

# STATEMENT OF SERVICES

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## 1. WHAT IS A STATEMENT OF SERVICES?

This Statement of Services (SOS) is given by Donaldson Brown NZ Limited (Donaldson Brown) as your financial advice provider and our Financial Adviser who is employed or contracted by Donaldson Brown.

This SOS contains information about our services, what we are paid in relation to our services, your rights as a client and other things you need to know in relation to the financial advice we provide to you, including how any complaints you may have will be dealt with.

If you ask us to provide you with financial advice, or we already are, we will do so on the terms set out in this SOS. By requesting our services, you accept these terms. If there are any change to these terms, we will confirm them to you in writing. This SOS records the basis of our relationship.

## 2. WHO IS YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISER?

Financial Adviser	Alex Brown
FSP Register No.	FSP109707
Telephone	021 451 755
Email	alex@dbib.co.nz

## 3. HOW WILL WE LOOK AFTER YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS?

Donaldson Brown and your Financial Adviser are committed to providing professional advice on your general insurance requirements which is based upon your needs and our experience and market knowledge.

We offer a range of insurance and risk management services to assist you to protect your assets and liabilities.

To enable us to provide advice, which is appropriate to your circumstances, we will need you to provide us with information to ensure we correctly evaluate your situation, needs and objectives. You should also tell us about any relevant changes as they occur.

If you are unable, or choose not to provide some information to us, our review will be incomplete and may not consider all your needs or circumstances. We may still give you advice but will provide you with the details and limitations of that advice or in some cases we may also decide that it is not appropriate to give you advice without further information. You will need to assess the appropriateness of our advice, if given, to your needs before acting on it.

Donaldson Brown can undertake the following activities:

- Conduct an analysis of your risk/needs and advise on appropriate general, life and disability insurance covers required.
- Advise and recommend potential insurance product providers.

- Negotiate rates and obtain terms from potential insurance product providers.
- Confirm cover and terms on your behalf and provide invoices for premiums for general insurance.
- Advise on premium funding options or other products as necessary.
- Manage premium adjustments.
- Assist with claim lodgement and provide claim advocacy.
- Advise on indemnity and insurance provisions in your commercial contracts.

## 4. WHAT SERVICES DOES YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISER OFFER?

Alex Brown is a Founding Partner & Director of Donaldson Brown NZ Ltd. He can provide wholesale financial advice dealing in:

- A wide range of Commercial General Insurance products. (Commercial Assets, Commercial Motor, Liabilities, Business Interruption etc)
- Specialist Financial Lines General Insurance Products (Directors & Officers, Management Liability, Professional Indemnity etc)

## 5. DUTIES OF THE FINANCIAL ADVICE PROVIDER

We have duties under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 relating to the way that we give advice.

We are required to:

- Give priority to your interests by taking all reasonable steps to ensure our advice isn't materially influenced by our own interests.
- Exercise care, diligence, and skill in providing you with advice.

## 6. WHAT FEES, EXPENSES AND OTHER AMOUNTS ARE PAYABLE FOR SERVICES?

You are entitled to know how and what we will charge for our services and what other benefits we receive.

Donaldson Brown has spent many years forging relationships with local and international insurance providers. The benefits of these relationships are seen everyday by our clients in the outstanding range, competitive pricing, coverage options and policy support services they receive.

Donaldson Brown removes all commissions from domestic and commercial insurance premiums received from insurers. Instead, choosing to operate on a transparent fee model, based on the value we bring to the partnership with our clients.

The fee we charge is for providing financial advice, for the placement or renewal of your general insurance programme. We may also charge additional fees for advice

regarding placement of new policies or endorsements to existing policies, handling of complex claims and other services which we may deliver from time to time with your agreement. You will be advised of the amount of the fee at the time the financial advice or service is provided.

#### Not Proceeding with Advice

If you engage us to provide advice around the placement or renewal of your insurance programme (discovery process, needs analysis, research, advice etc) and then decide not to proceed, we reserve the right to charge a fee for the advice and time taken in preparing this.

#### Other Advice

In some circumstances we may recommend another service provider to assist us in providing appropriate financial advice. These providers can include property valuers, property surveyors and motor vehicle valuers. These providers will charge a fee for the work they do. We will advise you of any related fees and charges prior to having them commence any work on your behalf.

*Our operating principal for all clients since inception is "no hidden fees, no hidden commissions".*

### 7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND COMMISSIONS OR OTHER INCENTIVES

Donaldson Brown operate in a totally transparent and conflict free manner by disclosing all fees and/or commissions.

For our life and disability clients (and for the very small number of other products where it is impossible to remove the commission, and/or doing so is detrimental to the customer), we will, in all instances, fully disclose all income to our clients.

The amount of the commission received varies as it is calculated as a percentage of the insurance premium charged. You will be advised of the amount of the commission at the time the financial advice is provided.

