

# Your Financial Services Guide

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# Important Information

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This Financial Services Guide (FSG) is designed to clarify who we are and what we do, and help you decide whether to use our services.

To make things simple, this guide explains:

- the services and types of products we're able to offer you
- how we and our associates are paid and any other benefits we may receive
- any potential conflicts of interest we may have
- how we protect your privacy and handle your personal information
- how we resolve disputes, and what you should do if you have one.

Please read through the whole FSG, as it's full of useful information – and is also worth holding on to for future reference. And of course, if you ever have any questions, please contact us.

## Other documents you may receive

In addition to this FSG, when we provide you financial advice we will also present you with a written Statement of Advice (SOA).

This will describe:

- advice and strategies we recommend and the reasons why;
- the financial products and services we recommend and the reasons why;
- any fees or commissions we will receive; and
- any associations we have with financial product providers or other parties that have not already been disclosed in this FSG and may influence the advice we provide.

If you receive further financial advice from us, we will present you with either another SOA or keep our own written Record of Advice (ROA). You can request a copy of this by contacting us any time up to seven years from the date of the advice provided. Please refer to the "Contact us" section of this FSG for our contact details.

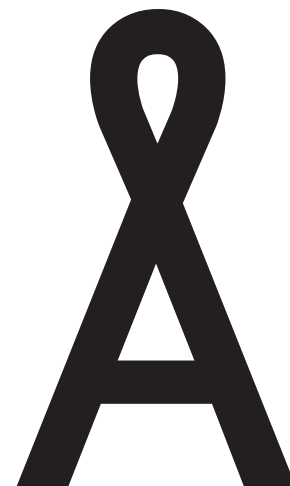
To help you make an informed decision about a financial product you generally will be given a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) which outlines the product features and costs in detail. In certain circumstances it is not a requirement that you be given a PDS (including, for example, where you already have one).

## Giving us instructions

If you want to make changes to your financial plan or provide other instructions, please contact us. Please refer to the "Contact us" section of this FSG for our contact details.

Generally, you will need to give us instructions in writing (eg fax, email or letter) or another method agreed with us.

# About our Licensee



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**We are authorised representatives of Apogee Financial Planning Limited ABN 28 056 426 932, Australian Financial Services Licence Number 230689 (“Apogee Financial Planning”) of Level 1, 105-153 Miller Street, North Sydney NSW 2060.**

Apogee Financial Planning is recognised as one of Australia’s leading financial advice networks, with over 150 experienced financial planners across Australia managing over \$5 billion of investments.

Apogee Financial Planning is a professional partner of the Financial Planning Association, the professional body representing qualified financial planners in Australia, and therefore adheres to set standards in terms of ethics, conduct and continuing professional development.

## **Our associations and relationships**

Apogee Financial Planning is part of the National Australia Bank Limited (“NAB”) group of companies (“NAB Group”). Apogee Financial Planning is a wholly owned subsidiary within the NAB Group. NAB does not guarantee or otherwise accept any liability in respect of the financial advice or services provided by Apogee Financial Planning or its authorised representatives.

We may recommend financial products issued by companies within the NAB Group or companies in which a shareholding is maintained by a NAB Group member (including MLC Limited).

These include products and services with the following branding:

- NAB, National
- MLC
- JANA
- JB Were
- Plum
- Pre Select Funds
- Private Investment Consulting
- WealthHub Securities
- Altrinsic Global Advisers

- Antares Capital
- Fairview Equity Partners
- Intermede Investment Partners
- Presima Inc
- Redpoint Investment Management

If we recommend a product or service issued by a NAB Group company, they will benefit from our recommendation by receiving product and management fees from you as well as fees paid by fund managers to distribute the fund manager’s product. Please refer to the relevant PDS and/or offer documents for further information.

