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Standard Costs Agreement

DATE:	11 th October 2012
TO:	Ivan Petch
ADDRESS:	

- A. This document is an offer to enter into a costs agreement with you.
- B. The work we have been instructed to do is:

Provide you with the following professional services:

- ongoing general legal advice regarding the Local Government Act and Regulations
- all other general legal advice.
- C. The disclosure requirements which we are required to provide you under the Legal Profession Act 2004 are contained in annexure A (the Standard Costs Disclosure), which forms part of this document.

D. Acceptance of offer

If you accept this offer you will have entered into a costs agreement. This means you will be bound by the terms and conditions set out in this document, including being billed in accordance with it. You may accept this offer in any of the following ways:

- signing and returning a copy of this document
- giving us instructions after receiving this document
- oral acceptance.

Failure to accept our offer within seven days of dispatch of this document can result in the immediate withdrawal of our offer to act on your behalf.

E. Termination of Agreement

- E.1 We will not continue to do the work:
 - if you fail to pay our bills
 - if you fail to provide us with adequate instructions within a reasonable time
 - if you give instructions that are deliberately false or intentionally misleading
 - if you fail to accept an offer of settlement which we think is
 - if you fail to accept advice we (or counsel) give you
 - if you engage another law practice to advise you on this matter without our consent

- if we, on reasonable grounds, believe that we may have a conflict of interest, or if you indicate to us that we have lost your confidence; or
- · for other just cause.

We will give you at least fourteen (14) days' notice of our intention to terminate our agreement, and of the grounds on which the notice is based.

- E.2 You may terminate this agreement at any time.
- E.3 If the agreement is terminated either by you or us, you will be required to pay our professional fees and charges for work done, and for expenses and disbursements incurred, up to the date of termination. For lump sum fee matters, you must pay the part of my/our lump sum fee that we reasonably estimate has been incurred in respect of the legal services provided to you up to the date of termination, plus charges, expenses and disbursements, subject to your right to a costs assessment. You will be liable to pay our costs whether or not the other party to any court proceedings has to pay your costs of the proceedings.

On termination, I we are entitled to retain possession of your papers and documents while there is money owing to us for our charges and expenses, unless, and until security is provided for our costs.

F. Lien

Without affecting any lien to which I we are otherwise entitled at law over funds, papers and other property of yours in our possession:

- F.1 we shall be entitled to retain by way of lien any funds, property or papers of yours, which are from time to time in our possession or control, until all costs, disbursements, interest and other moneys due to the firm have been paid;
- F.2 our lien will continue notwithstanding that we cease to act for the client.

G. Retention of your documents

We will, on completion of the work, retain any papers to which you are entitled, but leave in our possession (except documents deposited in safe custody) for no more than seven (7) years. This will be done on the undertaking that we have your authority to destroy the file, seven years after the date of the final bill rendered by us in this matter. If the documents need to be retrieved for any reason then a retrieval fee shall apply of \$150.00 plus GST.

H. Privacy Protection

Personal information about you, provided by you and other sources, is protected under the <u>Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act (Cwith) 2000</u>. Disclosure of such information may be compelled by law (e.g. under the Social Security Act). You also

authorise me/us to disclose such information where necessary to others in furtherance of your claim/matter (e.g. within the law practice; to the Court; the other party or parties to litigation; and to valuers, experts, barristers etc).

I. Payment / Money on Account

We may ask you to pay us, in advance, some money on account of payments which will be made to others and our costs.

Trust Account Details are as follows:

Account Name:

AJL Legal

Account BSB:

Account Number:

J. Authorisation to transfer money from trust account

You authorise us to receive directly into our trust account any judgment or settlement money, or money received from any source in furtherance of your work, and to pay ourselves our costs, disbursements and expenses in accordance with the provisions of clause 88(3)(a)(i) of the Legal Profession Regulation 2005.

K. Briefing Counsel (Barrister)

- K.1 We are authorised by you to brief counsel to appear, confer, advise and draw and/or settle documents provided that:
- K.1.1 except in circumstances of urgency or where it is otherwise impracticable, we shall discuss with, and take into account your wishes when briefing counsel; and
- K.1.2 wherever practicable, we will provide the client with a copy of counsel's fee agreement. If you object to the fees of counsel, as set out in such a fee agreement, then you shall forthwith notify the firm.
- K.2 You shall pay all counsel fees which are billed to us, which you acknowledge exceed any scale rates.

