Contract for the sale of land – 2005 edition

TERM

MEANING OF TERM

Vendor’s agent

Phone

Fax

Co-agent

Vendor

Vendor’s Solicitor

Phone

Fax

Completion date __ days after the contract date (clause 15)

Land

(Address, plan details and title reference)

Current title:

Lot in __ Folio Identifier

Tenancy

☑ VACANT POSSESSION ☐ subject to existing tenancies

Improvements

☐ HOUSE ☐ garage ☐ carport ☐ home unit ☐ carspace

☑ other:

Attached copies

☐ Documents in the List of Documents as marked or as numbered:

☑ Other documents:

A real estate agent is permitted by legislation to fill up the items in this box in a sale of residential property.

Inclusions

☐ blinds ☐ curtains ☐ insect screens

☐ built-in wardrobes ☐ dishwasher ☐ light fittings

☐ clothes line ☐ fixed floor coverings ☐ range hood

☐ other:

Exclusions

Purchaser

ACN ☐ ABN ☐

Purchaser’s solicitor

Price $________

Deposit $________

Balance $________

Contract date (if not stated, the date this contract was made) _____________________________ _____________

Vendor Witness

GST AMOUNT (optional)

The price includes

GST of: $________

Joint tenants/Tenants in common

Vendor

Witness

Purchaser

☐ JOINT TENANTS ☐ tenants in common ☐ in unequal shares

Witness

Tax information (the parties promise this is correct as far as each party is aware)

Land tax is adjustable ☐ NO ☐ yes ☐ yes in full ☐ yes to an extent

GST:

Taxable supply ☐ NO ☐ yes ☐ yes in full ☐ yes to an extent

Margin scheme will be used in making the taxable supply

This sale is not a taxable supply because (one or more of the following may apply) the sale is:

☐ not made in the course or furtherance of an enterprise that the vendor carries on (section 9-5(b))

☐ by a vendor who is neither registered nor required to be registered for GST (section 9-5(d))

☐ GST-free because the sale is the supply of a going concern under section 38-325

☐ GST-free because the sale is subdivided farm land or farm land supplied for farming under Subdivision 38-O

☐ input taxed because the sale is of eligible residential premises (sections 40-65, 40-75(2) and 195-1)

HOLDER OF STRATA OR COMMUNITY TITLE RECORDS – Name, address and telephone number

Name:

Address:

Phone:
1. Various Acts of Parliament and other matters can affect the rights of the parties to this contract. Some important matters are actions, claims, decisions, licences, notices, orders, proposals or rights of way involving:

- AGL Gas Networks Limited
- Council
- County Council
- East Australian Pipeline Limited
- Education & Training Dept
- Electricity authority
- Environment & Conservation Dept
- Fair Trading

If you think that any of these matters affects the property, tell your solicitor.

2. A lease may be affected by the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1990, the Residential Tenancies Act 1987 or the Retail Leases Act 1994.

3. If any purchase money is owing to the Crown, it may become payable when the transfer is registered.

4. If a consent to transfer is required under legislation, see clause 27 as to the obligations of the parties.

5. The vendor should continue the vendor’s insurance until completion. If the vendor wants to give the purchaser possession before completion, the vendor should first ask the insurer to confirm this will not affect the insurance.

6. The purchaser will usually have to pay stamp duty on this contract. If the sale will also usually be a vendor duty transaction. If duty is not paid on time, a party may incur penalties.

7. If the purchaser agrees to the release of deposit any rights in relation to the land (for example, the rights mentioned in clause 2.8) may be subject to the rights of other persons such as the vendor’s mortgagee.

8. The purchaser should arrange insurance as appropriate.

**WARNINGS**

**DISPUTES**

If you get into a dispute with the other party, the Law Society and Real Estate Institute encourage you to use informal procedures such as negotiation, independent expert appraisal or mediation (for example mediation under the Law Society Mediation Guidelines).

**AUCTIONS**

Regulations made under the Property Stock and Business Agents Act 2002 prescribe a number of conditions applying to sales by auction.
**WARNING**

**SWIMMING POOLS**
An owner of property on which a swimming pool is situated must ensure that the pool complies with the requirements of the *Swimming Pools Act 1992*. Penalties apply. Before purchasing a property on which a swimming pool is situated, a purchaser is strongly advised to ensure that the swimming pool complies with the requirements of that Act.

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**WARNING**

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   (b) if the property is sold by public auction; or  
   (c) if the contract is made on the same day as the property was offered for sale by public auction but passed in; or  
   (d) if the contract is made in consequence of the exercise of an option to purchase the property, other than an option that is void under section 66ZG of the Act.

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The vendor sells and the purchaser buys the property for the price under these provisions instead of Schedule 3 Conveyancing Act 1919, subject to any legislation that cannot be excluded.