We generally recommend products that are listed on Apogee Financial Planning’s approved product list. These will include NAB Group products. Before any products are added to this list a review process is undertaken and products are required to meet minimum standards. If these products are not appropriate for your circumstances then we may recommend a product outside of this list. At all times, we will ensure that our recommendations are in your best interests.

Apogee Financial Planning maintains relationships with the following insurance providers (AIA, Zurich, CommInsure and One Path) which pay Apogee Financial Planning a licensee commission payment as described in the ‘Commissions received by our Licensee from product providers’ section of this FSG.

NAB and its related bodies corporate distribute insurance products issued by MLC Limited ABN 90 000 000 402. MLC Limited is part of the Nippon Life Insurance Group and not a part of the NAB Group.

MLC Limited will pay National Wealth Management Services Limited, a related body corporate of NAB, a distribution allowance as described in the ‘Distribution Allowance’ section of this FSG. If appropriate to your requirements, objectives and circumstances then a Apogee Financial Planning adviser may recommend a risk insurance policy issued by one of these insurers, or an insurance policy issued by MLC Limited.

# About us

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## Who we are

The following financial advisers are authorised to provide the financial services referred to in the 'What we do' section of this FSG to you on behalf of Apogee Financial Planning:

Rodney M. DeGabriele  
Authorised Representative No. 340280

Tony Vikram  
Authorised Representative No. 1003701

Rodney, Tony and Affinity Private Advisors Pty Ltd are representatives of and offer our services on behalf of Apogee Financial Planning Limited.

The Financial Services that the above advisers offer is provided by Affinity Private Advisors Pty Ltd ACN 618291 786 ATF Affinity Private Advisors Unit Trust ABN 83 919 484 863 trading as Affinity Private Advisors Authorised Representative No. 1254093

Apogee Financial Planning has authorised us to provide you with this Financial Services Guide.

## What we do

We are authorised by Apogee Financial Planning to provide financial advice in relation to:

- Wealth Accumulation
- Income & Asset Protection
- Tax Strategies
- Superannuation
- Retirement & Redundancy Planning
- Estate Planning
- Government Benefits
- Debt Management

and to provide financial advice and deal in the following financial products:

- Basic Deposit Products
- Non-basic Deposit Products
- Non-cash Payment Facilities
- Life Products – Investment Life Insurance
- Life Products – Life Risk Insurance
- Superannuation
- Retirement Savings Accounts
- Managed Investment Schemes, including Investor Directed Portfolio Services (IDPS)
- Derivatives
- Government Debentures, Stocks or Bonds
- Securities
- Standard Margin Lending Facilities

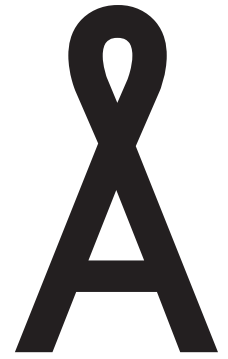
We are not authorised to provide any other financial services or financial products on behalf of Apogee Financial Planning.

Where we are unauthorised to provide you with a financial service or financial product that you are interested in, we will advise you of this and refer you to an alternative source of advice.

## Contact us

For more information on anything you have read in this FSG, to obtain a copy of our Privacy Policy or if there is anything else we can help you with, please contact us at:

Address: Level 5, North Building,  
333 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Phone: 1300 769 304  
Email: [enquiries@affinityprivate.com.au](mailto:enquiries@affinityprivate.com.au)  
Website: [www.affinityprivate.com.au](http://www.affinityprivate.com.au)



### **Rodney M. DeGabriele**

Rodney has 20 years experience advising executives, professionals, charities and family offices, working for Australia's leading investment, private and business banks. Rodney is an astute business owner, running thriving financial planning businesses, and experienced equity and property investor.

Rodney is a highly technical, strategic thinker, who is committed to constant innovation and extension for the benefit of clients, including undertaking a Master's Degree in Financial Planning. Rodney studied Communications at Monash University and has since completed a graduate certificate and diploma in Financial Planning. He is a SMSF Specialist Adviser™ and has a Professional Certificate in SMSF's awarded by Adelaide University.

