.

(22) "PLS Guidelines" means the most recent edition, as at the date of this agreement, of the New Zealand Law Society Property Law Section Guidelines, issued by the New Zealand Law Society.

(23) "President" means the president of TLANZ, or other authorised delegate.

(24) "Proceedings" means any application to any court or tribunal or any referral or submission to mediation, adjudication or arbitration or any other dispute resolution procedure.

(25) "Property" means the property described in this agreement.

(26) "Purchase price" means the total purchase price stated in this agreement which the purchaser has agreed to pay the vendor for the property and the chattels included in the sale.

(27) "Regional council" means a regional council within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002.

(28) "REINZ" means the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand Incorporated.

(29) "Remote settlement" means settlement of the sale and purchase of the property by way of the purchaser's lawyer paying the moneys due and payable on the settlement date directly into the trust account of the vendor's lawyer, in consideration of the vendor agreeing to meet the vendor's obligations under clause 5.8(2), pursuant to the protocol for remote settlement recommended in the PLS Guidelines.

(30) "Residential (but not otherwise sensitive) land" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the Overseas Investment Act 2005.

(31) "Rules" means body corporate operational rules under the Unit Titles Act.

(32) "Secure web document exchange" means an electronic messaging service enabling messages and electronic documents to be posted by one party to a secure website to be viewed by the other party immediately after posting.

(33) "Settlement" means (unless otherwise agreed by the parties in writing) the moment in time when the vendor and purchaser have fulfilled their obligations under clause 5.8.

(34) "Settlement date" means the date specified as such in this agreement.

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(35) "Settlement statement" means a statement showing the purchase price, plus any GST payable by the purchaser in addition to the purchase price, less any deposit or other payments or allowances to be credited to the purchaser, together with apportionments of all incomings and outgoings apportioned at the settlement date.
(36) "Tax information" and "tax statement" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in the Land Transfer Act 2017.
(37) "Territorial authority" means a territorial authority within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002.
(38) "Title" includes where appropriate a record of title within the meaning of the Land Transfer Act 2017.
(39) "TLANZ" means The Law Association of New Zealand Incorporated.
(40) "Unit title" means a unit title under the Unit Titles Act.
(41) "Unit Titles Act" means the Unit Titles Act 2010
(42) "Working day" means any day of the week other than:
(a) Saturday, Sunday, Waitangi Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, the Sovereign's Birthday, and Labour Day;
(b) if Waitangi Day or Anzac Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following Monday;
(c) a day in the period commencing on the 24th day of December in any year and ending on the 5th day of January in the following year, both days inclusive;
(d) the day observed as the anniversary of any province in which the property is situated;
(e) the day on which a public holiday is observed to acknowledge Matariki, pursuant to the Te Kāhui o Matariki Public Holiday Act 2022; and
(f) any other day that the Government of New Zealand declares to be a public holiday.

A working day shall be deemed to commence at 9.00 am and to terminate at 5.00 pm.

3.2 Unless a contrary intention appears on the front page or elsewhere in this agreement:
(1) the interest rate for late settlement is equivalent to the interest rate charged by the Inland Revenue Department on unpaid tax under the Tax Administration Act 1994 during the period for which the interest rate for late settlement is payable, plus 5% per annum; and
(2) a party is in default if it did not do what it has contracted to do to enable settlement to occur, regardless of the cause of such failure.

3.3 Time for Performance
(1) Where the day nominated for settlement or the fulfilment of a condition is not a working day, then the settlement date or the date for fulfilment of the condition shall be the last working day before the day so nominated.
(2) Any act done pursuant to this agreement by a party, including service of notices, after 5.00 pm on a working day, or on a day that is not a working day, shall be deemed to have been done at 9.00 am on the next succeeding working day.
(3) Where two or more acts done pursuant to this agreement, including service of notices, are deemed to have been done at the same time, they shall take effect in the order in which they would have taken effect but for clause 3.3(2).

3.4 Notices
The following apply to all notices between the parties relevant to this agreement, whether authorised by this agreement or by the general law:
(1) All notices must be served in writing.
(2) Any notice under section 28 of the Property Law Act 2007, where the purchaser is in possession of the property, must be served in accordance with section 353 of that Act.
(3) All other notices, unless otherwise required by the Property Law Act 2007, must be served by one of the following means:
(a) on the party as authorised by sections 354 to 361 of the Property Law Act 2007, or
(b) on the party or on the party's lawyer:
(i) by personal delivery; or
(ii) by posting by ordinary mail; or
(iii) by email; or
(iv) in the case of the party's lawyer only, by sending by document exchange or, if both parties' lawyers have agreed to subscribe to the same secure web document exchange for this agreement, by secure web document exchange.
(4) In respect of the means of service specified in clause 3.4(3)(b), a notice is deemed to have been served:
(a) in the case of personal delivery, when received by the party or at the lawyer's office;
(b) in the case of posting by ordinary mail, on the fifth working day following the date of posting to the address for service notified in writing by the party or to the postal address of the lawyer's office;
(c) in the case of email;
(i) when sent to the email address provided for the party or the party's lawyer on the back page; or
(ii) any other email address notified subsequently in writing by the party or the party's lawyer (which shall supersede the email address on the back page); or
(iii) if no such email address is provided on the back page or notified subsequently in writing, the office email address of the party's lawyer's firm appearing on the firm's letterhead or website;
(d) in the case of sending by document exchange, on the second working day following the date of sending to the document exchange number of the lawyer's office;
(e) in the case of sending by secure web document exchange, on the first working day following the date of sending to the secure web document exchange.
(5) Any period of notice required to be given under this agreement shall be computed by excluding the day of service.

3.5 Interpretation and Execution
(1) If there is more than one vendor or purchaser, the liability of the vendors or of the purchasers, as the case may be, is joint and several.
(2) Where the purchaser executes this agreement with provision for a nominee, or as agent for an undisclosed or disclosed but unidentified principal, or on behalf of a company to be formed, the purchaser shall at all times remain liable for all obligations on the part of the purchaser.
(3) If any inserted term (including any Further Terms of Sale) conflicts with the General Terms of Sale the inserted term shall prevail.
(4) Headings are for information only and do not form part of this agreement.
(5) References to statutory provisions shall be construed as references to those provisions as they may be amended or re-enacted or as their application is modified by other provisions from time to time.

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(6) Reference to a party's lawyer includes reference to a conveyancing practitioner (as defined in the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006) engaged by that party, provided that all actions of that conveyancing practitioner (including without limitation any actions in respect of any undertaking or in respect of settlement) must strictly accord with the PLS Guidelines.

(7) This agreement may be signed by means of an electronic signature.

3.6 Use of form

(1) Each party warrants that neither they nor their lawyer or agent has altered, removed, or added to the published text of this edition of the TLANZ-REINZ Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Real Estate. This warranty does not prohibit nor apply to:

(a) removal of published text by way of strikethrough (for example, ~~strikethrough~~), nor

(b) the addition of text to the published text in a manner which leaves the published text in place and which makes the alteration, removal, or addition reasonably identifiable.

4.0 Deposit

4.1 The purchaser shall pay the deposit to the vendor's licensed real estate agent immediately on the completion of the auction or, where the property has been sold prior to, or subsequent to, the auction, on the execution of this agreement by both parties, time being of the essence.

4.2 If the deposit is not paid as set out in clause 4.1, the vendor may cancel this agreement by serving notice of cancellation on the purchaser.

4.3 The deposit shall be in part payment of the purchase price.

4.4 If the property is a unit title, the person to whom the deposit is paid shall hold it as a stakeholder until the latest of the following matters:

(1) a pre-contract disclosure statement that complies with section 146 of the Unit Titles Act, and a pre-settlement disclosure statement that complies with section 147 of the Unit Titles Act, have been provided to the purchaser by the vendor within the times prescribed in those sections; and/or

(2) all rights of delay or cancellation under sections 149, 149A, 151, or 151A of the Unit Titles Act that have arisen have been waived or have expired without being exercised; and/or

(3) this agreement is cancelled pursuant to sections 149A or 151A of the Unit Titles Act.

4.5 Where the person to whom the deposit is paid is a real estate agent, the period for which the agent must hold the deposit as a stakeholder pursuant to clause 4.4 shall run concurrently with the period for which the agent must hold the deposit under section 123 of the Real Estate Agents Act 2008, but the agent must hold the deposit for the longer of those two periods, or such lesser period as is agreed between the parties in writing as required by section 123 of the Real Estate Agents Act 2008.

5.0 Possession and Settlement

Possession

5.1 Unless particulars of a tenancy are included in this agreement, the property is sold with vacant possession and the vendor shall so yield the property on the settlement date.

5.2 If the property is sold with vacant possession, then subject to the rights of any tenants of the property, the vendor shall permit the purchaser or any person authorised by the purchaser in writing, upon reasonable notice:

(1) to enter the property on one occasion prior to the settlement date for the purposes of examining the property, chattels and fixtures which are included in the sale; and

(2) to re-enter the property no later than the day prior to the settlement date to confirm compliance by the vendor with any agreement made by the vendor to carry out any work on the property, the chattels and the fixtures.

5.3 Possession shall be given and taken on the settlement date. Outgoings and incomings in respect of the settlement date are the responsibility of and belong to the vendor.

5.4 On the settlement date, the vendor shall make available to the purchaser keys to all exterior doors that are locked by key, electronic door openers to all doors that are opened electronically, and the keys and/or security codes to any alarms. The vendor does not have to make available keys, electronic door openers, and security codes where the property is tenanted and these are held by the tenant.