### Definitions (a term in italics is a defined term)

In this contract, these terms (in any form) mean -

- **adjustment date** the earlier of the giving of possession to the purchaser or completion;
- **bank** a bank as defined in the Banking Act 1959, the Reserve Bank or a State bank;
- **business day** any day except a bank or public holiday throughout NSW or a Saturday or Sunday;
- **cheque** a cheque that is not postdated or stale;
- **deposit holder** vendor's agent (or if no vendor's agent is named in this contract, the vendor's solicitor);
- **document of title** document relevant to the title or the passing of title;
- **GST Act** A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999;
- **GST rate** the rate mentioned in section 4 of A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax Imposition - General) Act 1999 (10% as at 1 July 2000);
- **legislation** an Act or a by-law, ordinance, regulation or rule made under an Act;
- **normally** subject to any other provision of this contract;
- **party** each of the vendor and the purchaser;
- **property** the land, the improvements, all fixtures and the inclusions, but not the exclusions;
- **requisition** an objection, question or requisition (but the term does not include a claim);
- **rescind** rescind this contract from the beginning;
- **serve** serve in writing on the other party;
- **settlement cheque** an unendorsed cheque made payable to the person to be paid and drawn on its own funds by -
  - a bank;
  - a building society, credit union or other FCA institution as defined in Cheques Act 1986;
- **solicitor** if authorised in writing by the vendor or the vendor's solicitor, some other cheque;
- **terminate** in relation to a party, the party's solicitor or licensed conveyancer named in this contract or in a notice served by the party;
- **vendor duty** vendor duty imposed under Chapter 4 of the Duties Act 1997;
- **within** in relation to a period, at any time before or during the period;
- **work order** a valid direction, notice or order that requires work to be done or money to be spent on or in relation to the property or any adjoining footpath or road.
Deposit and other payments before completion

2.1 The purchaser must pay the deposit to the depositholder as stakeholder.

2.2 Normally, the purchaser must pay the deposit on the making of this contract, and this time is essential.

2.3 If this contract requires the purchaser to pay any of the deposit by a later time, that time is also essential.

2.4 The purchaser can pay any of the deposit only by unconditionally giving cash (up to $2,000) or a cheque to the depositholder or to the vendor, vendor’s agent or vendor’s solicitor for sending to the depositholder.

2.5 If any of the deposit is not paid on time or a cheque for any of the deposit is not honoured on presentation, the vendor can terminate. This right to terminate is lost as soon as the deposit is paid in full.

2.6 If the vendor accepts a bond or guarantee for the deposit, clauses 2.1 to 2.5 and 3 do not apply.

2.7 If the vendor accepts a bond or guarantee for part of the deposit, clauses 2.1 to 2.5 and 3 apply only to the balance.

2.8 If any of the deposit or of the balance of the price is paid before completion to the vendor or as the vendor directs, it is a charge on the land in favour of the purchaser until termination by the vendor or completion, subject to any existing right.

2.9 If each party tells the depositholder that the deposit is to be invested, the depositholder is to invest the deposit (at the risk of the party who becomes entitled to it) with a bank, credit union or permanent building society, in an interest-bearing account in NSW, payable at call, with interest to be re-invested, and pay the interest to the parties equally, after deduction of all proper government taxes and financial institution charges and other charges.

Payment of vendor duty out of the deposit

3.1 This clause applies only if this contract says the deposit can be used to pay vendor duty.

3.2 If the amount held by the depositholder (disregarding the value of any bond or guarantee) exceeds the amount of vendor duty, the parties direct the depositholder to release the amount of vendor duty on the following terms -

3.2.1 the depositholder is to draw a cheque ("the vendor duty cheque") in favour of the Office of State Revenue and in a form acceptable to the Office of State Revenue for payment of vendor duty;

3.2.2 the depositholder is not to draw that cheque earlier than 14 days before the completion date, and the receipt of a letter from the vendor’s solicitor requesting the vendor duty cheque will be sufficient authority for the depositholder to draw and release that cheque.

3.3 The vendor’s solicitor will use the vendor duty cheque for the sole purpose of payment of the vendor duty relating to this transaction.

3.4 If this contract is not completed in circumstances that there is, or may be, no liability for vendor duty -

3.4.1 if the vendor duty cheque has been forwarded to the vendor’s solicitor but has not been used to pay vendor duty, that cheque must be returned immediately to the depositholder for cancellation;

3.4.2 if the vendor duty cheque has been used to pay vendor duty -

- the amount of vendor duty is repayable upon demand;

- the vendor must lodge an application for refund of vendor duty; and

- each party must do whatever else is necessary to ensure that the party whose funds were used to pay vendor duty receives the refund;

3.4.3 rights under this clause continue even if the contract has been rescinded or terminated.

Transfer

4.1 Normally, the purchaser must serve the form of transfer at least 14 days before the completion date.

4.2 If any information needed for the form of transfer is not disclosed in this contract, the vendor must serve it.

4.3 If the purchaser serves a form of transfer and the transferee is not the purchaser, the purchaser must give the vendor a direction signed by the purchaser personally for this form of transfer.

4.4 The vendor can require the purchaser to include a form of covenant or easement in the transfer only if this contract contains the wording of the proposed covenant or easement, and a description of the land benefited.

4.5 If this sale is exempt from vendor duty -

4.5.1 the vendor can (but does not have to) serve an application for exemption from vendor duty in the form satisfactory to the Office of State Revenue within 7 days after the contract date;

4.5.2 if that application is attached to this contract or has been provided to the purchaser before the contract date, the application is served on the contract date; and

4.5.3 if the vendor complies with clause 4.5.1 -

- the purchaser must have the form of transfer marked by the Office of State Revenue in relation to vendor duty before serving the form of transfer; and

- on completion the vendor must pay to the purchaser $33.