Rodney currently sits on numerous advisory boards and finance committees for non-for profit and religious organisations. He focusses on delivering exceptional financial advice and collaborates with leading lawyers and accountants to ensure a seamless financial outcome is achieved for his clients.



### **Tony Vikram**

Tony has been the trusted adviser to high net worth individuals, businesses and managed mandates on behalf of not for profits during his career of over 10 years.

Tony has an innate desire to help people achieve their personal goals by assisting them to build and protect their wealth. He feels privileged to be a confidante to his clients and treats this role with honesty and integrity.

In addition to working in private wealth, Tony's expertise in the business banking sector has broadened his knowledge of the industry. An engineering degree completed in his early years of education highlighted Tony's passion for analytics. This drew him into private client advisory, where he holds a CFP qualification, the highest qualification in his chosen field of Financial Advice. Tony is committed to building Affinity Private Advisors and delivering superior outcomes for all his clients.

# Privacy Notification

## How we manage your personal information

**We are grateful for the trust and confidence you have in us to safeguard your privacy. This notification covers us and tells you how we collect your information, what we use it for and who we share it with. It also points out some key features of our Privacy Policy. For a copy of our Privacy Policy, please ask us.**

If you would like more information about our Licensee Apogee Financial Planning (and other members of the NAB Group), please also refer to Apogee Financial Planning Privacy Policy available at <http://www.apogee.com.au/privacy>).

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### Collecting and using your personal information

We need to collect and use your personal information (which may include your sensitive information, such as health information) for a variety of purposes, including to provide you with the financial services you have requested (including answering your requests and complaints, varying products and services and managing your relevant product portfolios) and to contact you about other products and services that may be relevant to you. It is also necessary for us to collect personal information in order to prevent or investigate any fraud or crime, or any suspected fraud or crime.

We'll collect your personal information from you directly whenever we can. Sometimes we collect your personal information from other sources or third parties such as your Accountant. We do this only if it's necessary to do so, for example where:

- we can't get hold of you and we rely on publicly available information to update your contact details;
- we need information from an insurer about an insurance application you make through us;
- at your request, we exchange information with your legal or financial advisers or other representatives.

You may not be aware that we have done so. If we collect information that can be used to identify you, we will take reasonable steps to notify you of that collection.

We may collect information about you because we are required or authorised by law to collect it. There are laws that affect financial institutions, including company and tax law, which require us to collect personal information. For example, we require personal information to verify your identity under Commonwealth Anti-Money Laundering law.

### What happens if you don't provide your information to us?

If you don't provide your information to us, we may not be able to:

- provide you with the product or service you want;
- manage or administer your product or service;

- verify your identity or protect against fraud; or
- let you know about other products or services that might better meet your financial and lifestyle needs.

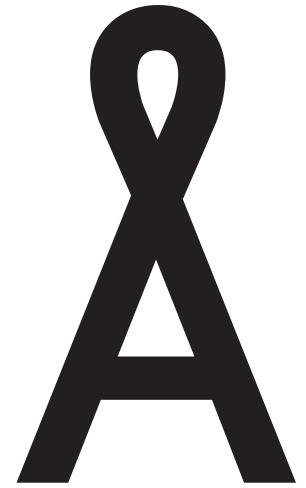
### Protecting your privacy

Protecting your privacy is essential to our business. Your file, containing your profile, personal objectives, financial circumstances and our recommendations, is kept securely.

