# Professional Indemnity Insurance for Construction Consultants

#### **Important Notice**

Please note that the **Policy** provides insurance on a Claims Made basis. Accordingly, **Liberty** will only cover the **Insured** in respect of **Claims** which are first made against the **Insured** during the **Policy Period** and reported to **Liberty** during the **Policy Period**. This **Policy** may contain a retroactive date exclusion by endorsement.

The **Insured** should carefully read all of the **Policy**, including all definitions and, in particular, the exclusions, to ascertain the precise scope of cover afforded by the **Policy**. The **Insured** is advised to consult its insurance adviser to ensure a clear understanding of the **Insured's** rights and obligations under the **Policy**.





# Policy Schedule

Policy Number	PL-XX-SPC-0X-XXXXXX			
Named Insured				
Address of Insured				
Policy Period	From: To:	·		
Professional Services				
Limit of Liability	\$X,000,000			
Sub-Limits of Liability	Extension 2.	13 Loss of Documents 16 Professional Inquiries 17 Public Relations Costs	\$X,000 \$X,000 \$X,000	
Excess	\$X,000	Ent		
Policy Wording	LIU AUS OO	S PI Construction Consultants Po	licy Wording (03-11)	
Optional Extensions	3.2 Loss I	actual Liability Mitigation & Rectification tatement	Included/Not Included Included/Not Included Included/Not Included	
Endorsements				
Continuity Date				
Additional Insurance				
	This policy is valid only if this schedule is signed and dated below by a person authorised by <b>Liberty</b> .			
	Issued <day> <month> <year> in <office location=""></office></year></month></day>			
Authorised by Liberty				



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In consideration of payment of the **Premium** by the **Named Insured** and subject to all the terms, conditions and exclusions, including all definitions of the **Policy**, **Liberty** agrees as follows:

## 1. Insuring Clauses

#### 1.1 Professional Liability

**Liberty** will indemnify the **Insured** against civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** arising from the performance of **Professional Services**.

#### 1.2 Advancement of Defence Costs

Liberty will pay for **Defence Costs** in respect of a **Claim** covered under Insuring Clause 1.1 or under any applicable extension. Liberty will pay for these **Defence Costs** as and when they are incurred prior to final resolution of the **Claim**.

However, each **Insured** shall repay to **Liberty** all payments of **Defence Costs** incurred on that **Insured's** behalf if and to the extent it is established that such **Defence Costs** are not insured under the **Policy**.

Defence Costs are subject to the Excess and form part of the Limit of Liability.

#### 2. Extensions

Subject to all the terms, conditions and exclusions, including all definitions of the **Policy**, **Liberty** further agrees to extend cover provided under the **Policy** as follows:

#### 2.1 Breach of Confidentiality

**Liberty** will indemnify the **Insured** against civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** arising from the performance of **Professional Services** alleging breach of confidentiality by the **Insured**.

#### 2.2 Competition & Consumer Act

**Liberty** will indemnify the **Insured** against civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** arising from the performance of **Professional Services** under the terms of the Competition & Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) as amended from time to time, or any Fair Trading legislation of any State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia.

#### 2.3 Continuous Cover

If the **Insured** was aware of any facts that might give rise to a **Claim** or **Professional Inquiry** arising from the performance of **Professional Services** prior to the commencement of the **Policy Period** and had not notified **Liberty** of such facts prior to the commencement of the **Policy Period**, then Exclusion 4.11(b) in respect of "Prior Matters" will not apply to the notification of a **Claim** or **Professional Inquiry** resulting from such facts, provided that:

- (a) the failure to notify such facts was not a result of any fraudulent misrepresentation or fraudulent non-disclosure by the **Insured**;
- (b) the Insured first became aware of such facts after the Continuity Date; and
- (c) **Liberty** will reduce its liability to the extent of any prejudice suffered as a result of the **Insured's** failure to notify such facts prior to the commencement of the **Policy Period**.



#### 2.4 Deemed Employees

The definition of **Insured** in Definition 7.7 is extended to include any contractor or consultant who is a "deemed worker" under the workers' compensation laws of the State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia in which the contractor or consultant is performing **Professional Services** and has a written contract with the **Named Insured** or its **Subsidiaries** to perform **Professional Services**, but only in relation to the performance of **Professional Services** for or on behalf of the **Named Insured** or its **Subsidiaries**.