Requisitions

If the purchaser is or becomes entitled to make a requisition, the purchaser can make it only by serving it -

5.1 if it arises out of this contract or it is a general question about the property or title - within 21 days after the contract date;

5.2 if it arises out of anything served by the vendor - within 21 days after the later of the contract date and that service; and

5.3 in any other case - within a reasonable time.

Error or misdescription

6.1 The purchaser can (but only before completion) claim compensation for an error or misdescription in this contract (as to the property, the title or anything else and whether substantial or not).

6.2 This clause applies even if the purchaser did not take notice of or rely on anything in this contract containing or giving rise to the error or misdescription.

6.3 However, this clause does not apply to the extent the purchaser knows the true position.
Claims by purchaser
The purchaser can make a claim (including a claim under clause 6) before completion only by serving it with a statement of the amount claimed, and if the purchaser makes one or more claims before completion:

7.1 the vendor can rescind if in the case of claims that are not claims for delay -
7.1.1 the total amount claimed exceeds 5% of the price;
7.1.2 the vendor serves notice of intention to rescind; and
7.1.3 the purchaser does not serve notice waiving the claims within 14 days after that service; and

7.2 if the vendor does not rescind, the parties must complete and if this contract is completed -
7.2.1 the lesser of the total amount claimed and 10% of the price must be paid out of the price to and held by the deposit holder until the claims are finalised or lapse;
7.2.2 the amount held is to be invested in accordance with clause 2.9;
7.2.3 the claims must be finalised by an arbitrator appointed by the parties or, if an appointment is not made within 1 month of completion, by an arbitrator appointed by the President of the Law Society at the request of a party (in the latter case the parties are bound by the terms of the Conveyancing Arbitration Rules approved by the Law Society as at the date of the appointment);
7.2.4 the purchaser is not entitled, in respect of the claims, to more than the total amount claimed and the costs of the purchaser;
7.2.5 any interest on the amount held must be paid to the parties in the same proportion as the amount held; and
7.2.6 if the parties do not appoint an arbitrator and neither party requests the President to appoint an arbitrator within 3 months after completion, the claims lapse.

Vendor’s right to rescind
The vendor can rescind if -

8.1 the vendor is, on reasonable grounds, unable or unwilling to comply with a requisition;
8.2 the vendor serves a notice of intention to rescind that specifies the requisition and those grounds; and
8.3 the purchaser does not serve a notice waiving the requisition within 14 days after that service.

Purchaser’s default
If the purchaser does not comply with this contract (or a notice under or relating to it) in an essential respect, the vendor can terminate by serving a notice. After the termination the vendor can -

9.1 keep or recover the deposit (to a maximum of 10% of the price);
9.2 hold any other money paid by the purchaser under this contract as security for anything recoverable under this clause -
9.2.1 for 12 months after the termination; or
9.2.2 if the vendor commences proceedings under this clause within 12 months, until those proceedings are concluded; and

9.3 sue the purchaser either -
9.3.1 where the vendor has resold the property under a contract made within 12 months after the termination, to recover -
   - the deficiency on resale (with credit for any of the deposit kept or recovered and after allowance for any capital gains tax or goods and services tax payable on anything recovered under this clause); and
   - the reasonable costs and expenses arising out of the purchaser’s non-compliance with this contract or the notice and of resale and any attempted resale; or
9.3.2 to recover damages for breach of contract.

Restrictions on rights of purchaser

10.1 The purchaser cannot make a claim or requisition or rescind or terminate in respect of -
10.1.1 the ownership or location of any fence as defined in the Dividing Fences Act 1991;
10.1.2 a service for the property being a joint service or passing through another property or any service for another property passing through the property (‘service’ includes air, communication, drainage, electricity, garbage, gas, oil, radio, sewerage, telephone, television or water service);
10.1.3 a wall being or not being a party wall in any sense of that term or the property being affected by an easement for support or not having the benefit of an easement for support;
10.1.4 any change in the property due to fair wear and tear before completion;
10.1.5 a promise, representation or statement about this contract, the property or the title, not set out or referred to in this contract;
10.1.6 a condition, exception, reservation or restriction in a Crown grant;
10.1.7 the existence of any authority or licence to explore or prospect for gas, minerals or petroleum;
10.1.8 any easement or restriction on use the substance of either of which is disclosed in this contract or any non-compliance with the easement or restriction on use; or
10.1.9 anything the substance of which is disclosed in this contract (except a caveat, charge, mortgage or writ).

10.2 The purchaser cannot rescind or terminate only because of a defect in title to or quality of the inclusions.

10.3 Normally, the purchaser cannot make a claim or requisition or rescind or terminate or require the vendor to change the nature of the title disclosed in this contract (for example, to remove a caution evidencing qualified title, or to lodge a plan of survey as regards limited title).
Compliance with work orders
11.1 Normally, the vendor must by completion comply with a work order made on or before the contract date and if this contract is completed the purchaser must comply with any other work order.
11.2 If the purchaser complies with a work order, and this contract is rescinded or terminated, the vendor must pay the expense of compliance to the purchaser.