Settlement

5.5 The vendor shall prepare, at the vendor's own expense, a settlement statement. The vendor shall tender the settlement statement to the purchaser or the purchaser's lawyer a reasonable time prior to the settlement date. If the property is a unit title, the vendor's settlement statement must show any periodic contributions to the operating account that have been struck prior to the settlement date (whether or not they are payable before or after the settlement date) and these periodic contributions to the operating account shall be apportioned. There shall be no apportionment of contributions to any long-term maintenance fund, contingency fund or capital improvement fund.

5.6 The purchaser's lawyer shall:

(1) within a reasonable time prior to the settlement date create a Landonline Workspace for the transaction, notify the vendor's lawyer of the dealing number allocated by LINZ, and prepare in that workspace a transfer instrument in respect of the property; and

(2) prior to settlement:

(a) lodge in that workspace the tax information contained in the transferee's tax statement; and

(b) certify and sign the transfer instrument.

5.7 The vendor's lawyer shall:

(1) within a reasonable time prior to the settlement date prepare in that workspace all other electronic instruments required to confer title on the purchaser in terms of the vendor's obligations under this agreement; and

(2) prior to settlement:

(a) lodge in that workspace the tax information contained in the transferor's tax statement; and

(b) have those instruments and the transfer instrument certified, signed and, where possible, pre-validated.

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5.8 On the settlement date:

(1) the balance of the purchase price, interest and other moneys, if any, shall be paid by the purchaser in cleared funds or otherwise satisfied as provided in this agreement (credit being given for any amount payable by the vendor under clause 5.12 or 5.13, or for any deduction allowed to the purchaser under clause 7.2, or for any compensation agreed by the vendor in respect of a claim made by the purchaser pursuant to clause 11.2(1), or for any interim amount the purchaser is required to pay to a stakeholder pursuant to clause 11.8);

(2) the vendor's lawyer shall immediately thereafter:

(a) release or procure the release of the transfer instrument and the other instruments mentioned in clause 5.7(1) so that the purchaser's lawyer can then submit them for registration;

(b) pay to the purchaser's lawyer the LINZ registration fees on all of the instruments mentioned in clause 5.7(1), unless these fees will be invoiced to the vendor's lawyer by LINZ directly; and

(c) deliver to the purchaser's lawyer any other documents that the vendor must provide to the purchaser on settlement in terms of this agreement, including where this agreement provides for the property to be sold tenanted, all leases relating to the tenancy that are held by the vendor and a notice from the vendor to each tenant advising them of the sale of the property and directing them to pay to the purchaser as landlord, in such manner as the purchaser may prescribe, all rent or other moneys payable under the leases.

5.9 All obligations under clause 5.8 are interdependent.

5.10 The parties shall complete settlement by way of remote settlement in accordance with the PLS Guidelines. Where the purchaser considers it necessary or desirable to tender settlement, this may be effected (in addition to any other valid form of tender) by the purchaser's lawyer providing to the vendor's lawyer a written undertaking that:

(1) the purchaser is ready, willing, and able to settle;

(2) the purchaser's lawyer has certified and signed the transfer instrument and any other instruments in the Landonline Workspace for the transaction that must be signed on behalf of the purchaser; and

(3) the purchaser's lawyer holds in their trust account in cleared funds the amount that the purchaser must pay on settlement.

Last-Minute Settlement

5.11 If due to the delay of the purchaser, settlement takes place between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm on the settlement date ("last-minute settlement"), the purchaser shall pay the vendor:

(1) one day's interest at the interest rate for late settlement on the portion of the purchase price paid in the last-minute settlement; and

(2) if the day following the last-minute settlement is not a working day, an additional day's interest (calculated in the same manner) for each day until, but excluding, the next working day.

Purchaser Default: Late Settlement

5.12 If any portion of the purchase price is not paid upon the due date for payment, then, provided that the vendor provides reasonable evidence of the vendor's ability to perform any obligation the vendor is obliged to perform on that date in consideration for such payment:

(1) the purchaser shall pay to the vendor interest at the interest rate for late settlement on the portion of the purchase price so unpaid for the period from the due date for payment until payment ("the default period"); but nevertheless, this stipulation is without prejudice to any of the vendor's rights or remedies including any right to claim for additional expenses and damages. For the purposes of this clause, a payment made on a day other than a working day or after the termination of a working day shall be deemed to be made on the next following working day and interest shall be computed accordingly; and

(2) the vendor is not obliged to give the purchaser possession of the property or to pay the purchaser any amount for remaining in possession, unless this agreement relates to a tenanted property, in which case the vendor must elect either to:

(a) account to the purchaser on settlement for incomings in respect of the property which are payable and received during the default period, in which event the purchaser shall be responsible for the outgoings relating to the property during the default period; or

(b) retain such incomings in lieu of receiving interest from the purchaser pursuant to clause 5.12(1).

(3) If the parties are unable to agree upon any amount payable under this clause 5.12, either party may make a claim under clause 11.0.

Vendor Default: Late Settlement or Failure to Give Possession

5.13 (1) For the purposes of this clause 5.13:

(a) the default period means:

(i) in clause 5.13(2), the period from the settlement date until the date when the vendor is able and willing to provide vacant possession and the purchaser takes possession; and

(ii) in clause 5.13(3), the period from the date the purchaser takes possession until the date when settlement occurs; and

(iii) in clause 5.13(5), the period from the settlement date until the date when settlement occurs; and

(b) the vendor shall be deemed to be unwilling to give possession if the vendor does not offer to give possession.

(2) If this agreement provides for vacant possession but the vendor is unable or unwilling to give vacant possession on the settlement date, then, provided that the purchaser provides reasonable evidence of the purchaser's ability to perform the purchaser's obligations under this agreement:

(a) the vendor shall pay the purchaser, at the purchaser's election, either:

(i) compensation for any reasonable costs incurred for temporary accommodation for persons and storage of chattels during the default period; or

(ii) an amount equivalent to interest at the interest rate for late settlement on the entire purchase price during the default period; and

(b) the purchaser shall pay the vendor an amount equivalent to the interest earned or which would be earned on overnight deposits lodged in the purchaser's lawyer's trust bank account on such portion of the purchase price (including any deposit) as is payable under this agreement on or by the settlement date but remains unpaid during the default period less:

(i) any withholding tax; and

(ii) any bank or legal administration fees and commission charges; and

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(iii) any interest payable by the purchaser to the purchaser's lender during the default period in respect of any mortgage or loan taken out by the purchaser in relation to the purchase of the property.

(3) If this agreement provides for vacant possession and the vendor is able and willing to give vacant possession on the settlement date, then, provided the purchaser provides reasonable evidence of the purchaser's ability to perform the purchaser's obligations under this agreement, the purchaser may elect to take possession in which case the vendor shall not be liable to pay any interest or other moneys to the purchaser but the purchaser shall pay the vendor the same amount as that specified in clause 5.13(2)(b) during the default period. A purchaser in possession under this clause 5.13(3) is a licensee only.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 5.13(3), the purchaser may elect not to take possession when the purchaser is entitled to take it. If the purchaser elects not to take possession, the provisions of clause 5.13(2) shall apply as though the vendor were unable or unwilling to give vacant possession on the settlement date.

(5) If this agreement provides for the property to be sold tenanted then, provided that the purchaser provides reasonable evidence of the purchaser's ability to perform the purchaser's obligations under this agreement, the vendor shall on settlement account to the purchaser for incomings which are payable and received in respect of the property during the default period less the outgoings paid by the vendor during that period. Apart from accounting for such incomings, the vendor shall not be liable to pay any other moneys to the purchaser but the purchaser shall pay the vendor the same amount as that specified in clause 5.13(2)(b) during the default period.

(6) The provisions of this clause 5.13 shall be without prejudice to any of the purchaser's rights or remedies including any right to claim for any additional expenses and damages suffered by the purchaser.

(7) If the parties are unable to agree upon any amount payable under this clause 5.13, either party may make a claim under clause 11.0.

Deferment of Settlement and Possession

5.14 If:

(1) this is an agreement for the sale by a commercial on-seller of a household unit; and

(2) a code compliance certificate has not been issued by the settlement date in relation to the household unit,

then, unless the parties agree otherwise (in which case the parties shall enter into a written agreement in the form (if any) prescribed by the Building (Forms) Regulations 2004), the settlement date shall be deferred to the fifth working day following the date upon which the vendor has given the purchaser notice that the code compliance certificate has been issued (which notice must be accompanied by a copy of the certificate).

5.15 In every case, if neither party is ready, willing, and able to settle on the settlement date, the settlement date shall be deferred to the third working day following the date upon which one of the parties gives notice it has become ready, willing, and able to settle.

5.16 If:

(1) the property is a unit title; and

(2) the settlement date is deferred pursuant to either clause 5.14 or clause 5.15; and

(3) the vendor considers on reasonable grounds that an extension of time is necessary or desirable in order for the vendor to comply with clause 10.3,

then the vendor may extend the settlement date:

(a) where there is a deferment of the settlement date pursuant to clause 5.14, to the tenth working day after the date upon which the vendor gives the purchaser notice that the code compliance certificate has been issued, provided the vendor gives notice of the extension to the purchaser no later than the second working day after such notice; or

(b) where there is a deferment of the settlement date pursuant to clause 5.15, to the tenth working day after the date upon which one of the parties gives notice that it has become ready, willing, and able to settle, provided the vendor gives notice of the extension to the purchaser no later than the second working day after such notice.

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New Title Provision

5.17 (1) Where:

(a) the transfer of the property is to be registered against a new title yet to be issued; and

(b) a search copy, as defined in section 60 of the Land Transfer Act 2017, of that title is not obtainable by the tenth working day prior to the settlement date,

then, unless the purchaser elects that settlement shall still take place on the agreed settlement date, the settlement date shall be deferred to the tenth working day after the date on which the vendor has given the purchaser notice that a search copy is obtainable.