L. Retaining expert witnesses (accountants, handwriting etc)

- L.1 We are authorised by you to retain expert witnesses (e.g. psychologists, medical practitioners, accountants, valuers) to advise, report, confer and/or appear at Court, provided that, except in circumstances of urgency or where it is otherwise impracticable, we shall discuss with and take into account your wishes when retaining expert witnesses.
- L.2 You shall pay all expert witness fees which are billed to us in accordance with the expert's retainer, and which terms and conditions may differ from our own.

M. Retaining agents (including investigators)

- M.1 We are authorised by you to retain an agent, if necessary, provided that, except in circumstances of urgency or if it is otherwise impracticable, we shall discuss with and take into account your wishes when so engaging an agent.
- M.2 You shall pay all agent fees which are billed to us, which you acknowledge may exceed any scale rates.

Signed:

	-
Client	Date
	11 October 2012
Stefano Laface Principal Solicitor	Date

Standard Costs Disclosure

(Annexure 'A' to Costs Agreement)

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DATE:	11 th October 2012	
TO: 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10	Ivan Petch	
ADDRESS:		

This document, and the Form attached, discloses information about the costs of our legal services, and your rights, as required by the <u>Legal Profession Act 2004</u> (NSW), hereafter referred to as ["the Act"].

1. GST

All rates, charges and disbursements in this document are GST inclusive unless otherwise stated

2. Costs - how calculated

2.1 Professional Fees

We will charge you professional fees for the work we do either:

2.1.1	(a)	an hourly rate of:	\$440.00 for a partner.
	(b)	an hourly rate of:	\$385.00 for a senior solicitor
	(c)	an hourly rate of:	\$330.00 for a junior solicitor.
	(d)	an hourly rate of:	\$165.00 for a para-legal
	(e)	an hourly rate of:	\$88.00 for a clerk
	(f)	an hourly rate of:	\$55.00 for secretarial services.
	(g)	Travel time:	\$250.00 per hour

These rates will be proportionately charged for work involving shorter periods less than an hour. Our charges are structured in 6 minutes units. For example, the time charged for an attendance of up to 6 minutes will be 1 unit and the time charged for an attendance between 6 and 12 minutes will be 2 units.

Please note: All work, including but not limited to phone calls, emails, faxes, meetings and travel times performed outside of ordinary work hours will be charged at the above rates plus a loading of 25%. Ordinary hours are Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5.30pm.



2.2 Charges

We will charge you for services we use or supply. Our rates are:

2.2.1 photocopying:

\$0.70 per page

2.2.2 faxes:

\$0.70 per page

2.3 Disbursements

We may incur disbursements (being money which we pay or are liable to pay) to others on your behalf. These may include:

- search fees
- enquiry fees
- court filing fees
- process servers
- clinical records from hospitals
- medical reports
- experts' reports
- witnesses expenses
- travel expenses
- transcripts
- barrister's fees (see cl. 9) and others.

We will inform you of these expenses and disbursements, as well as any other payments required to be made, as soon as is reasonably practicable.

3. Estimate of Costs

As the work done will be ongoing advice there is no estimate.

4. Billing arrangements

We require payment in advance be deposited into our Statutory Trust Account. We will send you a bill of costs containing information of our professional fees and charges and disbursements either after completion of the work, or monthly, or at other times as agreed with you, when the work is in progress. We will draw from our Trust Account monies owed to AJL Legal in accordance with the Legal Profession Act 2004.

For your reference, our Trust Account Details are as follows:

Bank:

NAB

Account Name:

AJL Legal

Account BSB:

Account Number:

5. Interest on unpaid costs

If our costs are not paid within 30 days of giving you our bill of costs, we may charge you interest on the unpaid amount, at or under the maximum rate prescribed in Regulation 110A, of the Legal Profession Regulation 2005. The current rate is 8% per annum, but may vary at the time the Bill of Costs is issued.