Certificates and inspections
12.1 The vendor must do everything reasonable to enable the purchaser, subject to the rights of any tenant -
12.1.1 to have the property inspected to obtain any certificate or report reasonably required;
12.2 to apply (if necessary in the name of the vendor) or -
12.2.1 any certificate that can be given in respect of the property under legislation; or
12.2.2 a copy, of any approval, certificate, consent, direction, notice or order in respect of the property given under legislation, even if given after the contract date; and
12.3 to make 1 inspection of the property in the 3 days before a time appointed for completion.

Goods and services tax (GST)
13.1 In this clause, enterprise, input tax credit, margin scheme, supply of a going concern, tax invoice and taxable supply have the same meanings as in the GST Act.
13.2 Normally, if a party must pay the price or any other amount to the other party under this contract, GST is not to be added to the price or amount.
13.3 If under this contract a party must make an adjustment, pay an expense of another party or pay an amount payable by or to a third party (for example, under clauses 14 or 20.7) -
13.3.1 the party must adjust or pay on completion any GST added to or included in the amount; but
13.3.2 if this contract says this sale is a taxable supply, and payment would entitle the party to an input tax credit, the adjustment or payment is to be worked out by deducting any input tax credit to which the party receiving the adjustment is or was entitled and adding the GST rate.
13.4 If this contract says this sale is the supply of a going concern -
13.4.1 the parties agree the supply of the property is a supply of a going concern;
13.4.2 the vendor must, between the contract date and completion, carry on the enterprise conducted on the land in a proper and business-like way;
13.4.3 if the purchaser is not registered by the completion date, the parties must complete and the purchaser must pay on completion, in addition to the price, an amount being the price multiplied by the GST rate ("the retention sum"). The retention sum is to be held by the deposit holder and dealt with as follows:
   - if within 3 months of completion the purchaser serves a letter from the Australian Taxation Office stating the purchaser is registered, the deposit holder is to pay the retention sum to the purchaser; but
   - if the purchaser does not serve that letter within 3 months of completion, the deposit holder is to pay the retention sum to the vendor; and
13.4.4 if the vendor, despite clause 13.4.1, serves a letter from the Australian Taxation Office stating the vendor has to pay GST on the supply, the purchaser must pay to the vendor on demand the amount of GST assessed.
13.5 Normally; the vendor promises the margin scheme will not apply to the supply of the property.
13.6 If this contract says the margin scheme is to apply in making the taxable supply, the parties agree that the margin scheme is to apply to the sale of the property.
13.7 If this contract says the sale is a taxable supply -
13.7.1 the purchaser promises that the property will not be used and represents that the purchaser does not intend the property (or any part of the property) to be used in a way that could make the sale a taxable supply to any extent; and
13.7.2 the purchaser must pay the vendor on completion in addition to the price an amount calculated by multiplying the price by the GST rate if this sale is a taxable supply to any extent because of -
   - a breach of clause 13.7.1; or
   - something else known to the purchaser but not the vendor.
13.8 If this contract says this sale is a taxable supply in full and does not say the margin scheme applies to the property, the vendor must pay the purchaser on completion an amount of one-eleventh of the price if -
13.8.1 this sale is not a taxable supply in full; or
13.8.2 the margin scheme applies to the property (or any part of the property).
13.9 If this contract says this supply is taxable to an extent -
13.9.1 clause 13.7.1 does not apply to any part of the property which is identified as being a taxable supply; and
13.9.2 the payments mentioned in clauses 13.7 and 13.9 are to be recalculated by multiplying the relevant payment by the proportion of the price which represents the value of that part of the property to which the clause applies (the proportion to be expressed as a number between 0 and 1). Any evidence of value must be obtained at the expense of the vendor.
13.10 Normally, on completion the vendor must give the recipient of the supply a tax invoice for any taxable supply by the vendor by or under this contract.
13.11 The vendor does not have to give the purchaser a tax invoice if the margin scheme applies to a taxable supply.

BREACH OF COPYRIGHT MAY RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION
14 Adjustments

14.1 *Normally*, the vendor is entitled to the rents and profits and will be liable for all rates, water, sewerage and drainage service and usage charges, land tax and all other periodic outgoings up to and including the *adjustment date* after which the purchaser will be entitled and liable.

14.2 The *parties* must make any necessary adjustment on completion.

14.3 If an amount that is adjustable under this contract has been reduced under *legislation*, the *parties* must on completion adjust the reduced amount.

14.4 The *parties* must adjust land tax for the year current at the *adjustment date* -

14.4.1 only if land tax has been paid or is payable for the year (whether by the vendor or by a predecessor in title) and this contract says that land tax is adjustable;

14.4.2 by adjusting the amount that would have been payable if at the start of the year -

- the person who owned the land owned no other land;
- the land was not subject to a special trust or owned by a non-concessional company; and
- if the land (or part of it) had no separate taxable value, by calculating its separate taxable value on a proportional area basis.

14.5 If any other amount that is adjustable under this contract relates partly to the land and partly to other land, the *parties* must adjust it on a proportional area basis.

14.6 *Normally*, the vendor can direct the purchaser to produce a *settlement cheque* on completion to pay an amount adjustable under this contract and if so -

14.6.1 the amount is to be treated as if it were paid; and

14.6.2 the *cheque* must be forwarded to the payee immediately after completion (by the purchaser if the *cheque* relates only to the *property* or by the vendor in any other case).

14.7 If on completion the last bill for a water, sewerage or drainage usage charge is for a period ending before the *adjustment date*, the vendor is liable for an amount calculated by dividing the bill by the number of days in the period then multiplying by the number of unbilled days up to and including the *adjustment date*.