(2) Clause 5.17(1) shall not apply where it is necessary to register the transfer of the property to enable a plan to be deposited and title to the property to be issued.

6.0 Residential Land Withholding Tax

6.1 If the vendor does not have a conveyancer or the vendor and the purchaser are associated persons, then:

(1) the vendor must provide the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer, on or before the second working day before the due date for payment of the first residential land purchase amount payable under this agreement, with:

(a) sufficient information to enable the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer to determine to their reasonable satisfaction whether section 54C of the Tax Administration Act 1994 applies to the sale of the property; and

(b) if the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer determines to their reasonable satisfaction that section 54C of the Tax Administration Act 1994 does apply, all of the information required by that section and either an RLWT certificate of exemption in respect of the sale or otherwise such other information that the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer may reasonably require to enable the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer to determine to their reasonable satisfaction the amount of RLWT that must be withheld from each residential land purchase amount;

(2) the vendor shall be liable to pay any costs reasonably incurred by the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer in relation to RLWT, including the cost of obtaining professional advice in determining whether there is a requirement to withhold RLWT and the amount of RLWT that must be withheld, if any; and

(3) any payments payable by the purchaser on account of the purchase price shall be deemed to have been paid to the extent that:

(a) RLWT has been withheld from those payments by the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer as required by the RLWT rules; and

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(b) any costs payable by the vendor under clause 6.1(2) have been deducted from those payments by the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer.

6.2 If the vendor does not have a conveyancer or the vendor and the purchaser are associated persons and if the vendor fails to provide the information required under clause 6.1(1), then the purchaser may:
(1) defer the payment of the first residential land purchase amount payable under this agreement (and any residential land purchase amount that may subsequently fall due for payment) until such time as the vendor supplies that information; or
(2) on the due date for payment of that residential land purchase amount, or at any time thereafter if payment has been deferred by the purchaser pursuant to this clause and the vendor has still not provided that information, treat the sale of the property as if it is being made by an offshore RLWT person where there is a requirement to pay RLWT.

6.3 If pursuant to clause 6.2 the purchaser treats the sale of the property as if it is being made by an offshore RLWT person where there is a requirement to pay RLWT, the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer may:
(1) make a reasonable assessment of the amount of RLWT that the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer would be required by the RLWT rules to withhold from any residential land purchase amount if the sale is treated in that manner; and
(2) withhold that amount from any residential land purchase amount and pay it to the Commissioner as RLWT.

6.4 Any amount withheld by the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer pursuant to clause 6.3 shall be treated as RLWT that the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer is required by the RLWT rules to withhold.

6.5 The purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer shall give notice to the vendor a reasonable time before payment of any sum due to be paid on account of the purchase price of:
(1) the costs payable by the vendor under clause 6.1(2) that the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer intends to deduct; and
(2) the amount of RLWT that the purchaser or the purchaser's conveyancer intends to withhold.

7.0 Risk and insurance

7.1 The property and chattels shall remain at the risk of the vendor until possession is given and taken.

7.2 If, prior to the giving and taking of possession, the property is destroyed or damaged, and such destruction or damage has not been made good by the settlement date, then the following subclauses shall apply:
(1) if the destruction or damage has been sufficient to render the property untenantable and it is untenantable on the settlement date, the purchaser may:
(a) complete the purchase at the purchase price, less a sum equal to any insurance moneys received or receivable by or on behalf of the vendor in respect of such destruction or damage, provided that no reduction shall be made to the purchase price if the vendor's insurance company has agreed to reinstate for the benefit of the purchaser to the extent of the vendor's insurance cover; or
(b) cancel this agreement by serving notice on the vendor in which case the vendor shall return to the purchaser immediately the deposit and any other moneys paid by the purchaser, and neither party shall have any right or claim against the other arising from this agreement or its cancellation;
(2) if the property is not untenantable on the settlement date, the purchaser shall complete the purchase at the purchase price less a sum equal to the amount of the diminution in value of the property which, to the extent that the destruction or damage to the property can be made good, shall be deemed to be equivalent to the reasonable cost of reinstatement or repair;
(3) if the property is zoned for rural purposes under an operative District Plan, damage to the property shall be deemed to have rendered the property untenantable where the diminution in value exceeds an amount equal to 20% of the purchase price; and
(4) if the amount of the diminution in value is disputed, the parties shall follow the same procedure as that set out in clause 11.8 for when an amount of compensation is disputed.

7.3 The purchaser shall not be required to take over any insurance policies held by the vendor.

8.0 Title, boundaries and requisitions

8.1 The vendor shall not be bound to point out the boundaries of the property except that on the sale of a vacant residential lot which is not limited as to parcels the vendor shall ensure that all boundary markers required by the Cadastral Survey Act 2002 and any related rules and regulations to identify the boundaries of the property are present in their correct positions at the settlement date.

8.2 The purchaser is deemed to have accepted the vendor's title to the property and the purchaser may not make any requisitions or objections as to title.

8.3 The vendor shall not be liable to pay for or contribute towards the expense of erection or maintenance of any fence between the property and any contiguous land of the vendor but this proviso shall not enure for the benefit of any subsequent purchaser of the contiguous land; and the vendor shall be entitled to require the inclusion of a fencing covenant to this effect in any transfer of the property.

9.0 Vendor's warranties and undertakings

9.1 The vendor warrants and undertakes that at the date of this agreement, the vendor has not:
(1) received any notice or demand and has no knowledge of any requisition or outstanding requirement:
(a) from any local or government authority or other statutory body; or
(b) under the Resource Management Act 1991; or
(c) from any tenant of the property; or
(d) from any other party; or
(2) given any consent or waiver,
which directly or indirectly affects the property and which has not been disclosed in writing to the purchaser.

9.2 The vendor warrants and undertakes that at the date of this agreement the vendor has no knowledge or notice of any fact which might result in proceedings being instituted by or against the vendor or the purchaser in respect of the property.

9.3 The vendor warrants and undertakes that at settlement:
(1) The chattels included in the sale listed in Schedule 1 and all plant, equipment, systems or devices which provide any services or amenities to the property, including, without limitation, automatic garage door facility, security, heating, cooling, or air-conditioning, are delivered to the purchaser in reasonable working order, but in all other respects in their state of repair as at the date of this agreement (fair wear and tear excepted).

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(2) All electrical and other installations on the property are free of any charge whatsoever and all chattels included in the sale are the unencumbered property of the vendor.

(3) There are no arrears of rates, water rates or charges outstanding on the property and where the property is subject to a targeted rate that has been imposed as a means of repayment of any loan, subsidy or other financial assistance made available by or through the local authority, the amount required to remove the imposition of that targeted rate has been paid.

(4) Where an allowance has been made by the vendor in the settlement statement for incomings receivable, the settlement statement correctly records those allowances including, in particular, the dates up to which the allowances have been made.

(5) Where the vendor has done or caused or permitted to be done on the property any works:
  (a) any permit, resource consent, or building consent required by law was obtained; and
  (b) where any "restricted building work" as defined in the Building Act was done on the property on or after 13 March 2012, such work was carried out or supervised by a suitably qualified person;
  (c) to the vendor's knowledge, the works were completed in compliance with any required permits or consents; and
  (d) where appropriate, a code compliance certificate was issued for those works.

(6) Where under the Building Act, any building on the property sold requires a compliance schedule:
  (a) the vendor has fully complied with any requirements specified in any compliance schedule issued by a territorial authority under the Building Act in respect of the building;
  (b) the building has a current building warrant of fitness; and
  (c) the vendor is not aware of any reason, that the vendor has not disclosed in writing to the purchaser, which would prevent a building warrant of fitness from being supplied to the territorial authority when the building warrant of fitness is next due.

(7) Since the date of this agreement, the vendor has not given any consent or waiver which directly or indirectly affects the property.

(8) Any notice or demand received by the vendor, which directly or indirectly affects the property, after the date of this agreement:
  (a) from any local or government authority or other statutory body; or
  (b) under the Resource Management Act 1991; or
  (c) from any tenant of the property; or
  (d) from any other party,

has been delivered forthwith by the vendor to either the purchaser or the purchaser's lawyer, unless the vendor has paid or complied with such notice or demand. If the vendor fails to so deliver or pay the notice or demand, the vendor shall be liable for any penalty incurred.

9.4 If the property is or includes part only of a building, the warranty and undertaking in clause 9.3(6) does not apply. Instead the vendor warrants and undertakes at the date of this agreement that, where under the Building Act the building of which the property forms part requires a compliance schedule:

(1) to the vendor's knowledge, there has been full compliance with any requirements specified in any compliance schedule issued by a territorial authority under the Building Act in respect of the building;

(2) the building has a current building warrant of fitness; and

(3) the vendor is not aware of any reason, that the vendor has not disclosed in writing to the purchaser, which would prevent a building warrant of fitness from being supplied to the territorial authority when the building warrant of fitness is next due.

9.5 The vendor warrants and undertakes that on or immediately after settlement:

(1) If the water and wastewater charges are determined by meter, the vendor will have the water meter read and will pay the amount of the charge payable pursuant to that reading; but if the water supplier will not make special readings, the water and wastewater charges shall be apportioned.

(2) Any outgoings included in the settlement statement are paid in accordance with the settlement statement and, where applicable, to the dates shown in the settlement statement, or will be so paid immediately after settlement.