### Disclosing your personal information

We may share your personal information (which may include your sensitive information, such as health information where we have your consent) with third parties for any purposes for which we use your information. This may include to the following types of third parties:

- those involved in providing, managing or administering the products or services you have requested, including other advisers, paraplanners and organisations who work with us, including Apogee Financial Planning and other members of the NAB Group, depending on the financial services and products you have requested;
- insurance providers, superannuation trustees and product providers related to the financial services you have requested;
- professional associations and organisations that help us operate our business, such as those that provide administrative, financial, accounting, insurance, research, legal, strategic advice, auditing, computer or other business services, including our Licensee Apogee Financial Planning and other members of the NAB Group;
- your representatives, service providers, or other organisations, such as your accountant, solicitor, tax agent, stockbroker or bank;
- organisations involved in a business restructure or a transfer of all or part of the assets of our business; and
- government and regulatory authorities and other organisations when required or authorised by law (in some instances these bodies may share it with relevant foreign authorities)
- where you have given your consent.



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We run our business in Australia. In order to provide you with our services however, we may share your information with organisations outside Australia (for example information technology service providers). You can view a list of the countries in which those overseas organisations are located in our Privacy Policy.

We may also store your information in cloud or other types of networked or electronic storage. As electronic or networked storage can be accessed from various countries via an internet connection, it is not always practicable to know in which country your information may be held. If your information is stored in this way, disclosures may occur in countries other than those listed.

Overseas organisations may be required to disclose information we share with them under a foreign law. In those instances, we will not be responsible for that disclosure.

### **Sharing with MLC Limited**

NAB distributes MLC Limited's life insurance products. MLC Limited is no longer part of the NAB Group of companies. NAB may exchange personal information with MLC Limited or their service providers in order to administer and manage your life insurance products that are issued by them. We may also need to share information with MLC Limited so as to ensure:

- your insurance premiums are correctly calculated;
- insurance claims and benefits are paid;
- NAB and MLC Limited can both tell you about our respective marketing and products offers (including ensuring customers who hold MLC Limited products are excluded from NAB Group campaigns marketing MLC Limited products);

Some of the information exchanged will be stored and visible within NAB Group customer databases; with some of these databases being accessible to MLC Limited for a transition period. All information stored in these databases is subject to NAB's privacy policy as well as NAB Group's security procedures and controls.

### **Consent to marketing activity**

We presume you consent to being contacted by us (including Apogee Financial Planning and other members of the NAB Group) about suitable products and services via the contact details you have provided. We may continue to contact you for these reasons until you withdraw your consent. You can do this at any time by contacting us (see the 'Contact us' section of this FSG). We will process your request as soon as practicable.

### **Gaining access to your personal information**

You can gain access to your personal information that we hold about you. This is subject to some exceptions allowed by law. We will give you reasons if we deny access. You can find out how to access your information by reading our Privacy Policy, available by contacting us.

### **Correcting your Information**

You can ask us to correct information we hold about you. You can find out how to correct your information by reading our Privacy Policy or by contacting us.

### **Complaints**

If you have a complaint about a privacy issue, please tell us about it. You can find out how to make a complaint and how we will deal these complaints, by reading our Privacy Policy (or by contacting us) or by referring to the 'Your confidence in our advice' section of this FSG.

### **Further information**

If you have any questions or comments about our Privacy Policy and procedures, please contact us by using the contact details set out in the 'Contact us' section of this FSG.

**For more information about your privacy, you can also visit the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website at [www.oaic.gov.au](http://www.oaic.gov.au)**

# Your confidence in our advice

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Your satisfaction is very important to us and we have procedures in place to resolve any concerns promptly and fairly.

## Our complaints procedure

If you're unhappy with the advice you receive or other aspects of our service, please follow the steps outlined below.