14.8 The vendor is liable for any amount recoverable for work started on or before the contract date on the property or any adjoining footprint or road.

15 Completion date

The *parties* must complete by the completion date and, if they do not, a *party* can serve a notice to complete if that *party* is otherwise entitled to do so.

16 Completion

- **Vendor**

16.1 On completion the vendor must give the purchaser any *document of title* that relates only to the *property*.

16.2 If on completion the vendor has possession or control of a *document of title* that relates also to other property, the vendor must produce it as and where necessary.

16.3 *Normally*, on completion the vendor must cause the legal title to the *property* (being an estate in fee simple) to pass to the purchaser free of any mortgage or other interest subject to any necessary registration.

16.4 The legal title to the *property* does not pass before completion.

16.5 If the vendor gives the purchaser a document (other than the transfer) that needs to be lodged for registration, the vendor must pay the lodgment fee to the purchaser, plus another 20% of that fee.

16.6 If the purchaser serves a land tax certificate showing a charge on any of the land, on completion the vendor must give the purchaser a land tax certificate showing the charge is no longer effective against the land.

- **Purchaser**

16.7 On completion the purchaser must pay to the vendor, by cash (up to $2000) or *settlement cheque*, the price (less any deposit paid) and any other amount payable by the purchaser under this contract (less any amount payable by the vendor to the purchaser under this contract).

16.8 If the vendor requires more than 5 *settlement cheques*, the vendor must pay $10 for each extra cheque.

16.9 If any of the deposit is not covered by a bond or guarantee, on completion the purchaser must give the vendor an order signed by the purchaser authorising the *depositholder* to account to the vendor for the deposit.

16.10 On completion the deposit belongs to the vendor.

- **Place for completion**

16.11 *Normally*, the *parties* must complete at the completion address, which is -

16.11.1 if a special completion address is stated in this contract - that address; or

16.11.2 if none is stated, but a first mortgagee is disclosed in this contract and the mortgagee would usually discharge the mortgage at a particular place - that place; or

16.11.3 in any other case - the vendor's *solicitor*'s address stated in this contract.

16.12 The vendor by reasonable notice can require completion at another place, if it is in NSW, but the vendor must pay the purchaser's additional expenses, including any agency or mortgagee fee.

16.13 If the purchaser requests completion at a place that is not the completion address, and the vendor agrees, the purchaser must pay the vendor's additional expenses, including any agency or mortgagee fee.

17 Possession

17.1 *Normally*, the vendor must give the purchaser vacant possession of the *property* on completion.

17.2 The vendor does not have to give vacant possession if -
17.2.1 this contract says that the sale is subject to existing tenancies; and
17.2.2 the contract discloses the provisions of the tenancy (for example, by attaching a copy of the lease and any relevant memorandum or variation).
17.3 Normally, the purchaser can claim compensation (before or after completion) or rescind if any of the land is affected by a protected tenancy (a tenancy affected by Part 2, 3, 4 or 5 Landlord and Tenant (Amendment) Act 1948).

18 Possession before completion
18.1 This clause applies only if the vendor gives the purchaser possession of the property before completion.
18.2 The purchaser must not before completion -
18.2.1 let or part with possession of any of the property;
18.2.2 make any change or structural alteration or addition to the property; or
18.2.3 contravene any agreement between the parties or any direction, document, legislation, notice or order affecting the property.
18.3 The purchaser must until completion -
18.3.1 keep the property in good condition and repair having regard to its condition at the giving of possession; and
18.3.2 allow the vendor or the vendor’s authorised representative to enter and inspect it at all reasonable times.
18.4 The risks as to damage to the property passes to the purchaser immediately after the purchaser enters into possession.
18.5 If the purchaser does not comply with this clause, then without affecting any other right of the vendor -
18.5.1 the vendor can before completion, without notice, remedy the non-compliance; and
18.5.2 if the vendor pays the expense of doing this, the purchaser must pay it to the vendor with interest at the rate mentioned in Schedule J of the Supreme Court Rules 1970.
18.6 If this contract is rescinded or terminated the purchaser must immediately vacate the property.
18.7 If the parties or their solicitors on their behalf do not agree in writing to a fee or rent, none is payable.

19 Rescission of contract
19.1 If this contract expressly gives a party a right to rescind, the party can exercise the right -
19.1.1 only by serving a notice before completion; and
19.1.2 in spite of any making of a claim or requisition, any attempt to satisfy a claim or requisition, any arbitration, litigation, mediation or negotiation or any giving or taking of possession.
19.2 Normally, if a party exercises a right to rescind expressly given by this contract or any legislation -
19.2.1 the deposit and any other money paid by the purchaser under this contract must be refunded;
19.2.2 a party can claim for a reasonable adjustment if the purchaser has been in possession;
19.2.3 a party can claim for damages, costs or expenses arising out of a breach of this contract; and
19.2.4 a party will not otherwise be liable to pay the other party any damages, costs or expenses.