(3) The vendor will give notice of sale in accordance with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to the territorial authority and regional council in whose district the land is situated and will also give notice of the sale to every other authority that makes and levies rates or charges on the land and to the supplier of water.

(4) Where the property is a unit title, the vendor will notify the body corporate in writing of the transfer of the property and the name and address of the purchaser.

10.0 Unit title provisions

10.1 If the property is a unit title, sections 144 to 153 of the Unit Titles Act require the vendor to provide to the purchaser a pre-contract disclosure statement and a pre-settlement disclosure statement in accordance with the Unit Titles Act. The requirements of this clause 10.0 are in addition to, and do not derogate from, the requirements in the Act.

10.2 If the property is a unit title, then except to the extent the vendor has disclosed otherwise to the purchaser in writing prior to the parties entering into this agreement, the vendor warrants and undertakes as follows as at the date of this agreement:

(1) The information in the pre-contract disclosure statement provided to the purchaser was complete and correct to the extent required by the Unit Titles Act.

(2) Apart from regular periodic contributions, no contributions have been levied or proposed by the body corporate

(3) There are no unsatisfied judgments against the body corporate and no proceedings have been instituted against or by the body corporate.

(4) No order or declaration has been made by any Court or Tribunal against the body corporate or the vendor under any provision of the Unit Titles Act.

(5) The vendor has no knowledge or notice of any fact which might result in:
  (a) the vendor or the purchaser incurring any other liability under any provision of the Unit Titles Act;
  (b) any proceedings being instituted by or against the body corporate; or
  (c) any order or declaration being sought against the body corporate or the vendor under any provision of the Unit Titles Act.

(6) The vendor is not aware of proposals to pass any body corporate resolution relating to its rules nor are there any unregistered changes to the body corporate rules.

(7) No lease, licence, easement, or special privilege has been granted by the body corporate in respect of any part of the common property.

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(8) No resolution has been passed and no application has been made and the vendor has no knowledge of any proposal for:
  (a) the transfer of the whole or any part of the common property;
  (b) the addition of any land to the common property;
  (c) the cancellation of the unit plan;
  (d) the deposit of an amendment to the unit plan, a redevelopment plan, or a new unit plan in substitution for the existing unit plan; or
  (e) any change to utility interest or ownership interest for any unit on the unit plan.

10.3 If the property is a unit title, not less than five working days before the settlement date, the vendor will provide:
  (1) a certificate of insurance for all insurances effected by the body corporate under the provisions of section 135 of the Unit Titles Act; and
  (2) a pre-settlement disclosure statement from the vendor, certified correct by the body corporate, under section 147 of the Unit Titles Act.

10.4 If the property is a unit title, then except to the extent the vendor has disclosed otherwise to the purchaser in writing prior to the parties entering into this agreement, the vendor warrants and undertakes as at the settlement date:
  (1) Other than contributions to the operating account, long-term maintenance fund, contingency fund, or capital improvements fund that are shown in the pre-settlement disclosure statement, there are no other amounts owing by the vendor under any provision of the Unit Titles Act.
  (2) All contributions and other moneys payable by the vendor to the body corporate have been paid in full.
  (3) Since the date of this agreement, the vendor has not voted on any matter that would alter the warranties at clause 10.2(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) without the written consent of the purchaser.

10.5 If the property is a unit title and if the vendor does not provide the certificates of insurance and the pre-settlement disclosure statement under section 147 of the Unit Titles Act in accordance with the requirements of clause 10.3, then in addition to the purchaser's rights under sections 150, 151 and 151A of the Unit Titles Act, the purchaser may:
  (1) postpone the settlement date until the fifth working day following the date on which that information is provided to the purchaser; or
  (2) elect that settlement shall still take place on the settlement date, such election to be a waiver of any other rights to delay or cancel settlement under the Unit Titles Act or otherwise.

10.6 If the property is a unit title, each party specifies that:
  (1) any email address of that party's lawyer provided on the back page of this agreement, or notified subsequently in writing by that party's lawyer, shall be an address for service for that party for the purposes of section 205(1)(d) of the Unit Titles Act; and
  (2) if that party is absent from New Zealand, that party's lawyer shall be that party's agent in New Zealand for the purposes of section 205(2) of the Unit Titles Act.

11.0 Claims for compensation

11.1 If the purchaser has not purported to cancel this agreement, the breach by the vendor of any term of this agreement does not defer the purchaser's obligation to settle, but that obligation is subject to the provisions of this clause 11.0.

11.2 The provisions of this clause apply if:
  (1) the purchaser claims a right to compensation (and in making such a claim, the purchaser must act reasonably, but the vendor taking the view that the purchaser has not acted reasonably does not affect the purchaser's ability or right to make such a claim) for:
    (a) a breach of any term of this agreement;
    (b) a misrepresentation;
    (c) a breach of section 9 or section 14 of the Fair Trading Act 1986;
    (d) an equitable set-off, or
  (2) there is a dispute between the parties regarding any amounts payable:
    (a) under clause 5.12 or clause 5.13; or
    (b) under clause 7.2.

11.3 To make a claim under this clause 11.0:
  (1) the claimant must serve notice of the claim on the other party as early as is reasonably practicable and in any event no later than on or before the last working day prior to the settlement date, time being of the essence (except for claims made after the settlement date for amounts payable under clause 5.12 or clause 5.13, in respect of which the claimant may serve notice of the claim on the other party at any time after a dispute arises over those amounts); and
  (2) the notice must:
    (a) state the particular breach of the terms of this agreement, or the claim under clause 5.12, clause 5.13 or clause 7.2, or for misrepresentation, or for breach of section 9 or section 14 of the Fair Trading Act 1986, or for an equitable set-off; and
    (b) state a genuine pre-estimate of the loss suffered by the claimant; and
    (c) be particularised and quantified to the extent reasonably possible as at the date of the notice.

11.4 If the claimant is unable to give notice under clause 11.3 in respect of claims under clause 11.2(1) or clause 11.2(2)(b) on or before the date that notice is due under clause 11.3(1) by reason of the conduct or omission of the other party, the notice may be served on or before the working day immediately preceding the last working day on which settlement must take place under a settlement notice served by either party under clause 12.1, time being of the essence.

11.5 If the amount of compensation is agreed, it shall be deducted from or added to the amount to be paid by the purchaser on settlement.

11.6 If the purchaser makes a claim for compensation under clause 11.2(1) but the vendor disputes that the purchaser has a valid or reasonably arguable claim, then:
  (1) the vendor must give notice to the purchaser within three working days after service of the purchaser's notice under clause 11.3, time being of the essence; and
  (2) the purchaser's right to make the claim (on the basis that such claim is valid or reasonably arguable) shall be determined by an appointee. The appointee's costs shall be met by the party against whom the determination is made or otherwise as determined by the appointee.

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11.7 If the purchaser makes a claim for compensation under clause 11.2(1) and the vendor fails to give notice to the purchaser pursuant to clause 11.6, the vendor is deemed to have accepted that the purchaser has a valid or reasonably arguable claim.

11.8 If it is accepted, or determined under clause 11.6, that the purchaser has a right to claim compensation under clause 11.2(1) but the amount of compensation claimed is disputed, or if the claim is made under clause 11.2(2) and the amount of compensation claimed is disputed, then:

(1) an interim amount shall be paid on settlement by the party required to a stakeholder until the amount of the claim is determined;

(2) if the parties cannot agree on a stakeholder, the interim amount shall be paid to a stakeholder nominated on the application of either party by the president;

(3) the interim amount must be a reasonable sum having regard to the circumstances, except that:

(a) where the claim is under clause 5.13 the interim amount shall be the lower of the amount claimed, or an amount equivalent to interest at the interest rate for late settlement for the relevant default period on such portion of the purchase price (including any deposit) as is payable under this agreement on or by the settlement date;

(b) neither party shall be entitled or required to undertake any discovery process, except to the extent this is deemed necessary by the appointee under clause 11.8(4) for the purposes of determining that the requirements of clauses 11.3(2)(b)-(c) have been met.

(4) if the parties cannot agree on the interim amount, the interim amount shall be determined by an appointee. The appointee's costs shall be met equally by the parties, or otherwise as determined by the appointee;

(5) the amount of the claim determined to be payable shall not be limited by the interim amount;

(6) the stakeholder shall lodge the interim amount on an interest-bearing call deposit with a bank registered under the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1989 in the joint names of the vendor and the purchaser;

(7) the interest earned on the interim amount net of any withholding tax and any bank or legal administration fees and commission charges shall follow the destination of the interim amount; and

(8) apart from the net interest earned on the interim amount, no interest shall be payable by either party to the other in respect of the claim for compensation once the amount of the claim has been determined, provided that if the amount determined is in excess of the interim amount, the party liable to make payment of that excess shall pay interest to the other party at the interest rate for late settlement on the amount of that excess if it is not paid on or before the third working day after the date of notification of the determination, computed from the date of such notification until payment.

11.9 Where a determination has to be made under clause 11.6(2) or clause 11.8(4) and the settlement date will have passed before the determination is made, the settlement date shall be deferred to the second working day following the date of notification to both parties of the determination. Where a determination has to be made under both of these clauses, the settlement date shall be deferred to the second working day following the date on which notification to both parties has been made of both determinations. However, the settlement date will only be deferred under this clause 11.9 if, prior to such deferral, the purchaser's lawyer provides written confirmation to the vendor's lawyer that but for the resolution of the claim for compensation, the purchaser is ready, willing, and able to complete settlement.

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11.10 The procedures prescribed in clauses 11.1 to 11.9 shall not prevent either party from taking proceedings for specific performance of this agreement.