Donaldson Brown pays your Financial Adviser a salary, plus bonuses and other incentives. Donaldson Brown and your Financial Adviser may receive indirect benefits from insurers and premium funders such as business lunches, tickets to sporting and/or cultural events or corporate promotional merchandise.

We recognise that the above commissions and incentives may create conflicts of interests for Donaldson Brown and your Financial Adviser. There may also be conflicts of interest between different clients of Donaldson Brown.

Premium Funding - if we refer you to a premium funder, with whom you enter a premium funding arrangement, Donaldson Brown may receive a commission of between 0% and 2% of the amount you borrow. This will be disclosed to you in this instance.

To manage these conflicts, we follow an advice process that ensures our recommendations are made based on your financial goals and circumstances. Your Financial

Adviser undergoes specialist training in how to manage conflicts of interest. Donaldson Brown undertakes compliance audits of your Financial Adviser, and we also annually audit our conflicts of interest compliance framework.

Donaldson Brown may have agreements with external parties, where they refer any identified Fire & General Insurance business to us (Referrers). We may pay referrers for this business in which case we will disclose the agreement and the payment amount at the time the financial advice is provided.

### 8. WHAT ARE OUR TERMS OF PAYMENT?

#### Fire & General Invoices

We will invoice you for the premium, statutory, and similar charges (e.g., EQC, FENZ levy, etc) and any fees we charge for arranging, altering, or cancelling your insurances.

For your fee invoice you must pay us within 10 days of the receipt of the invoice, and for general insurance policies, within 14 days of inception or, in the case of renewal, before the expiry date of the contract of insurance. You must pay us within the date(s) specified on the invoice/email.

If you do not pay the premium on time, the insurer may cancel the contract of insurance and you will not be insured. For general insurance the insurer may also charge a short-term penalty premium for the time on risk.

Premium funding enables you to pay your premiums and statutory and other charges by instalments. We can facilitate the payment by monthly instalment from a company that provides premium funding.

### 9. TERM AND TERMINATION

Our services may be terminated by you or Donaldson Brown with one month's notice in writing to the other party. Longer term arrangements can be agreed in advance by both parties.

If you decide to terminate our services, we will be entitled to retain all commissions and/or fees for any policies of insurance and/or risk services that we have arranged / provided on your behalf. In the event that any insurance premiums are outstanding at the time of termination you must pay us these amounts as part of the termination arrangements.

We will provide all reasonable assistance and cooperation after such notice of termination.

We may continue to answer queries and provide assistance after this period if requested by you, however we reserve the right to charge scaled fees for the provision of such services.

### 10. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Professional Indemnity Insurance

Donaldson Brown and its financial advisers are covered under a group professional indemnity insurance policy

arranged by IANZ in the amount of NZ\$100m in respect of general insurance products.

These insurances (subject to its terms and conditions) cover errors and omissions arising from advice provided by Donaldson Brown through its financial advisers.

If you require further information regarding our Professional Indemnity insurance, please contact our office.

#### Trust Account for Client Funds

IANZ operates an independently managed and audited trust account for the collection of client general insurance premiums and the onward payment of insurance premiums to insurers. The trust account is audited at least annually by a qualified auditor not affiliated with IANZ.

#### Other Services

Donaldson Brown can also provide access to other services. A number of these services fall outside of our core services and may be subject to the agreement of additional remuneration between us or direct with the relevant outside services provider. We will advise you of any cost you will incur prior to you authorising any work be completed on your behalf. These services include but are not limited to:

- Arrangement of an independent review of your Business Interruption sums insured and indemnity period from an external expert.
- Assistance with a bespoke Business Continuity Plan for your business.
- Provision of an independent risk engineering and management report.
- Commercial and residential valuations from an external expert.
- Claims and Risk Management Services outside of your insurance programme.
- Life & Disability Insurance Services with our specialist Life & Disability Risk Advisers
- Group Medical Benefits for your company via our specialist Group Medical Team

## 11. YOUR OBLIGATIONS

### Payment

Prompt payment of premiums, taxes, and levies (if applicable) on receipt of our invoice (unless arranged otherwise).

You will indemnify us against any liability we may incur regarding payment of Fire and Emergency NZ levies payable when policies are placed with overseas insurers.

### Information

You are solely responsible for the accuracy of any information provided by you to us and to your insurance product provider. Inadequate or incorrect information provided intentionally or in error could result in the impairment or voiding of your insurance cover.

We take no liability for inaccurate or incomplete information that you have provided us for the placement or provision of insurance on your behalf.

Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding the information, you are providing or the level of insurance cover you are requesting.

You are required to:

- Fully disclose any material information to us and your insurance provider. Disclosure in the context includes every matter that you know or could reasonably be expected to know that is relevant to the insurer's decision to accept the risk and, if so, on what terms.
- Set adequate sums insured and liability limits of cover.
- Advise us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the information you are providing for insurance purposes.