20 Miscellaneous
20.1 The parties acknowledge that anything stated in this contract to be attached was attached to this contract by the vendor before the purchaser signed it and is part of this contract.
20.2 Anything attached to this contract is part of this contract.
20.3 An area, bearing or dimension in this contract is only approximate.
20.4 If a party consists of 2 or more persons, this contract benefits and binds them separately and together.
20.5 A party’s solicitor can receive any amount payable to the party under this contract or direct in writing that it is to be paid to another person.
20.6 A document under or relating to this contract is -
20.6.1 signed by a party if it is signed by the party or the party’s solicitor (apart from a direction under clause 4.3);
20.6.2 served if it is served by the party or the party’s solicitor;
20.6.3 served if it is served on the party’s solicitor, even if the party has died or any of them has died;
20.6.4 served if it is served in any manner provided for s170 of the Conveyancing Act 1919;
20.6.5 served if it is sent by fax to the party’s solicitor, unless it is not received;
20.6.6 served on a person if it (or a copy of it) comes into the possession of the person; and
20.6.7 served at the earliest time it is served, if it is served more than once.
20.7 An obligation to pay an expense of another party of doing something is an obligation to pay -
20.7.1 if the party does the thing personally - the reasonable cost of getting someone else to do it; or
20.7.2 if the party pays someone else to do the thing - the amount paid, to the extent it is reasonable.
20.8 Rights under clauses 11, 13, 14, and 17 continue after completion, whether or not other rights continue.
20.9 The vendor does not promise, represent or state that the purchaser has any cooling off rights.
20.10 The vendor does not promise, represent or state that any attached survey report is accurate or current.
20.11 A reference to any legislation includes a reference to any corresponding later legislation.
20.12 Each party must do whatever is necessary after completion to carry out the party’s obligations under this contract.
20.13 Neither taking possession nor serving a transfer of itself implies acceptance of the property or the title.
20.14 The details and information provided in this contract (for example, on page 1) are, to the extent of each party’s knowledge, true, and are part of this contract.
20.15 Where this contract provides for choices, a choice in BLOCK CAPITALS applies unless a different choice is marked.

21 Time limits in these provisions
21.1 If the time for something to be done or to happen is not stated in these provisions, it is a reasonable time.
21.2 If there are conflicting times for something to be done or to happen, the latest of those times applies.
21.3 The time for one thing to be done or to happen does not extend the time for another thing to be done or to happen.
21.4 If the time for something to be done or to happen is the 29th, 30th or 31st day of a month, and the day does not exist, the time is instead the last day of the month.
21.5 If the time for something to be done or to happen is a day that is not a business day, the time is extended to the next business day, except in the case of clause 2 (deposit).
21.6 Normally, the time by which something must be done is fixed but not essential.

22 Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975
22.1 The purchaser promises that the Commonwealth Treasurer cannot prohibit and has not prohibited the transfer under the Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Act 1975.
22.2 This promise is essential and a breach of it entitles the vendor to terminate.

23 Strata or community title
23.1 This clause applies only if the land (or part of it) is a lot in a strata, neighbourhood, precinct or community scheme (or on completion is to be a lot in a scheme of that kind).
23.2 In this contract -
   'change', in relation to a scheme, means -
   - a registered or registrable change from by-laws set out in this contract or set out in legislation and specified in this contract;
   - a change from a development or management contract or statement set out in this contract; or
   - a change in the boundaries of common property;
   'common property' includes association property for the scheme or any higher scheme;
   'contribution' includes an amount payable under a by-law;
   'normal expenses', in relation to an owners corporation for a scheme, means normal operating expenses usually payable from the administrative fund of an owners corporation for a scheme of the same kind;
   'owners corporation' means the owners corporation or the association for the scheme or any higher scheme;
   'the property' includes any interest in common property for the scheme associated with the lot;
   'special expenses', in relation to an owners corporation, means its actual, contingent or expected expenses, except to the extent they are normal expenses, due to fair wear and tear, disclosed in this contract or covered by moneys held in the sinking fund.
23.3 Clauses 11, 14.8 and 18.4 do not apply to an obligation of the owners corporation, or to property insurable by it.
23.4 Clauses 14.4.2 and 14.5 apply but on a unit entitlement basis instead of an area basis.
23.5 The parties must adjust under clause 14.4 -
   23.5.1 a regular periodic contribution;
   23.5.2 a contribution which is not a regular periodic contribution but is disclosed in this contract; and
   23.5.3 on a unit entitlement basis, any amount paid by the vendor for a normal expense of the owners corporation to the extent the owners corporation has not paid the amount to the vendor.
23.6 If a contribution is not a regular periodic contribution and is not disclosed in this contract -
   23.6.1 the vendor is liable for it if it was levied before the contract date (unless it relates to work not started by that date), even if it is payable by instalments;
   23.6.2 the vendor is also liable for it to the extent it relates to work started by the owners corporation before the contract date; and
   23.6.3 the purchaser is liable for all other contributions levied after the contract date.
23.7 The vendor must pay or allow to the purchaser on completion the amount of any unpaid contributions for which the vendor is liable under clause 23.6.
23.8 Normally, the purchaser cannot make a claim or requisition or rescind or terminate in respect of -
   23.8.1 an existing or future actual, contingent or expected expense of the owners corporation;
   23.8.2 a proportional unit entitlement of the lot or a relevant lot or former lot, apart from a claim under clause 8; or
   23.8.3 a past or future change in the scheme or a higher scheme.
23.9 However, the purchaser can rescind if -
   23.9.1 the special expenses of the owners corporation at the later of the contract date and the creation of the owners corporation when calculated on a unit entitlement basis (and, if more than one lot or a higher scheme is involved, added together), less any contribution paid by the vendor, are more than 1% of the price;
   23.9.2 in the case of the lot or a relevant lot or former lot in a higher scheme -
   - a proportional unit entitlement for the lot is not disclosed in this contract; or
   - a proportional unit entitlement for the lot is disclosed in this contract but the lot has a different proportional unit entitlement at the contract date or at any time before completion; or
   23.9.3 a change before the contract date or before completion in the scheme or a higher scheme substantially disadvantages the purchaser and is not disclosed in this contract.
23.10 The purchaser must give the vendor 2 copies of a proper form of notice of the transfer of the lot addressed to the owners corporation and signed by the purchaser.
23.11 The vendor must complete and sign 1 copy of the notice and give it to the purchaser on completion.
23.12 Each party can sign and give the notice as agent for the other.
23.13 The vendor must serve a certificate under section 109 Strata Schemes Management Act 1996 or section 26 Community Land Management Act 1989 in relation to the lot, the scheme or any higher scheme at least 7 days before the completion date.
23.14 The purchaser does not have to complete earlier than 7 days after service of the certificate and clause 21.3 does not apply to this provision.