11.11 A determination under clause 11.6 that the purchaser does not have a valid or reasonably arguable claim for compensation under clause 11.2(1) shall not prevent the purchaser from pursuing that claim following settlement.

11.12 Where a determination is made by an appointee under either clause 11.6 or clause 11.8, that appointee:

(1) shall not be liable to either party for any costs or losses that either party may claim to have suffered in respect of the determination; and

(2) may make an order that one party must meet all or some of the reasonable legal costs of the other party, and in making such an order the appointee may without limitation take into account the appointee's view of the reasonableness of the conduct of the parties under this clause.

11.3 Where the appointee is determined by the president, the president shall not be liable to either party for any costs or losses that either party may claim to have suffered in respect of that determination.

12.0 Notice to complete and remedies on default

12.1 (1) If the sale is not settled on the settlement date, either party may at any time thereafter serve on the other party a settlement notice.

(2) The settlement notice shall be effective only if the party serving it is at the time of service either in all material respects ready, willing, and able to proceed to settle in accordance with this agreement or is not so ready, willing, and able to settle only by reason of the default or omission of the other party.

(3) If the purchaser is in possession, the vendor's right to cancel this agreement will be subject to sections 28 to 36 of the Property Law Act 2007 and the settlement notice may incorporate or be given with a notice under section 28 of that Act complying with section 29 of that Act.

12.2 Subject to clause 12.1(3), upon service of the settlement notice the party on whom the notice is served shall settle:

(1) on or before the twelfth working day after the date of service of the notice; or

(2) on the first working day after the 13th day of January if the period of twelve working days expires during the period commencing on the 6th day of January and ending on the 13th day of January, both days inclusive,

time being of the essence, but without prejudice to any intermediate right of cancellation by either party.

12.3 (1) If this agreement provides for the payment of the purchase price by instalments and the purchaser fails duly and punctually to pay any instalment on or within one month from the date on which it fell due for payment then, whether or not the purchaser is in possession, the vendor may immediately give notice to the purchaser calling up the unpaid balance of the purchase price, which shall upon service of the notice fall immediately due and payable.

(2) The date of service of the notice under this clause shall be deemed the settlement date for the purposes of clause 12.1.

(3) The vendor may give a settlement notice with a notice under this clause.

(4) For the purposes of this clause a deposit is not an instalment.

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12.4 If the purchaser does not comply with the terms of the settlement notice served by the vendor then, subject to clause 12.1(3):
(1) Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to the vendor at law or in equity, the vendor may:
(a) sue the purchaser for specific performance; or
(b) cancel this agreement by notice and pursue either or both of the following remedies, namely:
(i) forfeit and retain for the vendor's own benefit the deposit paid by the purchaser, but not exceeding in all 10% of the purchase price; and/or
(ii) sue the purchaser for damages.
(2) Where the vendor is entitled to cancel this agreement, the entry by the vendor into a conditional or unconditional agreement for the resale of the property or any part thereof shall take effect as a cancellation of this agreement by the vendor if this agreement has not previously been cancelled and such resale shall be deemed to have occurred after cancellation.
(3) The damages claimable by the vendor under clause 12.4(1)(b)(ii) shall include all damages claimable at common law or in equity and shall also include (but shall not be limited to) any loss incurred by the vendor on any bona fide resale contracted within one year from the date by which the purchaser should have settled in compliance with the settlement notice. The amount of that loss may include:
(a) interest on the unpaid portion of the purchase price at the interest rate for late settlement from the settlement date to the settlement of such resale; and
(b) all costs and expenses reasonably incurred in any resale or attempted resale; and
(c) all outgoings (other than interest) on or maintenance expenses in respect of the property from the settlement date to the settlement of such resale.
(4) Any surplus money arising from a resale shall be retained by the vendor.

12.5 If the vendor does not comply with the terms of a settlement notice served by the purchaser, then, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to the purchaser at law or in equity the purchaser may:
(1) sue the vendor for specific performance; or
(2) cancel this agreement by notice and require the vendor forthwith to repay to the purchaser any deposit and any other money paid on account of the purchase price and interest on such sum(s) at the interest rate for late settlement from the date or dates of payment by the purchaser until repayment.

12.6 The party serving a settlement notice may extend the term of the notice for one or more specifically stated periods of time and thereupon the term of the settlement notice shall be deemed to expire on the last day of the extended period or periods and it shall operate as though this clause stipulated the extended period(s) of notice in lieu of the period otherwise applicable; and time shall be of the essence accordingly. An extension may be given either before or after the expiry of the period of the notice.

12.7 Nothing in this clause shall preclude a party from suing for specific performance without serving a settlement notice.

12.8 A party who serves a settlement notice under this clause shall not be in breach of an essential term by reason only of that party's failure to be ready, willing, and able to settle upon the expiry of that notice.

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13.0 Non-merger

13.1 The obligations and warranties of the parties in this agreement shall not merge with:
(1) the giving and taking of possession;
(2) settlement;
(3) the transfer of title to the property;
(4) delivery of the chattels (if any); or
(5) registration of the transfer of title to the property.

14.0 Goods and Services Tax

14.1 If this agreement provides for the purchaser to pay (in addition to the purchase price stated without GST) any GST which is payable in respect of the supply made under this agreement, then:
(1) the purchaser shall pay to the vendor the GST which is so payable in one sum on the GST date;
(2) where the GST date has not been inserted on the front page of this agreement the GST date shall be the settlement date;
(3) where any GST is not so paid to the vendor, the purchaser shall pay to the vendor:
(a) interest at the interest rate for late settlement on the amount of GST unpaid from the GST date until payment; and
(b) any default GST;
(4) it shall not be a defence to a claim against the purchaser for payment to the vendor of any default GST that the vendor has failed to mitigate the vendor's damages by paying an amount of GST when it fell due under the GST Act; and
(5) any sum referred to in this clause is included in the moneys payable by the purchaser on settlement pursuant to clause 5.8(1).

14.2 If the supply under this agreement is a taxable supply, the vendor will deliver a tax invoice to the purchaser on or before the GST date or such earlier date as the purchaser is entitled to delivery of an invoice under the GST Act.

14.3 (1) Without prejudice to the vendor's rights and remedies under clause 14.1, where any GST is not paid to the vendor on or within one month of the GST date, then whether or not the purchaser is in possession, the vendor may immediately give notice to the purchaser calling up any unpaid balance of the purchase price, which shall upon service of the notice fall immediately due and payable.
(2) The date of service of the notice under this clause shall be deemed the settlement date for the purposes of clause 12.1.
(3) The vendor may give a settlement notice under clause 12.1 with a notice under this clause.

15.0 Zero-rating

15.1 The vendor warrants that the statement on the front page regarding the vendor's GST registration status in respect of the supply under this agreement and any particulars stated by the vendor in Schedule 3 are correct at the date of this agreement and will remain correct at settlement.

15.2 The purchaser warrants that any particulars stated by the purchaser in Schedule 3 are correct at the date of this agreement.

15.3 Where the particulars stated on the front page and in Schedule 3 indicate that:
(1) the vendor is and/or will be at settlement a registered person in respect of the supply under this agreement;
(2) the recipient is and/or will be at settlement a registered person;
(3) the recipient intends at settlement to use the property for making taxable supplies; and

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(4) the recipient does not intend at settlement to use the property as a principal place of residence by the recipient or a person associated with the recipient under section 2A(1)(c) of the GST Act,

GST will be chargeable on the supply under this agreement at 0% pursuant to section 11(1)(mb) of the GST Act.

15.4 If GST is chargeable on the supply under this agreement at 0% pursuant to section 11(1)(mb) of the GST Act, then on or before settlement the purchaser will provide the vendor with the recipient's name, address, and registration number if any of those details are not included in Schedule 3 or they have altered.

15.5 (1) If any of the particulars stated by the purchaser in Schedule 3:

(a) are incomplete; or

(b) alter between the date of this agreement and settlement,

the purchaser shall notify the vendor of the particulars which have not been completed and the altered particulars as soon as practicable before settlement.

(2) The purchaser warrants that any added or altered particulars will be correct as at the date of the purchaser's notification.

(3) If the GST treatment of the supply under this agreement should be altered as a result of the added or altered particulars, the vendor shall prepare and deliver to the purchaser or the purchaser's lawyer an amended settlement statement, if the vendor has already tendered a settlement statement, and a credit note or a debit note, as the case may be, if the vendor has already issued a tax invoice.

15.6 If

(1) the particulars in Schedule 3 state that part of the property is being used as a principal place of residence at the date of this agreement; and

(2) that part is still being so used at the time of the supply under this agreement,

then, the supply of that part will be a separate supply in accordance with section 5(15)(a) of the GST Act.

15.7 If

(1) the particulars stated in Schedule 3 indicate that the recipient intends to use part of the property as a principal place of residence by the recipient or a person associated with the recipient under section 2A(1)(c) of the GST Act; and

(2) that part is the same part as that being used as a principal place of residence at the time of the supply under this agreement,

then the references in clauses 15.3 and 15.4 to "the property" shall be deemed to mean the remainder of the property excluding that part and the references to "the supply under this agreement" shall be deemed to mean the supply under this agreement of that remainder.

15.8 If the particulars stated on the front page and in Schedule 3 indicate in terms of clause 15.3 that GST will be chargeable on the supply under this agreement at 0% pursuant to section 11(1)(mb) of the GST Act, but any of the particulars stated by the purchaser in Schedule 3 should alter between the date of this agreement and settlement, such that GST no longer becomes chargeable on the supply at 0%, then:

(1) the purchase price shall be plus GST (if any), even if it has been expressed as being inclusive of GST (if any) in the Memorandum of Contract; and

(2) if the vendor has already had to account to the Inland Revenue Department for the GST which is payable in respect of the supply under this agreement and did so on the basis that in accordance with clause 15.3 the GST would be chargeable at 0%, the purchaser shall pay GST and any default GST to the vendor immediately upon demand served on the purchaser by the vendor (and where any GST or default GST is not so paid to the vendor, the purchaser shall pay to the vendor interest at the interest rate for late settlement on the amount unpaid from the date of service of the vendor's demand until payment).