6. Dispute as to legal costs

In addition to the rights set out in the accompanying Form you also have the right to have the costs mediated if the dispute is less than \$10,000. Referral for mediation must be made before an application for assessment is accepted by the Manager, Costs Assessment.

Persons responsible for your matter and legal costs

Stefano Laface will be responsible for your matter. You may contact him regarding your matter and your legal costs. Other persons may assist the above named solicitors from time to time with the conduct of your matter. Please see our disclosed charge out rates.

8. Substantial changes to disclosure

You will be informed, as soon as is reasonably practicable, of any substantial changes to anything contained in this disclosure document.

9. Engagement of another law practice (e.g. barrister)

It may be necessary for me/us to engage, on your behalf, the services of another law practice to provide specialist advice or services, including advocacy services, or to act as our agent. We will consult you as to the terms of that law practice's engagement, but you may be asked to enter into a costs agreement directly with that law practice. The law practice engaged by us will disclose costs to us in a similar manner and we will disclose those costs to you.

11. Applicable law

The law of NSW applies to legal costs regarding this matter. However, see your rights in the accompanying form.

Form of disclosure of costs to clients

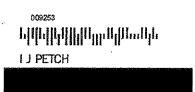
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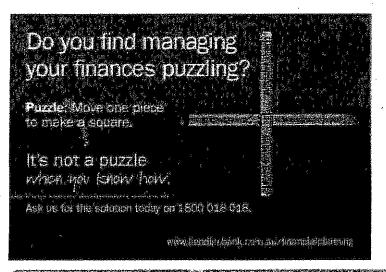
Legal costs - Your right to know

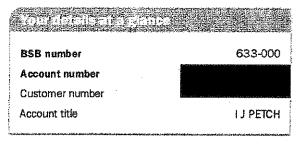
You have the right to:

- Negotiate a costs agreement with us
- · Receive a bill of costs from us
- Request an itemized bill of costs after you receive a lump sum bill from us
- Request written reports about the progress of your matter and the costs incurred in your matter
- Apply for costs to be assessed within 12 months if you are unhappy with our costs
- Apply for the costs agreement to be set aside
- Accept or reject any offer we make for an interstate costs law to apply to your matter
- Notify us that you require an interstate costs law to apply to your matter.

For more information about your rights, please read the facts sheet entitled Legal Costs – your right to know. You can ask us for a copy, or obtain it from your local law society or law institute (or download it from their website)







Statement period	30 Sep 201	2 - 30 Dec 2012
Statement number		29
Opening balance on 30	Sep 2012	\$22,138.32
Deposits & credits		\$257,614.35
Withdrawals & debits		\$268,688.06
Closing Balance on 30	Dec 2012	\$11,064.61
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Any questions?

Contact your Branch Manager, Pat Italiano at Shop 14, 203-213 Cox'S Rd, North Ryde 2113 on 02 9878 5559, or call 1300 BENDIGO (1300 236 344).

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Mr I J Petch

Trust Account Statement

For Period : All

Trust Account: AJL Legal Trust Account, NAB

Matter # 100501, Advice - Loan Agreement

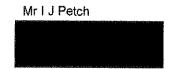
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24/10/2012	Rec000203	Received From: Mr I J Petch			
		Reason: PETCH Loan money, Fees and Disbursments		\$235,000.00	\$235,000.00
30/10/2012	PayTP13	Paid To: EFT BSB-Ac: 062245-28017487 The Weekly Times Gladesville Reason: TWT Loan Money	\$176,144,00		\$58,856.00
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Mr Ivan John Petch

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Mr I J Petch

TRUST ACCOUNT RECEIPT

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Matter & Client Description Amount

Matter # 100501, Mr Ivan John Petch; PETCH Loan money, Fees and Disbursments

Advice - Loan Agreement \$235,000.00

Received By Vohanna Laface
On Behalf Of AJL Legal Pty Ltd

Johanna Laface

From:

Cir. Ivan Petch [ivan.petch@

Sent:

Thursday, 11 October 2012 1:07 AM

To:

Stefano Laface

Subject:

Re: Petch Advance to Weekley Times Gladesville Pty. Limited

j

Hi Stefano

On the Caveat document the address is Victoria road Ryde and not Victoria Road Gladesville

Regards

Ivan

Sent from my iPhone

On 11/10/2012, at 12:41 AM, "Stefano Laface" < Stefano@AJLLegal.com.au> wrote:

Ivan,

Please find attached loan documents drafted in accordance with your instructions.