23.15 On completion the purchaser must pay the vendor the prescribed fee for the certificate.

23.16 The vendor authorises the purchaser to apply for the purchaser’s own certificate.

23.17 The vendor authorises the purchaser to apply for and make an inspection of any record or other document in the custody or control of the owners corporation or relating to the scheme or any higher scheme.

23.18 If a general meeting of the owners corporation is convened before completion -
   23.18.1 if the vendor receives notice of it, the vendor must immediately notify the purchaser of it; and
   23.18.2 the purchaser can require the vendor to appoint the purchaser (or the purchaser’s nominee) to exercise any voting rights of the vendor in respect of the lot at the meeting.

24 Tenancies

24.1 If a tenant has not made a payment for a period preceding or current at the adjustment date -
   24.1.1 for the purposes of clause 14.2, the amount is to be treated as if it were paid; and
   24.1.2 the purchaser assigns the debt to the vendor on completion and will if required give a further assignment at the vendor’s expense.

24.2 If a tenant has paid in advance of the adjustment date any periodic payment in addition to rent, it must be adjusted as if it were rent for the period to which it relates.

24.3 If the property is to be subject to a tenancy on completion or is subject to a tenancy on completion -
   24.3.1 the vendor authorises the purchaser to have any accounting records relating to the tenancy inspected and audited and to have any other document relating to the tenancy inspected;
   24.3.2 the vendor must serve any information about the tenancy reasonably requested by the purchaser before or after completion; and
   24.3.3 normally, the purchaser can claim compensation (before or after completion) if -
      - any of Parts 2 to 7 of the Retail Leases Act 1994 applies to the tenancy, unless this contract discloses that the tenancy commenced on or after 1 August 1994;
      - a disclosure statement required by the Act was not given when required;
      - such a statement contained information that was materially false or misleading;
      - a provision of the lease is not enforceable because of a non-disclosure in such a statement; or
      - the lease was entered into in contravention of the Act.

24.4 If the property is subject to a tenancy on completion -
   24.4.1 the vendor must allow or transfer -
      - any remaining bond money or any other security against the tenant’s default (to the extent the security is transferable);
      - any money in a fund established under the lease for a purpose and compensation for any money in the fund or interest earned by the fund that has been applied for any other purpose;
      - any money paid by the tenant for a purpose that has not been applied for that purpose and compensation for any of the money that has been applied for any other purpose; and
   24.4.2 if the security is not transferable, each party must do everything reasonable to cause a replacement security to issue for the benefit of the purchaser and the vendor must hold the original security on trust for the benefit of the purchaser until the replacement security issues;
   24.4.3 the vendor must give to the purchaser -
      - a proper notice of the transfer addressed to the tenant;
      - any certificate given under the Retail Leases Act 1994 in relation to the tenancy;
      - a copy of any disclosure statement given to the tenant under the Retail Leases Act 1994;
      - a copy of any document served on the tenant under the lease and written details of its service, if the document concerns the rights of the landlord or the tenant after completion; and
      - any document served by the tenant under the lease and written details of its service, if the document concerns the rights of the landlord or the tenant after completion;
   24.4.4 the vendor must comply with any obligation to the tenant under the lease, to the extent it is to be complied with by completion; and
   24.4.5 the purchaser must comply with any obligation to the tenant under the lease, to the extent that the obligation is disclosed in this contract and is to be complied with after completion.

24.5 Rights under this clause continue after completion, whether or not other rights continue.
25 Qualified title, limited title and old system title

25.1 This clause applies only if the land (or part of it) -
   25.1.1 is under qualified, limited or old system title; or
   25.1.2 on completion is to be under one of those titles.

25.2 The vendor must serve a proper abstract of title within 7 days after the contract date.

25.3 If an abstract of title or part of an abstract of title is attached to this contract or has been lent by the vendor to the purchaser before the contract date, the abstract or part is served on the contract date.

25.4 An abstract of title can be or include a list of documents, events and facts arranged (apart from a will or codicil) in date order, if the list in respect of each document -
   25.4.1 shows its date, general nature, names of parties and any registration number; and
   25.4.2 has attached a legible photocopy of it or of an official or registration copy of it.