16.0 Supply of a going concern

16.1 If there is a supply under this agreement to which section 11(1)(mb) of the GST Act does not apply but which comprises the supply of a taxable activity that is a going concern at the time of the supply, then, unless otherwise expressly stated in this agreement:

(1) each party warrants that it is a registered person or will be so by the date of the supply;

(2) each party agrees to provide the other party by the date of the supply with proof of its registration for GST purposes;

(3) the parties agree that they intend that the supply is of a taxable activity that is capable of being carried on as a going concern by the purchaser; and

(4) the parties agree that the supply made pursuant to this agreement is the supply of a going concern on which GST is chargeable at 0%.

16.2 If it subsequently transpires that GST is payable in respect of the supply and if this agreement provides for the purchaser to pay (in addition to the purchase price without GST) any GST which is payable in respect of the supply made under this agreement, then the provisions of clause 14.0 of this agreement shall apply.

17.0 Limitation of liability

17.1 If a person enters into this agreement as trustee of a trust and is not a beneficiary of the trust, then that person will be known as an "independent trustee" and clauses 17.2 and 17.3 will apply.

17.2 The liability of an independent trustee under this agreement is limited to the extent of the indemnity from the assets of the trust available to the independent trustee at the time of enforcement of that indemnity.

17.3 However, if the entitlement of the independent trustee to be indemnified from the trust assets has been lost or impaired (whether fully or in part) by reason of the independent trustee's act or omission (whether in breach of trust or otherwise), then the limitation of liability in clause 17.2 does not apply, and the independent trustee will be personally liable up to the amount that would have been indemnified from the assets of the trust had the indemnity not been lost.

18.0 Overseas Investment Act Consent not required

18.1 The purchaser warrants that the purchaser does not require OIA Consent or that the purchaser has obtained OIA Consent.

19.0 Counterparts

19.1 This agreement may be executed and delivered in any number of counterparts (including scanned and emailed PDF counterparts).

19.2 Each executed counterpart will be deemed an original and all executed counterparts together will constitute one (and the same) instrument.

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20.0 Agency

20.1 If the name of a licensed real estate agent is recorded on this agreement, it is acknowledged that the sale evidenced by this agreement has been made through that agent whom the vendor has appointed as the vendor's agent according to an executed agency agreement.

20.2 The scope of the authority of the agent under clause 20.1 does not extend to making an offer, counteroffer, or acceptance of a purchaser's offer or counteroffer on the vendor's behalf without the express authority of the vendor for that purpose. That authority, if given, should be recorded in the executed agency agreement.

20.3 The vendor shall be liable to pay the agent's charges including GST in accordance with the executed agency agreement.

21.0 Collection of sales information

21.1 Once this agreement has become unconditional in all respects, the agent referred to in clause 20.0 may provide certain information relating to the sale to REINZ.

21.2 This information includes the sale price, address and other details about the property. The information is stored on a secure password protected network under REINZ's control.

21.3 REINZ combines this information with other property and market information and uses it itself or makes it available to real estate agencies and valuers, and other third parties (or service providers to any of them) for the following purposes:

(1) provision of appraisals and valuations to prospective vendors or purchasers of properties in the same area as the property;

(2) publication of reports and guidance on the real estate market nationally or in particular locations; and

(3) research, statistical, and predictive analysis for internal use or publication.

21.4 The information provided to REINZ under clause 21.1 does not specifically identify either of the parties to this agreement but may be combined with other information in the databases maintained by REINZ or other recipients, resulting in it becoming personal information under the Privacy Act 2020. Either party is therefore entitled to request access to and correction of any personal information held by REINZ by contacting REINZ at info@reinz.co.nz or by post or telephone.

22.0 COVID-19 / Pandemic Provisions

22.1 The parties acknowledge that the Government of New Zealand or a Minister of that Government may, as a result of public health risks arising from a Pandemic, order restrictions on personal movement pursuant to the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 (or other legislation), and the effect of such restrictions may be that personal movement within or between particular regions is unlawful for the general population of those regions.

22.2 Where such a legal restriction on personal movement exists either nationally or in the region or district where the property is located:

(1) The settlement date will be the later of:

(a) the date that is 10 working days after the date on which the restriction on personal movement in the region or district in which the property is located is removed; or

(b) the settlement date as stated elsewhere in this agreement.

(2) Nothing in the previous provisions of this clause is to have the effect of bringing forward a date specified in this agreement.

22.3 Clause 22.2 applies whether such legal restriction on personal movement exists at, or is imposed after, the date of this agreement, and on each occasion such restriction is imposed.

22.4 Neither party will have any claim against the other for a deferral of the settlement date under this clause 22.0.

22.5 For the purposes of this clause 22.0, "Pandemic" means the COVID-19 pandemic, or such other pandemic or epidemic that gives rise to Government orders restricting personal movement.

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Further Terms of Sale

23.0 Settled claims - no assignment

23.1 In relation to any damage caused to the property from the Canterbury earthquakes and aftershocks from and including 4 September 2010 and 22 February 2011, the parties acknowledge:
(a) A prior owner of the property lodged the following claims with EQC "the Claims":
i. CLM/2010/094445
ii. CLM/2011/093887
iii. CLM/2011/193541
(b) The property was purchased by the vendor without the benefit of the assignment of any EQC claims in relation to any earthquake damage;
(c) The parties acknowledge that the Claims are unable to be assigned to the purchaser and the purchaser agrees that it has no rights in respect of the Claims;
(d) The purchaser has made its own enquiries in relation to the condition of the property and does not rely upon any representation or warranty from the vendor or the vendor's agent.

24.0 Works to be completed prior to settlement

24.1 The vendor shall, at the vendor's cost, complete the following works in a proper and tradesmanlike manner prior to the settlement date:
(a) Repair the fire-damaged truss in the roof space as per Appendix D in the Struct-Eng report provided to the purchaser;
(b) Repair metal apron flashing on the southern elevation of the dwelling.

23.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the purchaser shall be entitled to rely on their rights under Clause 3.2 of the General Terms of Sale to inspect the property and confirm compliance with the above works prior to settlement.

25.0 Deposit

25.1 The vendor and purchaser agree that the deposit payable under this agreement will be lodged with Public Trust, to be held on behalf of the vendor and the purchaser. NZ Real Estate Trust is an independent third-party trust account service provided by SafeKiwi (New Zealand) Limited. SafeKiwi (New Zealand) Limited acts as a stakeholder in respect of the deposits paid into NZ Real Estate Trust. Interest earned on the deposit whilst it is held by Public Trust is payable to SafeKiwi (New Zealand) Limited. Terms of Use can be viewed at www.realestatetrust.co.nz/termsofuse.

26.0 Early release of deposit

26.1 As this Agreement is unconditional on signing, New Zealand Real Estate Trust is irrevocably authorised to effect the immediate release of the cleared deposit monies held for this Agreement.

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SCHEDULE 3

(GST Information – see clause 15.0)

This Schedule must be completed if the vendor has stated on the front page that the vendor is registered under the GST Act in respect of the transaction evidenced by this agreement and/or will be so registered at settlement. Otherwise, there is no need to complete it.

Section 1 Vendor		
1(a)	The vendor's registration number (if already registered):	
1(b)	(i) All of the property is being used as a principal place of residence at the date of this agreement.	Yes/No/NA
	(ii) The supply of all of the property will be a taxable supply.	Yes/No/NA
	(iii) Part of the property is being used as a principal place of residence at the date of this agreement	Yes/No/NA
	(iv) That part is: (e.g. "the main farmhouse" or "the apartment above the shop")	
	(v) The supply of that part described in 1(b)(iv) will be a taxable supply.	Yes/No/NA
Section 2 Purchaser		
2(a)	The purchaser is registered under the GST Act and/or will be so registered at settlement.	Yes/No
2(b)	The purchaser intends at settlement to use the property for making taxable supplies.	Yes/No
If the answer to either or both of questions 2(a) and 2(b) is "No", go to question 2(e)		
2(c)	The purchaser's details are as follows: (i) Full name:	
	(ii) Address:	
	(iii) Registration number (if already registered):	
2(d)	The purchaser intends at settlement to use the property as a principal place of residence by the purchaser or by a person associated with the purchaser under section 2A(1)(c) of the GST Act (connected by blood relationship, marriage, civil union, de facto relationship or adoption).	Yes/No
	OR	
	The purchaser intends at settlement to use part of the property (and no other part) as a principal place of residence by the purchaser or by a person associated with the purchaser under section 2A(1)(c) of the GST Act. That part is: (e.g. "the main farmhouse" or "the apartment above the shop")	Yes/No
2(e)	The purchaser intends to direct the vendor to transfer title to the property to another party ("nominee").	Yes/No
If the answer to question 2(e) is "Yes", then please continue. Otherwise, there is no need to complete this Schedule any further.		
Section 3 Nominee		
3(a)	The nominee is registered under the GST Act and/or is expected by the purchaser to be so registered at settlement.	Yes/No
3(b)	The purchaser expects the nominee at settlement to use the property for making taxable supplies.	Yes/No
If the answer to either or both of questions 3(a) and 3(b) is "No", there is no need to complete this Schedule any further.		
3(c)	The nominee's details (if known to the purchaser) are as follows: (i) Full name:	
	(ii) Address:	
	(iii) Registration number (if already registered):	
3(d)	The purchaser expects the nominee to intend at settlement to use the property as a principal place of residence by the nominee or by a person associated with the nominee under section 2A(1)(c) of the GST Act (connected by blood relationship, marriage, civil union, de facto relationship or adoption).	Yes/No
	OR	
	The purchaser expects the nominee to intend at settlement to use part of the property (and no other part) as a principal place of residence by the nominee or by a person associated with the nominee under section 2A(1)(c) of the GST Act. That part is: (e.g. "the main farmhouse" or "the apartment above the shop")	Yes/No