## 12. WHO DO I CONTACT WITH ANY COMPLAINTS AND/OR DISPUTES?

If you are not fully satisfied with our services or wish to make a complaint, please speak to your Financial Adviser in the first instance. If your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction or you do not want to speak with your Financial Adviser, you may contact Donaldson Brown directly as follows:

### Complaints Officer

Donaldson Brown NZ Limited  
PO Box 37068, Parnell, Auckland 1052  
Phone: 09 215 3371  
Email: [complaints@dbib.co.nz](mailto:complaints@dbib.co.nz)

We will endeavour to resolve your problem openly and fairly and within a timely manner.

In some circumstances a dispute may arise between you and the insurer. In such circumstances Donaldson Brown will assist you with details of the insurer's Internal Dispute Resolution process and, if the dispute remains unresolved, access to the Insurer disputes resolution scheme. If the dispute proceeds, you should obtain legal advice from a qualified lawyer.

## 13. PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE (Privacy Act)

At Donaldson Brown NZ Limited (Donaldson Brown) we are committed to protecting your privacy in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020 (Privacy Act) and the New Zealand Information Privacy Principles (NZIPPs). This Privacy Notice outlines how we collect, disclose, and handle your personal information as defined in the Act.

### WHY WE COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

We collect your personal information so we can:

- Identify you and conduct necessary checks (including where required by the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009 and other legislation).
- Determine what services or products we can provide to you e.g., our insurance broking services, financial advice services, funding services, claims

management services, risk management and other consulting services.

- Issue, manage and administer services and products provided to you or others, including claims investigation, handling, and settlement.
- Improve our services and products e.g., training and development of our representatives, product and service research and data analysis and business strategy development; and
- Provide you with information and to tell you about our products, services or events or any other direct marketing activity (including third party products, services, and events which we consider may be of interest to you).

#### WHAT IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE SOME PERSONAL INFORMATION TO US?

If the required personal information is not provided, we or any involved third parties may not be able to provide appropriate services or products. If you do not provide the required personal information, we will explain what the impact will be.

#### HOW WE COLLECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

Collection can take place by telephone, email, or in writing and through websites (from data you input directly or through cookies and other web analytic tools).

Unless it is unreasonable or impracticable for us to do so, we will collect your information directly from you or your agents.

We may obtain personal information indirectly and who it is from can depend on the circumstances. We will usually obtain it from another insured if they arrange a policy which also covers you, related bodies corporate, referrals, your previous insurers or insurance broker/adviser, witnesses in relation to claims, health care workers, publicly available sources, premium funders, and persons who we enter into business alliances with.

If you provide us with personal information about another person you must only do so with their consent and agree to make them aware of this privacy notice

#### WHO WE DISCLOSE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION TO?

We share your personal information with third parties for the collection purposes noted above where it is reasonably necessary for, or directly related to, one or more of our functions or activities.

We do not use or disclose personal information for any purpose that is unrelated to our services and that you would not reasonably expect (except with your consent). We will only use your personal information for the purposes for which it was collected or as consented to.

We usually disclose personal information to third parties who assist us or are involved in the provision of our services and your personal information is disclosed to them only in connection with the services we provide to

you or with your consent. We may also disclose it for direct marketing purposes.

These third parties can include our related companies, our agents or contractors, insurers, their agents, regulators such as FMA and others they rely on to provide their services and products (e.g., reinsurers), premium funders, other insurance broker/advisers, insurance reference bureaus, loss adjusters or assessors, medical service providers, credit agencies, lawyers and accountants, prospective purchasers of our business and our alliance and other business partners.

These parties are prohibited from using your personal information except for the specific purpose for which we supply it to them, and we take such steps as are reasonable to ensure that they are aware of the provisions of our Privacy Statement in relation to your personal information.

We also use personal information to develop, identify and offer products and services that may interest you, conduct market or customer satisfaction research. From time to time, we may seek to develop arrangements with other organisations that may be of benefit to you in relation to promotion, administration and use of our respective products and services.

Any personal information provided to us may be transferred to, and stored at, a destination outside New Zealand, including but not limited to Australia, United Kingdom, and the United States of America. If we need to provide your personal information to a country that does not offer similar privacy protections, we will fully inform you and seek your express consent to do so, prior to sharing your personal information.

#### MORE INFORMATION, ACCESS, CORRECTION OR COMPLAINTS

For more information about our privacy practices including how we collect, use or disclose information, how to access or seek correction to your information or how to complain in relation to a breach of the New Zealand Information Privacy Principles and how such a complaint will be handled, please refer to our Privacy Statement available at our website <https://donaldsonbrown.co.nz/> or by contacting us (our contact details are below).

#### YOUR CONSENT TO THE ABOVE, CONTACTING US AND OPTING OUT

By providing us with personal information you and any other person you provide personal information for, consent to this use and these disclosures unless you tell us otherwise. If you wish to withdraw your consent, including for the likes of receiving information on products and offers by us or persons we have an association with, please contact us.

By phone: 09 215 3371

By email: [privacy@dbib.co.nz](mailto:privacy@dbib.co.nz)

In writing: PO Box 37068, Parnell, Auckland 1052