25.5 An abstract of title -
   25.5.1 must start with a good root of title (if the good root of title must be at least 30 years old, this means 30 years old at the contract date);
   25.5.2 in the case of a leasehold interest, must include an abstract of the lease and any higher lease;
   25.5.3 normally, need not include a Crown grant; and
   25.5.4 need not include anything evidenced by the Register kept under the Real Property Act 1900.

25.6 In the case of land under old system title -
   25.6.1 in this contract transfer means conveyance;
   25.6.2 the purchaser does not have to serve the form of transfer until after the vendor has served a proper abstract of title; and
   25.6.3 each vendor must give proper covenants for title as regards that vendor's interest.

25.7 In the case of land under limited title but not under qualified title -
   25.7.1 normally, the abstract of title need not include any document which does not show the location, area or dimensions of the land (for example, by including a metes and bounds description or a plan of the land);
   25.7.2 clause 25.7.1 does not apply to a document which is the good root of title; and
   25.7.3 the vendor does not have to provide an abstract if this contract contains a delimitation plan (whether in registrable form or not).

25.8 The vendor must give a proper covenant to produce where relevant.

25.9 The vendor does not have to produce or covenant to produce a document that is not in the possession of the vendor or a mortgagee.

25.10 If the vendor is unable to produce an original document in the chain of title, the purchaser will accept a photocopy from the Registrar General of the registration copy of that document.

26 Crown purchase money

26.1 This clause applies only if purchase money is payable to the Crown, whether or not due for payment.

26.2 The vendor is liable for the money, except to the extent this contract says the purchaser is liable for it.

26.3 To the extent the vendor is liable for it, the vendor is liable for any interest until completion.

26.4 To the extent the purchaser is liable for it, the parties must adjust any interest under clause 14.1.

27 Consent to transfer

27.1 This clause applies only if the land (or part of it) is restricted title land (land that cannot be transferred without consent under legislation).

27.2 The purchaser must properly complete and then serve the purchaser's part of an application for consent to transfer of the land (or part of it) within 7 days after the contract date.

27.3 The vendor must apply for consent within 7 days after service of the purchaser's part.

27.4 If consent is refused, either party can rescind.

27.5 If consent is given subject to one or more conditions that will substantially disadvantage a party, then that party can rescind within 7 days after receipt by or service upon the party of written notice of the conditions.

27.6 If consent is not given or refused -
   27.6.1 within 42 days after the purchaser serves the purchaser's part of the application, the purchaser can rescind; or
   27.6.2 within 30 days after the application is made, either party can rescind.

27.7 If the legislation is the Western Lands Act 1901 each period in clause 27.6 becomes 90 days.

27.8 If the land or part is described as a lot in an unregistered plan, each time in clause 27.6 becomes the later of the time and 35 days after creation of a separate folio for the lot.

27.9 The completion date becomes the later of the completion date and 14 days after service of the notice granting consent to transfer.

28 Unregistered plan

28.1 This clause applies only if some of the land is described as a lot in an unregistered plan.

28.2 The vendor must do everything reasonable to have the plan registered within 6 months after the contract date, with or without any minor alteration to the plan or any document to be lodged with the plan validly required or made under legislation.
28.3 If the plan is not registered within that time and in that manner -
    28.3.1 the purchaser can rescind; and
    28.3.2 the vendor can rescind, but only if the vendor has complied with clause 28.2.
28.4 Either party can serve notice of the registration of the plan and every relevant lot and plan number.
28.5 The completion date becomes the later of the completion date and 21 days after service of the notice.
28.6 Clauses 28.2 and 28.3 apply to a plan that is to be registered before the plan is registered.

29 Conditional contract

29.1 This clause applies only if a provision says this contract or completion is conditional on an event.
29.2 If the time for the event to happen is not stated, the time is 42 days after the contract date.
29.3 If this contract says the provision is for the benefit of a party, then it benefits only that party.
29.4 If anything is necessary to make the event happen, each party must do whatever is reasonably necessary to cause the event to happen.
29.5 A party can rescind under this clause only if the party has substantially complied with clause 29.4.
29.6 If the event involves an approval and the approval is given subject to a condition that will substantially disadvantage a party who has the benefit of the provision, the party can rescind within 7 days after either party serves notice of the condition.
29.7 If the parties can lawfully complete without the event happening -
    29.7.1 if the event does not happen within the time for it to happen, a party who has the benefit of the provision can rescind within 7 days after the end of that time;
    29.7.2 if the event involves an approval and an application for the approval is refused, a party who has the benefit of the provision can rescind within 7 days after either party serves notice of the refusal;
    29.7.3 the completion date becomes the later of the completion date and 21 days after the earliest of -
        • either party serving notice of the event happening;
        • every party who has the benefit of the provision serving notice waiving the provision;
        • the end of the time for the event to happen.
29.8 If the parties cannot lawfully complete without the event happening -
    29.8.1 if the event does not happen within the time for it to happen, either party can rescind;
    29.8.2 if the event involves an approval and an application for the approval is refused, either party can rescind;
    29.8.3 the completion date becomes the later of the completion date and 21 days after either party serves notice of the event happening.
29.9 A party cannot rescind under clauses 29.7 or 29.8 after the event happens.