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BEFORE BIDDING AT THE AUCTION

- If you are the successful bidder or you sign this agreement before or after the auction, this sale will be legally binding on you.
- If you are the successful bidder, the auctioneer may sign the Memorandum of Contract on your behalf if you should fail or refuse to do so.
- It is recommended you seek professional advice before bidding, or if you sign this agreement before or after the auction, before signing. **You should always get legal advice before bidding at the auction and throughout the buying and selling process.**
- TLANZ and REINZ accept no liability whatsoever in respect of this document and any agreement which may arise from it.
- The vendor should check the correctness of all warranties made under clause 9, clause 10, and elsewhere in this agreement.
- In the case of a unit title, before the purchaser bids at the auction or signs this Memorandum of Contract, the vendor **must** provide to the purchaser a pre-contract disclosure statement under section 146 of the Unit Titles Act.
- The transaction may have tax implications for the parties and it is recommended that both parties seek their own professional advice regarding the tax implications of the transaction before signing, including:
  - the GST treatment of the transaction, which depends upon the GST information supplied by the parties and could change before settlement if that information changes; and
  - the income tax treatment of the transaction, including any income tax implications of purchase price allocation.

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE SHOULD BE SOUGHT REGARDING THE EFFECT AND CONSEQUENCES OF BECOMING THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AT THE AUCTION.

MEMORANDUM OF CONTRACT

Date of Memorandum:

At, or prior to, or subsequent to, the auction (*delete as applicable*),

PURCHASER'S NAME: **and/or nominee ("the purchaser")**

became the purchaser of the property by being the highest bidder, or by agreeing with the vendor to purchase the property.

The vendor agrees to sell and the purchaser agrees to purchase the property and chattels included in the sale for the purchase price stated below in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Purchase price: $

Plus GST (if any) OR **Inclusive of GST** (if any)**.**
If neither is deleted, the purchase price includes GST (if any).

Deposit: $ _____ payable to Public Trust o/a New Zealand Real Estate Trust within 1 working day of the date of this agreement.

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Acknowledgements

Where this agreement relates to the sale of a residential property and this agreement was provided to the parties by a real estate agent, or by a licensee on behalf of the agent, the parties acknowledge that they have been given the guide about the sale of residential property approved by the Real Estate Authority and a copy of the agency's in-house complaints and dispute resolution process.

The person or persons signing this agreement acknowledge that either:

(a) they are signing in a personal capacity as the 'vendor' named on the front page or 'purchaser' named above, or

(b) they have authority to bind the party named as 'vendor' named on the front page or 'purchaser' named above.

WARNING *(This warning does not form part of this agreement)*

Before signing, each party should read this entire contract and should obtain all relevant professional advice.
This is a binding contract. Once signed, you will be bound by the terms of it and there may be no, or only limited, rights to terminate it.

Signature of Purchaser(s) or Auctioneer:

_____

Name:

Director / Trustee / Authorised Signatory / Agent / Attorney*
Delete the options that do not apply
If no option is deleted, the signatory is signing in their personal capacity

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Name:

Director / Trustee / Authorised Signatory / Agent / Attorney*
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Signature of Vendor(s) or Auctioneer:

_____

Name: Joshua Gary Cosgrove

~~**Director**~~ / ~~**Trustee**~~ / ~~**Authorised Signatory**~~ / ~~**Agent**~~ / ~~**Attorney***~~
Delete the options that do not apply
If no option is deleted, the signatory is signing in their personal capacity

_____

Name: Allanah Beverley Davey

~~**Director**~~ / ~~**Trustee**~~ / ~~**Authorised Signatory**~~ / ~~**Agent**~~ / ~~**Attorney***~~
Delete the options that do not apply
If no option is deleted, the signatory is signing in their personal capacity

* If this agreement is signed under:

(i) a Power of Attorney – please attach a **Certificate of non-revocation** (available from TLANZ: 4098WFP or REINZ); or

(ii) an Enduring Power of Attorney – please attach a **Certificate of non-revocation and non-suspension of the enduring power of attorney** (available from TLANZ: 4997WFP or REINZ).

Also insert the following wording for the Attorney's Signature above:

Signed by [full name of the donor] by his or her Attorney [attorney's signature].

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY AUCTION

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Email Address for Service of Notices (clause 3.4)**:**

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Contact Details:

PURCHASER'S LAWYERS:
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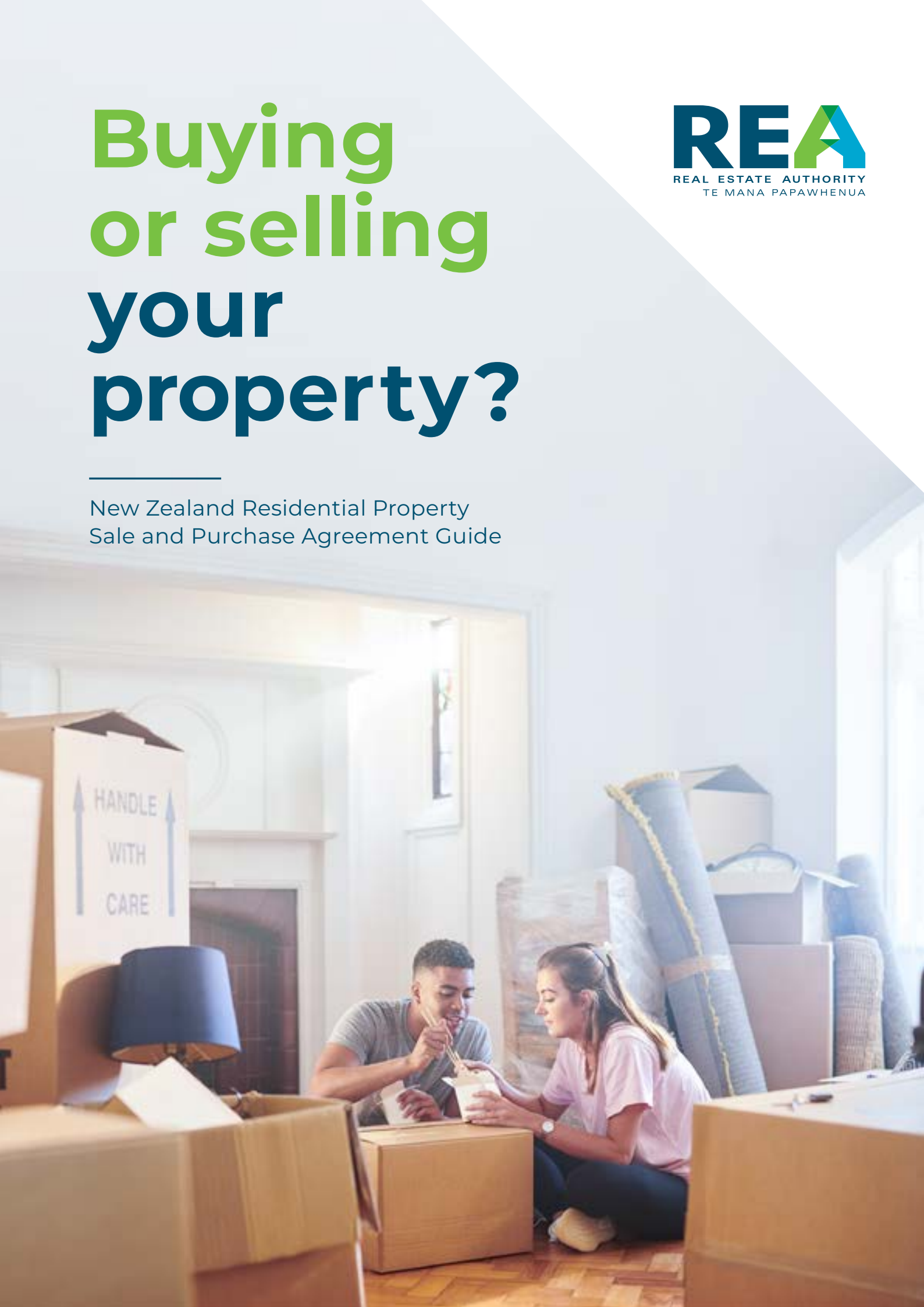
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Key things to know about sale and purchase agreements

- A sale and purchase agreement is a legally binding contract between you and the other party involved in buying or selling a property.
- You must sign a written sale and purchase agreement to buy or sell a property.
- You need to read and understand the sale and purchase agreement before you sign it.
- Even if a standard sale and purchase agreement is being used, you should always get legal advice before you sign the agreement and throughout the buying and selling process.
- You can negotiate some of the terms and conditions in a sale and purchase agreement.
- You can include additional clauses, such as what to do if there are special circumstances. Your lawyer plays an important role in providing advice on what the sale and purchase agreement should say.
- A sale and purchase agreement becomes unconditional once all the conditions are met.
- In most cases, the real estate professional is working for the seller of the property, but they must treat the buyer fairly.
- If your real estate professional or anyone related to them wants to buy your property, they must get your written consent to do this. They must also give you a valuation of your property by an independent registered valuer.
- The sale and purchase agreement is only available in English. You may need assistance interpreting it if English is not your primary language.