#### 2.5 Defamation

**Liberty** will indemnify the **Insured** against civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** arising from the performance of **Professional Services** alleging any libel, slander, defamation or injurious falsehood by the **Insured**. No cover is provided under this extension for any **Claim** arising from any intentional libel, slander, defamation or injurious falsehood.

#### 2.6 Extended Policy Period

If a **Change in Control** occurs during the **Policy Period** then the **Named Insured** may request an extended policy period of up to 84 months commencing from the end of the **Policy Period** during which time the **Insured** may notify any claim to **Liberty** provided it results from **Professional Services** performed prior to the effective date of the **Change in Control**.

The **Named Insured** must request this extended policy period in writing before the end of the **Policy Period**. Liberty will offer this extended policy period on such terms and conditions and for such additional premium as Liberty may reasonably impose.

An extended policy period granted under this extension shall be non-cancellable and any additional premium paid shall be non-refundable.

This extension is subject to the Limit of Liability, the Sub-Limits of Liability and the Excess and does not apply if the **Policy** is cancelled or avoided by Liberty.

#### 2.7 Fraud & Dishonesty

Notwithstanding Exclusion 4.4 in respect of "Fraud & Dishonesty", **Liberty** will indemnify the **Insured** against civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** arising from the performance of **Professional Services** alleging fraudulent or dishonest conduct by the **Insured** or their **Agent**.

However, no cover is provided under this extension:

- (a) to any person, company or other entity who has committed or condoned the fraudulent or dishonest conduct; or
- (b) in respect of a **Claim** arising from or in any way connected with loss of **Money**.

#### 2.8 Implied Warranties & Conditions

Notwithstanding Exclusion 4.2(a) in respect of "Contractual Liability & Commercial Risks", **Liberty** will indemnify the **Insured** against civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** arising from the performance of **Professional Services** alleging breach of warranty or condition as to merchantable quality, due skill and care or fitness for purpose implied in a contract under common law and/or the terms of the Competition & Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), as amended from time to time, or any similar Fair Trading legislation of any State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia.



#### 2.9 Intellectual Property Rights

Notwithstanding Exclusion 4.6 in respect of "Intellectual Property Rights", **Liberty** will indemnify the **Insured** against civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** arising from the performance of **Professional Services** alleging infringement of **Intellectual Property Rights** by the **Insured**.

However, no cover is provided under this extension for any Claim:

- (a) resulting from any intentional infringement of Intellectual Property Rights; or
- (b) arising out of or in any way connected with:
  - legal or regulatory proceedings brought within the United States of America, Canada or any of their territories or protectorates or in which the laws of those countries are applicable, even if only to a limited extent; or
  - the enforcement of any judgment, award or regulatory order obtained within or determined pursuant to the laws of the United States of America, Canada or any of their territories or protectorates.

#### 2.10 Interference with Privacy

Liberty will indemnify the Insured against civil liability the Insured incurs in respect of a Claim arising from the performance of Professional Services alleging unlawful interference with privacy by the Insured.

#### 2.11 Joint Ventures

Liberty will indemnify the **Insured** against civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** arising from **Professional Services** performed by the **Insured** in the **Insured**'s capacity as a joint venture partner but only to the extent of the **Insured's** own liability as a joint venture partner.

Liberty will only pay for **Defence Costs** incurred by the **Insured** in respect of such **Claim** solely in respect of its own liability as a joint venture partner.

#### 2.12 Limitation of Liability Contracts

Notwithstanding General Condition 6.4 in respect of "Subrogation", **Liberty** recognises that the **Insured** may enter into written contracts with other parties relating to the performance of **Professional Services** which may exclude or limit the liability of such parties and **Liberty** agrees that such contracts will not prejudice the **Insured's** right to indemnity under the **Policy**. The cover provided under this extension does not apply to contracts (whether or not they are written contracts) entered into as a result of a dispute which involves the **Insured** in any way.

#### 2.13 Loss of Documents

**Liberty** will pay on behalf of the **Insured** the costs the **Insured** incurs with the prior written consent of **Liberty**, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, for replacing or restoring any **Documents** which are destroyed, damaged or after diligent search cannot be found.

Such destruction, damage or loss must result solely from the performance of **Professional Services** by the **Insured** and be discovered for the first time during the **Policy Period** and reported to **Liberty** during the **Policy Period**.

