

## Financial Services Guide

The financial services referred to in this financial services guide (FSG) are offered by:

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This FSG sets out the services that we can offer you. It is designed to assist you in deciding whether to use any of those services and contains important information about:

- the services we offer you.
- how we and others are paid.
- any potential conflict of interest we may have.
- our internal and external dispute resolution procedures and how you can access them.
- arrangements we have in place to compensate clients for losses.

### **Statement of advice**

You will receive a statement of advice (SOA) whenever we provide you with advice which takes into account your objectives, financial situation and needs. The SOA will contain the advice which will enable you to make an informed decision about your insurance needs.

When you ask us to recommend an insurance policy for you, we will usually only consider the policies offered by the insurers or insurance providers that we deal with regularly. In giving you advice about the costs and terms of recommended policies we have not compared those policies to other policies available, other than from those insurers we deal with regularly.

### **Product disclosure statement**

If we offer to arrange the issue of an insurance policy to you, we will also provide you with, or pass on to you, a product disclosure statement (PDS), unless you already have an up to date PDS. The PDS will contain information about the particular policy which will enable you to make an informed decision about purchasing that policy.

### **From when does this FSG apply?**

This FSG applies from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020 and remains valid unless a further FSG is issued to replace it. We may give you a supplementary FSG. It will not replace this FSG but will cover services not covered by this FSG.

### **How can I instruct you?**

You can contact us to give us instructions by post, phone, fax or email on the contact number or details mentioned on page 1 of this FSG.

### **Who is responsible for the financial services provided?**

Sutton Insurance Brokers is responsible for the financial services that will be provided to you, or through you to your family members, including the distribution of this FSG.

Sutton Insurance Brokers holds a current Australian Financial Services Licensee no: 241096. The contact details for Sutton Insurance Brokers are on the front of this FSG.

### **What kinds of financial services are you authorised to provide to me and what kinds of financial product/s do those services relate to?**

Sutton Insurance Brokers is authorised to advise and deal in General Insurance products. We will do this for you as your broker unless we tell you otherwise.

### **Will I receive tailored advice?**

Maybe not in all cases. However, we may need information about your personal objectives, details of your current financial situation and any relevant information, so that we can arrange insurance policies for you, or to give you advice about your insurance needs. We will ask you for the details that we need to know. In some cases we will not ask for any of this information. If we do not ask, or if you do not give us all of the information we ask for, any advice you receive may not be appropriate to your needs, objectives and financial situation.

You should read the warnings contained in any SOA, or any other warnings that we give you, carefully before making any decision about an insurance policy.

### **How will I pay for the services provided?**

For each insurance product the insurer will charge a premium that includes any relevant taxes, charges and levies. We often receive a payment based on a percentage of this premium (excluding relevant taxes, charges and levies) called commission, which is paid to us by the insurers. However, in some cases we will also charge you a fee. These will all be shown on the invoice that we send you. You can choose to pay by any of the payment methods set out in the invoice. You are required to pay us within the time set out on the invoice.

If there is a refund of premium owed to you as a result of a cancellation or alteration to a policy, we will retain any fee we have charged you. We may also retain commission depending on our arrangements with the insurer.

When you pay us your premium it will be banked into our trust account. We retain the commission from the premium you pay us and remit the balance to the insurer in accordance with our arrangements with the insurer. We will earn interest on the premium while it is in our trust account or we may invest the premium and earn a return. We will retain any interest or return on investment earned on the premium.

### **How are any commissions, fees or other benefits calculated for providing the financial services?**

The commission we receive is generally in the range between 7.5% and 26.5%. The commission is calculated using the percentage commission paid to us by the insurer times the amount you pay for any insurance (less any government fees or charges included).

We do not often pay any commissions, fees or benefits to others who refer you to us or refer us to an insurer. If we do, we will pay commissions to those people out of our commission or fees (not in addition to those amounts), in the range of 0% to 50% of our commission or fees.

Our employees that will assist you with your insurance needs will be paid a market salary.

If we give you personal advice, we will inform you of any fees, commission or other payments we, our associates or anyone referring you to us (or us to any insurer) will receive in relation to the policies that are the subject of the advice. See below for information on the Steadfast association and commission.

### **Do you have any relationships or associations with the insurers who issue the insurance policies or any other material relationships?**

Suttons Insurance Brokers is a Steadfast Group Limited (Steadfast) Network Broker. Steadfast has exclusive arrangements with some insurers and premium funders (Partners) under which Steadfast will receive between 0.5 – 1.5% commission for each product arranged by us with those Partners. Steadfast is also a shareholder of some Partners.