What a sale and purchase agreement is

A sale and purchase agreement is a legally binding contract between you and the other party involved in buying or selling a property. It sets out all the details, terms and conditions of the sale. This includes things such as the price, any chattels being sold with the property, whether the buyer needs to sell another property first or needs a property inspection and the settlement date.

A sale and purchase agreement provides certainty to both the buyer and the seller about what will happen when.



What's in a sale and purchase agreement

Your sale and purchase agreement should include the following things.

Basic details of the sale

Different sale methods like tender or auction might mean the sale and purchase agreement can look different, but all sale and purchase agreements should contain:

- the names of the people buying and selling the property
- the address of the property
- the type of title, for example, freehold or leasehold
- the price
- any deposit the buyer must pay
- any chattels being sold with the property, for example, whiteware or curtains
- any specific conditions you or the other party want fulfilled
- how many working days you have to fulfil your conditions (if there are any conditions)
- the settlement date (the date the buyer pays the rest of the amount for the property, which is usually also the day they can move in)
- the rate of interest the buyer must pay on any overdue payments (such as being late on paying the deposit or the remaining amount at the settlement date).

General obligations and conditions you have to comply with

The sale and purchase agreement includes general obligations and conditions that you will need to comply with. For example, these may include:

- access rights – what access the buyer can have to inspect the property before settlement day
- insurance – to make sure the property remains insured until the settlement date and outline what will happen if any damage occurs before settlement day
- default by the buyer – the buyer may have to compensate the seller if they don't settle on time, for example, with interest payments
- default by the seller – the seller may have to compensate the buyer if they don't settle on time, for example, by paying accommodation costs
- eligibility to buy property in New Zealand – people who have migrated to New Zealand may not be permitted to immediately buy property or may need to get consent from the Overseas Investment Office.

Your lawyer will explain these clauses to you.

Check...

Always check your sale and purchase agreement with a lawyer before signing.

Buying or selling a property where the owner isn't able to participate, like a mortgagee sale or deceased estate, can mean the real estate professional has limited information about the property. It pays to allow for this when deciding what conditions the buyer and seller might need.

Remember...

Before you sign a sale and purchase agreement, whether you're the buyer or the seller, the real estate professional must give you a copy of this guide. They must also ask you to confirm in writing that you've received it.

Specific conditions a buyer may include

Some buyers will present an unconditional offer, which means there are no specific conditions to be fulfilled. Some buyers will include one or more conditions (that must be fulfilled by a specified date) in their offer such as:

- title search – this is done by the buyer's lawyer to check who the legal owner of the property is and to see if there are any other interests over the property such as caveats or easements
- finance – this refers to the buyer arranging payment, often requiring bank approval for a mortgage or loan
- valuation report – a bank may require the buyer to obtain a valuation of the property (an estimate of the property's worth on the current market) before they agree to a loan
- Land Information Memorandum (LIM) – provided by the local council, this report provides information about the property such as rates, building permits and consents, drainage, planning and other important information
- property inspection – a buyer paying for an inspection provides an independent overview of the condition of the property rather than relying on an inspection that has been arranged by the seller
- engineer's or surveyor's report – similar to the above but more focused on the entire section and the structure of the property
- sale of another home – the buyer may need to sell their own home in order to buy another.

The real estate professional helps the buyer and the seller to include the conditions they each want. Even though the real estate professional works for the seller, they also have to deal fairly and honestly with the buyer. While they're not expected to discover hidden defects, they can't withhold information and must tell the buyer about any known defects with the property. If a buyer needs time to check a property for defects, including a property inspection condition may be important.



What happens after you sign the sale and purchase agreement

Signing the sale and purchase agreement is not the end of the sale or purchase process.

Both parties work through the conditions until the agreement is unconditional

A conditional agreement means the sale and purchase agreement has one or more conditions that must be met by a specified date and before the sale goes through.

The buyer pays the deposit. Depending on what the sale and purchase agreement says, the buyer may pay the deposit when they sign the agreement or when the agreement becomes unconditional. If the deposit is made to the real estate agency, it must be held in their agency's trust account for 10 working days before it can be released to the seller.

An agreement for sale and purchase commits you to buy or sell

Once you've signed the sale and purchase agreement and any conditions set out in it have been met, you must complete the sale or purchase of the property.

The length of time between the conditions being met and the settlement date varies. Settlement periods can be lengthy if the property hasn't been built yet or the sale and purchase agreement includes conditions for one party to buy or sell another property. The real estate professional has obligations to keep you informed of important updates that come up during this time.

Pre-settlement inspection

This is the chance for the buyer to check the property and chattels are in the same condition they were when the sale and purchase agreement was signed and to check that the seller has met any conditions, for example, there is no damage to walls or chattels haven't been removed from the property.

It's important to raise any concerns you find at the pre-settlement inspection with your lawyer and the real estate professional as soon as possible to allow enough time for an issue to be resolved. If it's less than 24 hours before settlement, the vendor may not be obligated to set things right.

Payment of a commission

Once the sale is complete, the seller pays the real estate professional for their services. The real estate agency usually takes the commission from the deposit they're holding in their trust account. The seller should make sure the deposit is enough to cover the commission. The real estate professional cannot ask the buyer to pay for their services if they have been engaged by the seller.

The buyer pays the rest

The buyer pays the remainder of the amount for the property on the day of settlement, usually through their lawyer.

Buying a tenanted property

If the property is tenanted, the agreement for sale and purchase should specify this. It may also contain a specific date for possession that may differ from the settlement date.

If the buyer requires the property to be sold with 'vacant possession', it is the seller's responsibility to give the tenant notice to vacate in accordance with the tenant's legal rights.

It is recommended that you seek legal advice if you are buying a property that is currently tenanted.

What happens if you have a problem

If something has gone wrong, first discuss your concern with the real estate professional or their manager. All agencies must have in-house procedures for resolving complaints.

If you can't resolve the issue with the real estate agency or you don't feel comfortable discussing it with them, you can contact the Real Estate Authority (REA). We can help in a number of ways if your complaint is about the real estate professional. For example, we can help you and the real estate professional or agency to resolve the issue and remind them of their obligations under the Real Estate Agents Act 2008. When you contact us, we'll work with you to help you decide the best thing to do.

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REA is the independent government agency that regulates the New Zealand real estate profession.

Our purpose is to promote and protect the interests of consumers buying and selling real estate and to promote public confidence in the performance of real estate agency work.

What we do

Our job is to promote a high standard of conduct in the real estate profession and protect buyers and sellers of property from harm.

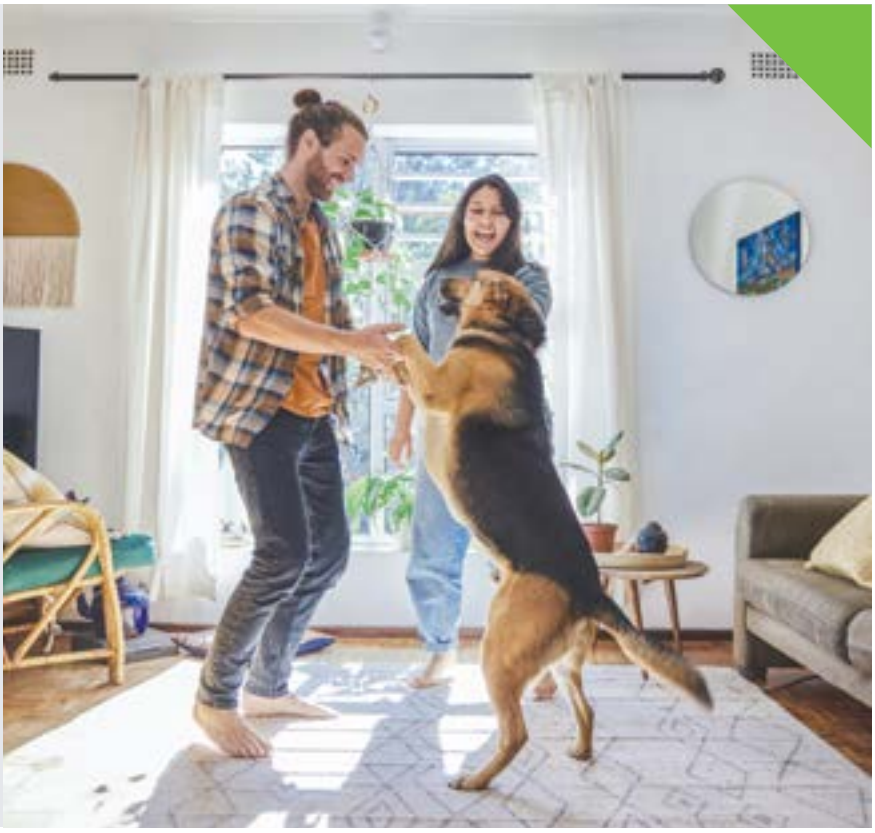
- We provide independent information for people who are buying and selling property through our settled.govt.nz website.
- We provide guidance for real estate professionals and oversee a complaints process.
- We license people and companies working in the real estate industry.
- We maintain a Code of Conduct setting out the professional standards real estate professionals must follow.
- We maintain a public register of real estate professionals that includes information about disciplinary action taken in the last 3 years.

The Real Estate Agents Authority is a Crown agent, established under the Real Estate Agents Act 2008. The Real Estate Authority is the operating name of the Real Estate Agents Authority.

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