As discussed, you will need to declare any interest at Council regarding any dealing with Mr Booth or The Weekly Times Gladesville Pty. Limited.

At the present moment, we are awaiting a consent to the second mortgage.

Regards,

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Regards,

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Level 1, 43 Belgrave Street

MANLY NSW 2095

Ph: (02) 9976 3001 Fax: (02) 9976 3007

Johanna Laface

From:

Johanna Laface

Sent:

Wednesday, 24 October 2012 3:17 PM

To:

'johnfb@weeklytimes.com.au'

Subject:

Settlement Figures

Importance:

High

John

We refer to the advance and enclose settlement figures for your approval.

From the attached the following will be ready for you to draw on Friday, as the banks have indicated that the funds will not be able to clear until late today or tomorrow by earliest.

Kindly approve the settlement statement. In respect of the cheque the following comments are made

- \$50,000.00 made out to Alramon Pty Limited this is the repayment of the loan advanced to you by Norm. I understand this is to be repaid from the proceeds, however, you will need to arrange for TWT invoices to be issued in order for you to recoup back some funds for advertisement(approx \$20,000), therefore, it will be the case that a refund will be made to you in payment of these invoices, if you provide the invoices directly to me, I may be able to transfer the difference
- 2. \$2,500 made out to Ivan John Petch this is your first months interest
- 3. \$176,144.00 made out to the Weekly Times Gladesville Pty Limited

Regards,

Johanna Laface



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Johanna Laface

From: Sent:

Ulrike Eichmeyer [ulrike@weeklytimes.com.au]

Wednesday, 24 October 2012 5:39 PM

To: Cc:

Johanna Laface Stefano Laface

Subject:

RE: Settlement Figures

Hi Stefano

Can you please contact us asap re loan.

Apart from the fact that the money has not been deposited, we also don't understand the settlement sheet: \$50,000.00 Airamon Pty Ltd - who is that?

Regards

Ulrike Eichmeyer

From: Johanna Laface [mailto:johanna@AJLLegal.com.au]

ant: Wednesday, 24 October 2012 3:27 PM

To: johnfb@weeklytimes.com.au Subject: FW: Settlement Figures

Importance: High

John

Apologies please find attached the settlement sheet

Regards,

Johanna Laface

Ph: (02) 9976 3001 Fax: (02) 9976 3007

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Johanna Laface

From:

Alex Munday

Sent:

Thursday, 25 October 2012 11:58 AM johnfb@weeklytimes.com.au

To:

Cc: Subject: Johanna Laface

RE: Settlement Figures

Dear John,

We refer to our telephone conversation with you this morning. Unfortunately the funds have not yet cleared through the AJL trust account and we are unable to draw on them until they do.

Regards,

Alex Munday.

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Johanna Laface

From:

Ulrike Eichmeyer [contactus@weeklytimes.com.au]

Sent:

Thursday, 25 October 2012 1:31 PM

To:

Johanna Laface

Subject: Attachments: FW: Invoices - advance Norm Cerreto _ Cox's Road CentreAccounts.pdf; Cox's Road Centre INV May2012.jpg; Cox's Road Centre INV June2012.jpg; Cox's Road Centre INV July2012.jpg; Cox's Road

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Hi Johanna

John left your email print-out on my desk and am forwarding the email sent to Norm last night.

Ulrike



----- Forwarded Message

From: Ulrike Eichmeyer < contactus@weeklytimes.com.au>

Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2012 18:09:46 +1100

To: <normcerreto@f

, <i @delitalia.net.au>

Subject: Invoices - advance

Hi Norm

We just learnt that the \$50,000.00 have been paid out to you today.

Please find attached the related invoices for payment, each only half page charged for a full page.

Thanks for attending to this

Regards

Ulrike Eichmeyer



Also, I was told to send the invoices for Roy Maggio's campaign also per email to Millie Booth, but had no response. Who is paying for those?

---- End of Forwarded Message