We may receive a proportion of that commission from Steadfast at the end of each financial year (or other agreed period). As a Steadfast Network Broker we have access to member services including model operating and compliance tools, procedures, manuals and training, legal, technical, banking and recruitment advice and assistance, group insurance arrangements, product comparison and placement support, claims support and group purchasing arrangements. These member services are either funded by Steadfast, subsidised by Steadfast or available exclusively to Steadfast Network Brokers for a fee. You can obtain a copy of Steadfast's FSG at [www.steadfast.com.au](http://www.steadfast.com.au)

Portclip Pty Ltd Pty Ltd T/as Sutton Insurance Brokers is an Aviso Group Partner which provides access to some additional specialised and exclusive products and services for a fee. As a result of our Aviso Group Membership, we may earn an annual bonus based on annual business volume, claims performance or profit performance.

Any relevant specific benefits received by Sutton Insurance Brokers in relation to our recommendations to you, arising from those associations, will be disclosed in our SOA.

If we arrange premium funding for you we may be paid a commission by the premium funder. We may also charge you a fee (or both). The commission that we are paid by the premium funder is usually calculated as a percentage of your insurance premium (including government fees or changes). If you instruct us to arrange or issue a product, this is when we become entitled to the commission.

Our commission rates for premium funding are in the range of 1% to 3% of funded premium. When we arrange premium funding for you, you can ask us what commission rates we are paid for that funding arrangement compared to the other arrangements that were available to you. The amount of our commission and any fee that we charge will set out in the premium funding contract.

### **Your Privacy & What information do you maintain in my file and how can I examine it?**

We maintain a record of your personal profile, including details of insurance policies that we arrange or issue for you. We may also maintain records of any recommendations or advice given to you. We will retain this FSG and any other FSG given to you as well as any SOA or PDS that we give or pass on to you for the period required by law.

We are committed to protecting your privacy. We use the information you provide to advise about and assist with your insurance needs. We provide your information to insurance companies and agents that provide insurance quotes and offer insurance terms to you or the companies that deal with your insurance claim (such as loss assessors and claims administrators). Your information may be given to an overseas insurer (like Lloyd's of London) if we are seeking insurance terms from an overseas insurer, or to reinsurers who are located overseas. We will try to tell you where those companies are located at the time of advising you. We do not trade, rent or sell your information.

If you don't provide us with full information, we can't properly advise you, seek insurance terms for you, or assist with claims and you could breach your duty of disclosure.

For more information about how to access the personal information we hold about you and how to have the information corrected and how to complain if you think we have breached the privacy laws, call our Privacy Manager on 02 6722 4300 during business hours. You can also obtain information about our Privacy Policy from our web site at [www.suttoninsurance.com.au](http://www.suttoninsurance.com.au) or ask us for a copy of our Privacy Policy.

### **What should I do if I have a complaint?**

1. Contact us and tell us about your complaint. We will do our best to resolve it quickly.
2. If your complaint is not satisfactorily resolved within 14 days, please contact Matthew Sutton on 02 6722 4300 or put your complaint in writing and send it to him at Sutton Insurance Brokers at the address noted at the beginning of this FSG. We will try and resolve your complaint quickly and fairly.
3. Sutton Insurance Brokers is a member of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). If your complaint cannot be resolved to your satisfaction by us you have the right to refer the matter to the AFCA. The AFCA can be contacted at:

Street Address: Australian Financial Complaints Authority,  
Level 12, 717 Bourke Street,  
Docklands 3008

Mailing address: Australian Financial Complaints Authority,  
GPO Box 3,  
Melbourne 3001.

Ph: 1800 367 287 Fax: 03 9613 6399.  
Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au) , Website: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)

### **What arrangements do you have in place to compensate clients for losses?**

Sutton Insurance Brokers has a professional indemnity insurance policy (PI policy) in place. The PI policy covers us and our employees for claims made against us and our employees by clients as a result of the conduct of us or our employees in the provision of financial services.

Our PI policy cover us for claims relating to the conduct of representatives who no longer work for us.

### **Any questions?**

If you have any further questions about the financial services Sutton Insurance Brokers provides, please contact us. Please retain this document for your reference and any future dealings with Sutton Insurance Brokers.