1. Please let your financial adviser know so we can act on it immediately.
2. If your adviser has not satisfactorily resolved your complaint, please contact our Advice Dispute Resolution Team on:  
**Phone:** 1800 611 950  
**Email:** advice.complaints@nab.com.au  
**In writing to:** Advice Dispute Resolution Team  
Apogee Financial Planning  
Level 2, 105-153 Miller Street  
North Sydney NSW 2060
3. If your complaint isn't resolved within 45 days or to your satisfaction, then you may refer the matter to an External Dispute Resolution Scheme as follows:
  - a. If lodging **before 1 November 2018** contact the **Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS)**. FOS is an independent complaints handling body. FOS provides a free, accessible, fair and independent dispute resolution service to consumers. You can contact FOS on:  
**Website:** www.fos.org.au  
**Email:** info@fos.org.au  
**Phone:** 1800 367 287  
**In writing to:** Financial Ombudsman Service Limited  
GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001

or

- b. If lodged on or after **1 November 2018** contact the **Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA)\***:  
**Website:** www.afca.org.au  
**Email:** info@afca.org.au  
**Phone:** 1800 931 678 (free call)  
**In writing to:** Financial Ombudsman Service Limited  
GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001

\*The Australian Financial Complaints Authority or 'AFCA' is a new external dispute resolution (EDR) scheme to deal with complaints from consumers in the financial system.

AFCA replaces the three existing EDR schemes of the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS), the Credit and Investments Ombudsman (CIO) and Superannuation Complaints Tribunal (SCT) so that consumers have access to a single EDR scheme.

Apogee Financial Planning holds professional indemnity insurance that satisfies the requirements of Section 912B of the Corporations Act. This insurance also covers the conduct of our advisers who were authorised by Apogee Financial Planning at the time of providing the advice, but are no longer authorised representatives of Apogee Financial Planning at the time of your complaint.



# Payments and benefits we receive



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You can pay for the services you receive on a fee for advice basis. This allows you to know that you are paying for our advice irrespective of any product you use, clarifies the services you are entitled to, and ensures all recommendations are driven by your needs.

We will agree with you the amount you pay based upon:

- a flat dollar fee;
- an hourly rate;
- the amount you invest; or
- a combination of the above.

You can pay in the following ways:

- as a fee for advice that will be deducted from your investments as a one-off payment or in instalments;
- by direct invoice from us for initial and ongoing advice;
- via commission we may receive from a financial product provider when you commence an insurance contract; or
- a combination of the above.

If you are not already on a fee for advice package, you can move to this payment at any time.

## Other payments we may receive

We will provide you with details of all fees, commissions or other benefits we may receive when we provide advice to you and, where possible, will give actual dollar amounts. If we cannot provide this accurately, we will provide worked-dollar examples.

Even if you don't receive personal financial advice from us, you can still request the details of any fees, commissions or other benefits we receive in relation to any other financial service we provide you.

## Benefits we may receive

Sometimes in the process of providing advice, we may receive benefits from product providers.

## Conferences

We may attend conferences and professional development seminars that have a genuine education or training purpose. Apogee Financial Planning, or our employer, may pay for the costs of our travel and accommodation, and events and functions held in conjunction with the conference or seminar.

## Non-monetary benefits

We keep a register detailing certain non-monetary benefits that we receive e.g. benefits valued between \$100 and \$300, and those that relate to genuine education or training and technology software or support.

You can view an extract of the register by contacting us. Please be aware that Apogee Financial Planning may charge you for the cost of providing this information to you.

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## Sponsorship

Apogee Financial Planning receives cash payments from product providers who sponsor and attend training presentations, conferences and/or professional development days. Amounts vary between product providers and your financial adviser does not directly share in the sponsorship payment; however, they may indirectly benefit as these payments subsidise the costs associated with these training and professional development events.

## Commissions received by our Licensee from product providers

Apogee Financial Planning has ongoing commission arrangements with a number of risk insurance providers. Where you acquire a risk insurance policy issued by AIA, Zurich, Commlnsure and One Path the insurer may pay Apogee Financial Planning a commission payment which is based on total in-force premium and lapse rates for risk insurance policies as at 31 December 2017, recommended by all advisers within Apogee Financial Planning adviser network. The payments received by Apogee Financial Planning may be up to 2% of the premium amounts paid by policy holders to the relevant insurer. As this amount is calculated in the future, we cannot provide an exact amount at this time; however, as an example, if as a result of services provided to you by Apogee Financial Planning, a participating insurance provider receives \$5,000 in premium for policies as at 31 December 2017, then Apogee Financial Planning will receive up to \$100 as a commission (2% of the premiums held).