Liberty will not pay for any destruction, damage or loss resulting from:

- (a) wear and tear or gradual deterioration;
- (b) any computer virus; or
- (c) any act or omission by any person who is not a director, partner or employee of the **Insured** at the time the destruction, damage or loss of such **Documents** is first discovered.

The maximum amount payable by Liberty under this extension is the applicable Sub-Limit of Liability.



#### 2.14 New Subsidiaries

The definition of **Subsidiary** in Definition 7.17 is extended to include any company which, according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia or the Australian State or Territory in which the **Policy** is issued, becomes a subsidiary of the **Named Insured** during the **Policy Period** provided that:

- (a) in the case of an acquisition, the revenue of the new subsidiary for the 12 months preceding the date of its acquisition does not exceed 10% of the consolidated revenue of the Named Insured and its Subsidiaries for the 12 months preceding the commencement of the Policy Period;
- (b) the new subsidiary is not incorporated in the United States of America, Canada or any of their territories or protectorates;
- (c) the new subsidiary does not perform **Professional Services** within the United States of America, Canada or any of their territories or protectorates; and
- (d) the new subsidiary has no paid or incurred professional indemnity claims against it for the 5 years preceding the date of its acquisition.

In respect of any other new subsidiary to which any of (a) to (d) do not apply, **Liberty** will provide cover for a period of 45 days (but not beyond the end of the **Policy Period**) from the effective date of the new subsidiary being acquired or created. Upon provision to **Liberty** by the **Named Insured** of full details of the new subsidiary, **Liberty** will consider providing cover for the new subsidiary for a further period on such terms and conditions and for such additional premium as may be agreed.

Cover in respect of any such new subsidiary applies only in respect of **Professional Services** performed whilst the subsidiary is a subsidiary of the **Named Insured**.

#### 2.15 Period of Grace

If the **Policy** is neither renewed nor replaced by the **Named Insured** with a policy or policies providing similar cover then the **Named Insured** is entitled to an automatic extended policy period of 30 days commencing from the end of the **Policy Period** during which time the **Insured** may notify any claim under the **Policy** to **Liberty** provided it results from **Professional Services** performed prior to end of the **Policy Period**.

#### 2.16 Professional Inquiries

**Liberty** will pay on behalf of the **Insured** the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred by the **Insured** (but excluding the **Insured's** salaries, wages, fees, allowances, travel and accommodation expenses) in preparing for and attending a **Professional Inquiry** provided that:

- (a) such costs and expenses were incurred with the prior written consent of **Liberty** which shall not be unreasonably withheld; and
- (b) the notice requiring the **Insured** to attend the **Professional Inquiry** is first served upon the **Insured** during the **Policy Period** and reported to **Liberty** during the **Policy Period**.

The **Insured** shall repay to **Liberty** all payments of **Professional Inquiry** representation costs and expenses incurred on the **Insured's** behalf if and to the extent it is established that such **Professional Inquiry** representation costs and expenses are not insured under the **Policy**.

The maximum amount payable by Liberty under this extension is the applicable Sub-Limit of Liability.



#### 2.17 Public Relations Costs

Liberty will pay on behalf of the **Insured** the reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred by an **Insured** with **Liberty's** prior written consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld) in seeking advice from a public relations consultant solely for the benefit of protecting the **Insured's** professional reputation as a result of **Professional Services** performed by the **Insured** which have or could reasonably lead to a **Claim** being made against the **Insured**.

This extension is not subject to any **Excess**, however, the **Insured** will bear uninsured 50% of any such costs and expenses. **Liberty** will pay the remaining 50% up to the applicable **Sub-Limit of Liability**.

#### 2.18 Spouses, Estates & Representatives

Liberty will cover:

- (a) in the event of the death, incapacity or bankruptcy of an **Insured**, any **Claim** brought against his or her estate, heirs, executors, administrators or legal representatives; or
- (b) any Claim brought against the lawful spouse or domestic partner of an Insured,

as if the Claim had been brought against that Insured.

No cover is provided under this extension for any actual or alleged act or omission by such estate, heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, lawful spouse or domestic partner.

#### 2.19 Vicarious Liability

Liberty will indemnify the **Insured** against civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** arising from **Professional Services** performed by an **Agent** of the **Insured**.

**Liberty** will not be liable under this extension for the **Agent's** own liability, nor will **Liberty** be prevented from seeking recovery from any **Agent**.

## 3. Optional Extensions

The following extensions are subject to all the terms, conditions and exclusions, including all definitions of the **Policy**, and shall apply only if they are specifically included in the **Schedule**.

#### 3.1 Contractual Liability

Notwithstanding Exclusion 4.2(a) in respect of "Contractual Liability & Commercial Risks", **Liberty** will indemnify the **Insured** against civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** under an indemnity and/or hold harmless term of a contract to the extent such civil liability results from the **Insured's** performance of **Professional Services**.



#### 3.2 Loss Mitigation & Rectification

Liberty will pay to the **Insured** the reasonable direct costs and expenses incurred by the **Insured** in taking action necessary to rectify, or to mitigate the effects of, any act or omission of the **Insured** or its **Agent** in the performance of **Professional Services** that would otherwise result in a **Claim** covered under the **Policy**, provided always that:

- (a) the **Insured** first discovers such act or omission during the **Policy Period** and notifies **Liberty** of such act or omission during the **Policy Period**; and
- (b) the **Insured** notifies **Liberty** during the **Policy Period** of its intention to take such action and obtains **Liberty's** written consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld) prior to incurring any such direct costs or expenses.

No cover is provided for:

- (i) indirect costs and expenses such as loss or diminution of the **Insured's** profit, bonus, incentive payment or opportunity cost; or
- (ii) costs and expenses of materials or **Professional Services**, which result in an increased quality or standard from that specified in the design parameters of the relevant contract.

Notification under this extension must be given to **Liberty** in accordance with Claims Condition 5.1(a) and the **Insured** must give **Liberty** such information and cooperation as it may reasonably require in accordance with Claims Condition 5.1(b).

#### 3.3 Reinstatement

Liberty will provide a single reinstatement of the Limit of Liability if the Limit of Liability is exhausted due to payment of amounts insured under the Policy, but Liberty will only provide such reinstatement if the limit of liability available under any policy or policies in excess of the Policy has or have been exhausted and provided always that Liberty will pay no more than a single Limit of Liability in respect of each Claim and associated Defence Costs and each claim for any other amounts insured under the Policy.

The cover provided under this extension shall not apply to any extensions or optional extensions to which a **Sub-Limit of Liability** applies.

### 4. Exclusions

Liberty will not pay for any amounts insured under the Policy for or arising out of:

#### 4.1 Anti-Competitive Practices

any contravention of the provisions in Part IV, IVA and IVB of the Competition & Consumer Act 2010 (Cth), Federal Trade Commission Act (USA), Sherman Anti-Trust Act (USA), Clayton Act (USA), all as amended from time to time, or any similar law anywhere in the world regulating monopolisation, anti-trust, price fixing, price discrimination, predatory pricing, restraint of trade or similar activities.



#### 4.2 Contractual Liability & Commercial Risks

- (a) a liability which the **Insured** has assumed under a contract unless such liability would have attached in the absence of such contract;
- (b) the insolvency, receivership, administration, bankruptcy or liquidation of the Insured;
- (c) any trading debt incurred by the **Insured**;
- (d) the refund of professional fees; or
- (e) any guarantee given by the **Insured** for a debt.

#### 4.3 Employer's Liability

death, bodily or mental injury, sickness or disease, emotional distress or mental anguish of any actual or deemed employee of the **Insured**.

#### 4.4 Fraud & Dishonesty

any fraudulent, wilful, grossly reckless, malicious or dishonest conduct including any intentional breach of any law or regulation committed by the **Insured** or their **Agent**.

This exclusion will only apply where it is established by an admission of such **Insured** or their **Agent** or by a judgment, award, finding or other adjudication of a court, tribunal, commission or arbitrator that such conduct did in fact occur.

#### 4.5 Goods & Services Tax

**GST** imposed or payable in respect of the **Premium** or any payment of insured amounts made under the **Policy**.

#### 4.6 Intellectual Property Rights

any actual, potential or alleged infringement of Intellectual Property Rights.

#### 4.7 Licensing Inquiries

any prosecution, inquiry, hearing, commission or other investigation in relation to the **Insured** failing to be properly licensed, registered or accredited to provide **Professional Services** as required by any law or other regulation including industry codes of practice.

#### 4.8 Management Liability

the **Insured** acting in the capacity of a director or officer.

#### 4.9 Owners & Occupiers Liability

the ownership, management, control or occupation of real property by or on behalf of the Insured.