The above payments are not shared with your adviser. These payments do not represent an additional charge to you and your adviser will disclose in your Statement of Advice insurance products for which these arrangements may apply

## Distribution Allowance

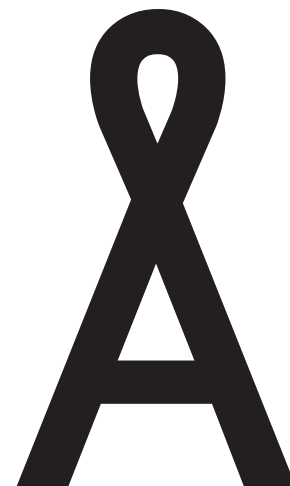
MLC Limited pays a distribution allowance to National Wealth Management Services Limited, a related body corporate of NAB, in respect of the distribution of MLC Limited's insurance products by licensees in the NAB Group (including NAB). This amount is not ascertainable at this time and will depend in part on the value of MLC Limited's insurance portfolio relating to insurance distributed through NAB and its related bodies corporate and the performance of NAB and its related bodies corporate against agreed annual performance criteria.

This allowance is not shared with your adviser and does not represent an additional charge to you.

## Referrals

At present we do not have any referral arrangement in place to pay a third party referrer a referral fee, commission or other benefit. If this changes, we will make you aware of this prior to providing advice, or further advice, to you.

# How we charge for our services



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We are a passionately fee for advice practice and we strongly believe in eliminating potential conflict of interest wherever possible.

To best serve your interests, we will accept no remuneration from any source other than the fees for our service, as set out below. As we believe in transparency, all fees below are quoted inclusive of GST.

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## Initial Engagement

Our initial interactions focuses on understanding who you are and securing what is most important to you. We will initially discuss by telephone your main drivers for seeking financial advice, and how we are best able to assist.

We then arrange a face to face workshop which focuses on your personal values and how these link through to your life goals, and the financial resources required to achieve them. In order for you to achieve maximum benefit from the workshop, we invite you to send through your financial information for our review before we meet.

Your investment in the workshop will be between \$550 - \$2,200, which will be offset against future advice costs

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## Advice preparation

The cost of your advice will reflect the complexity of your needs and the quality and availability of information about your current position. As a guide, our advice fees are generally between \$11,000 and \$25,000.

The first 50% of this fee is payable once you engage us to proceed to prepare recommendations, with the balance payable when your recommendations are presented.

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## Ongoing fee for service

To obtain maximum benefit from your advice, we form a lasting partnership with you, ensuring that you remain on track to achieve your goals. The flat dollar fee for our on-going service will be determined by the complexity of your needs and the intensity of our relationship.

The ongoing service fee is collected monthly directly from investment portfolio or via credit card or direct debit. Generally our fees range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per month.

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## Ad hoc advice

Where you do not wish to participate in an ongoing service fee arrangement but require ongoing advice on an ad hoc basis, an hourly fee of between \$330 and \$550 may apply

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## Stamping Fees

Where we receive stamping fees from issuer companies for raising capital or debt on behalf of that company, we will offset this payment against the cost of our advice to you.

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## Margin loans

We do not receive commissions either directly or indirectly from any margin lending products.

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## Insurance Products

We do not receive commissions either directly or indirectly from any life insurance products. Our Engagement documentation apportion insurance advice, separate to strategic advice fees.

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## Notes:

- All commissions and fees are inclusive of GST.
- Fees could be greater than those disclosed above in complex cases. In these instances, we will inform you of the exact fee payable promptly in writing.

# Contact us

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For more information on anything you have read in this document or if there is anything else we can help you with, please contact us at:

[www.affinityprivate.com.au](http://www.affinityprivate.com.au)