#### 4.10 Penalties & Punitive Damages

- (a) any fines or other penalties; or
- (b) any exemplary, aggravated, multiple or punitive damages.



#### 4.11 Prior Matters

or in any way connected with:

- any written demand or legal proceedings for compensation or Professional Inquiry made, (a) threatened, intimated against or involving the Insured prior to the commencement of the Policy Period:
- any facts that, before the commencement of the Policy Period, the Insured was aware, or a (b) reasonable person would have been aware, might give rise to a claim under the Policy;
- any facts that might give rise to a claim under the Policy which have been reported, or which (c) can be or could have been reported, to an insurer under any insurance policy entered into before the commencement of the **Policy Period**;
- (d) any facts that might give rise to a claim under the Policy which have been disclosed to any insurer in any proposal for insurance before the commencement of the Policy Period; or
- any facts that might give rise to a claim under the Policy which were disclosed to Liberty in the (e) proposal.

#### 4.12 Product Defects

any defect in any product or good.

#### 4.13 Related Parties

any Claim made by or on behalf of:

- one or more Insured against another Insured other than a Claim for contribution or indemnity (a) which results directly from another Claim which would be covered under the Policy if made directly against such other Insured;
- a child, sibling, spouse, partner or parent of an **Insured** or a parent of a spouse or partner of an (b) Insured:
- any entity which is owned, controlled or managed by any Insured; or (c)
- (d) any parent company or other entity which owns, controls or manages any Insured.

#### 4.14 Uninsurable Amounts

amounts uninsurable at law.

#### 4.15 War, Terrorism & Nuclear

- war (whether declared or not), civil disturbance or riot; (a)
- any actual or threatened act of terrorism or any action taken to, or taken in an attempt to, control, (b) prevent or suppress any act of terrorism;
- ionising radiation or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or any waste from the (c) combustion of nuclear fuel; or
- the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous or contaminating properties of any nuclear (d) weapon, installation, reactor or other nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.

#### 4.16 Watercraft, Aircraft & Motor Vehicles

the ownership, maintenance, operation, possession, use, loading or unloading by or on behalf of the Insured of any watercraft, aircraft, motor vehicle or trailer.



## 5. Claims Conditions

#### 5.1 Notification of Claims & Co-operation

As soon as the **Insured** becomes aware of a **Claim** or **Professional Inquiry** during the **Policy Period** (or the extended policy period under Extension 2.6 in respect of "Extended Policy Period", if applicable) the **Insured** must:

(a) notify **Liberty** in writing of the **Claim** or **Professional Inquiry**. The notification must be sent to: The Claims Department

Liberty International Underwriters

Level 38, Governor Phillip Tower

1 Farrer Place

Sydney, New South Wales, Australia 2000

- Tel: 61-2-8298 5800
- Fax: 61-2-8298 5887
- Email: spcauclaims@libertyiu.com
- (b) give Liberty such information and co-operation as it may reasonably require including but not limited to:
  - (i) a description of the Claim or Professional Inquiry;
  - (ii) the nature of the allegation;
  - (iii) the nature of the alleged or potential loss;
  - (iv) the names of actual or potential claimants; and
  - (v) the manner in which the Insured first became aware of the Claim or Professional Inquiry.

If any amounts insured under the **Policy** are also potentially insured under any other insurance policy or policies, then the **Insured** must advise **Liberty** within a reasonable time of making a claim under the **Policy** and provide **Liberty** with details of the other insurance.

#### 5.2 Defence & Settlement

**Liberty** may, in its absolute discretion, take over the conduct of any investigation, settlement or defence of any **Claim**.

The Insured must:

- (a) take all reasonable steps to mitigate loss;
- (b) not agree to any waiver, limitation or delay as to their legal rights of recovery against any other party;
- (c) not admit liability, negotiate any settlement, enter into any settlement agreement or incur any Defence Costs without the prior written consent of Liberty which shall not be unreasonably withheld; and
- (d) give **Liberty** all the information and assistance that **Liberty** requires for the purpose of investigating:
  - (i) the cause and consequences of any **Claim**;
  - (ii) the Insured's liability to any party in respect of any Claim; and
  - (iii) whether **Liberty** has any liability to the **Insured** under the **Policy** and, if so, the extent of its liability;
  - and, where applicable, conducting the defence of any Claim.



#### 5.3 Excess Insurance

The Policy is in excess of any Additional Insurance.

#### 5.4 Allocation

In the event the **Insured** is a party to a demand, legal proceedings, inquiry or hearing which is covered only in part by the **Policy**, the **Insured** and **Liberty** will use their best efforts to agree upon a fair and proper allocation of amounts insured under the **Policy** which relate solely to what is covered under the **Policy**.

In the event that an agreement cannot be reached **Senior Counsel** shall determine, as an expert but not an arbitrator, a fair and proper allocation. Until **Senior Counsel** has made his or her determination, **Liberty** may, in its absolute discretion, pay such amount insured under the **Policy** as it considers appropriate.

#### 5.5 Requirement to Contest a Claim

Liberty shall not require the Insured to contest any Claim unless Senior Counsel advises that such Claim should be contested. In formulating such advice, Senior Counsel shall take into consideration the economics of the matter (including potential amounts insured under the Policy) and the prospects of the Insured successfully defending the Claim.

In the event that **Senior Counsel** recommends settlement in respect of a **Claim** and the **Insured** does not agree that such **Claim** should be settled, the **Insured** may elect to contest such **Claim** provided always that the liability of **Liberty** shall not exceed the amount for which the **Claim** could have been settled plus **Defence Costs** incurred with **Liberty's** prior written consent up to the date of such election.

## 6. General Conditions

#### 6.1 Change in Control

If a **Change in Control** occurs during the **Policy Period**, the **Policy** will continue to provide cover but only in respect of civil liability the **Insured** incurs in respect of a **Claim** arising from **Professional Services** performed prior to the effective date of the **Change in Control**.

#### 6.2 Limit of Liability

The maximum amount payable by Liberty under the Policy is the Limit of Liability. The Limit of Liability is inclusive of Sub-Limits of Liability and any other amounts insured under the Policy.

#### 6.3 Excess

Liberty will only pay in respect of a Claim and associated Defence Costs and other amounts insured under the Policy, the amount which is above the Excess. The Excess shall be the first amount borne by the Insured and shall remain uninsured.



#### 6.4 Subrogation

If **Liberty** grants indemnity under the **Policy**, then **Liberty** shall be subrogated to the **Insured's** rights of recovery against any person or entity whether or not payment has in fact been made and whether or not the **Insured** has been compensated in full for their loss. Each **Insured** must, at its own cost, provide all reasonable assistance to **Liberty** (including, but not limited to giving information, signing documents and giving evidence) to help enforce those rights.

The **Insured** must not do anything (including but not limited to excluding or limiting the liability of other parties in contracts, whether or not they are written contracts) that may prejudice **Liberty's** position or its potential or actual rights of recovery against any party.

Any amounts recovered by **Liberty** in excess of **Liberty**'s total payment to the **Insured** (including **Defence Costs**) shall be restored to the **Insured** less the cost to **Liberty** of such recovery.

#### 6.5 Severability of Proposal

Failure by any **Insured** to comply with the duty of disclosure under the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (Cth) or misrepresentation by any **Insured** to **Liberty** shall not prejudice the right of any other **Insured** to cover under the **Policy**. Cover is only provided to an **Insured** who is innocent of and has no prior knowledge of such failure or misrepresentation.

#### 6.6 Non-Imputation

For the purposes of determining the availability of cover under the **Policy** the conduct of one **Insured** shall not be imputed to any other **Insured**, provided that cover is only provided to an **Insured** who is innocent of and has no prior knowledge of such conduct.

#### 6.7 Governing Law & Exclusive Jurisdiction

The **Policy** is governed by the law in force in the State or Territory of the Commonwealth of Australia in which the **Policy** is issued. All matters arising from or relating to the construction or operation of the provisions of the **Policy** shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts exercising jurisdiction under the law of that State or Territory.

#### 6.8 Policy Interpretation & Construction

The headings in the **Policy** are for descriptive purposes only and do not form part of the **Policy** for the purpose of its construction or operation. Words used in the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. For the meaning of any words in bold refer to the **Schedule** and Section 7 - Definitions.

#### 7. Definitions

#### In the Policy:

7.1 Agent means a natural person, company or other entity who has or had a written contract with the Named Insured or its Subsidiaries to perform Professional Services, but only in relation to the performance of Professional Services for or on behalf of the Named Insured or its Subsidiaries.



- 7.2 Change in Control means any one of the following events:
  - (a) the **Named Insured** consolidates or merges with, or sells all or substantially all of its assets to a person, entity or group of persons or entities acting in concert;
  - (b) the **Named Insured** becomes a subsidiary of another entity or becomes controlled by another entity; or
  - (c) a trustee, administrator, receiver or liquidator including any provisional liquidator is appointed to the **Named Insured**.
- 7.3 Claim means any written demand or legal proceedings for compensation first made or brought against the Insured during the Policy Period (or the extended policy period under Extension 2.6 in respect of "Extended Policy Period", if applicable), and reported to Liberty during the Policy Period (or the extended policy period under Extension 2.6 in respect of "Extended Policy Period", if applicable), which may result in the payment of any amounts insured under the Policy.

All **Claims** attributable to one source or originating cause shall be deemed to be a single **Claim** and one **Excess** shall apply.

- 7.4 Defence Costs means:
  - (a) reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred by Liberty, or by the Insured but only with Liberty's prior written consent which shall not be unreasonably withheld, solely for the benefit of the Insured in the investigation, settlement, defence or appeal of any Claim covered under the Policy; and
  - (b) the costs of obtaining Senior Counsel's advice or determination under the Policy pursuant to Claims Condition 5.4 in respect of "Allocation" and 5.5 "Requirement to Contest a Claim".

**Defence Costs** does not include salaries, wages, allowances, travel or accommodation expenses incurred by the **Insured** in assessing, investigating, dealing with and assisting others to deal with any **Claim**.

- **7.5 Document** means a document of any nature whether written, printed or reproduced by any method, including designs and drawings, computer records or electronic data, in the possession or control of the **Insured** or the property of the **Insured** but does not include **Money**.
- **7.6 GST** means the tax imposed as goods and services tax under the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth) or as amended and any penalty or interest payable in respect of that tax.
- 7.7 **Insured** means each of the following:
  - (a) the **Named Insured** and its **Subsidiaries**; and
  - (b) any past, present or future director, partner or employee of the Named Insured or its Subsidiaries but only in relation to Professional Services performed for or on behalf of the Named Insured or its Subsidiaries whilst they are a director, partner or employee of the Named Insured or its Subsidiaries.



- **7.8** Intellectual Property Rights means all existing and future intellectual property rights throughout the world in whatever media, whether registered or unregistered and whether or not capable of registration, including but not limited to all copyright, patents, trade marks, trade names, domain names, brand names, slogans, logos, emblems and designs (and all applications or renewals for the protection or registration of these rights) CAD drawings, architectural designs and drawings together with all confidential information including trade secrets, know-how, formulae, methods, routines and other proprietary technology.
- **7.9** Liberty means Liberty International Underwriters which is a trading name of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company (ABN 61 086 083 605). Incorporated in Massachusetts, U.S.A. (The liability of members is limited).
- **7.10** Money means shares, bonds, currency, coins, bank notes, bullion, precious metals, gems, jewellery, coupons, stamps, cheques, travellers' cheques, registered cheques, postal orders and money orders.
- 7.11 Policy means this policy wording, any endorsements to it and the Schedule.
- **7.12 Policy Period** means the period of time specified in the **Schedule** unless the **Policy** is cancelled in which event the **Policy Period** will end on the effective date of the cancellation.
- 7.13 Premium means the amount payable by the Named Insured for the Policy including any applicable charges advised by Liberty.
- 7.14 Professional Inquiry means any administrative or regulatory proceeding, official investigation, inquiry or hearing into the performance of **Professional Services** by the **Named Insured** or its **Subsidiaries** which an **Insured** is legally required to attend if findings from such proceeding, investigation, inquiry or hearing could reasonably lead to a **Claim** being made against the **Insured** which may be covered under the **Policy**.
- 7.15 Schedule means the schedule attached to the Policy and signed by a person authorised by Liberty.
- 7.16 Senior Counsel means a Senior Counsel to be mutually agreed upon by Liberty and the Insured or, in the absence of agreement, to be appointed by the current President of the Law Society in the State or Territory in which the **Policy** is issued.
- 7.17 Subsidiary means any company which, according to the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia or the Australian State or Territory in which the **Policy** is issued, was or is a subsidiary of the **Named Insured** prior to or at the commencement of the **Policy Period**.

Cover in respect of any such company applies only in respect of **Professional Services** performed whilst the company was or is a **Subsidiary** of the **Named Insured**.

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