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LAND TAX 2005

The New South Wales (NSW) Government has introduced Land Tax changes coming into effect from the 1st of January 2005.

Land Tax is payable on: vacant land; land on which a residence has been built; units used for residential, industrial or commercial purposes; company title units and commercial properties.

Land Tax is not paid on a property which is your principal place of residence, such as your family home, including retirement villages & aged care

establishments.

NSW Land Tax is not paid on properties owned outside of New South Wales.

For the 2005 land tax year, Land Tax is calculated on the combined value of all the taxable land you own at midnight on December 31st 2004.

Depending on the amount of land owned and its value, a determination is made by the Office of State Revenue as to your liability.

If you own property other than your family

home, and you think you may be liable for Land Tax, you need to complete a registration form.

These are available through the Office of State Revenue (OSR). You may complete the form online, print the form from the OSR [web page www.osr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.osr.nsw.gov.au)

and complete it or contact the OSR to have one posted to you.

If you have any queries about Land Tax liability please contact our Solicitors on 02 4933 6344.

Our practice continues to grow from the referrals of our clients. We thank you for your support and trust we can assist you in the future.



If you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter please let us know.

LEGAL COSTS — An explanation

Legal costs (with few exceptions) are not regulated.

The Legal Profession Act 1987 imposes on solicitors an obligation in general terms, to be fair and reasonable in relation to fees for services.

Enrights Solicitors are careful to ensure that their fees are reasonable and, moreover, in almost

every case are clearly disclosed in Costs Agreements with, or letters to, clients at the outset.

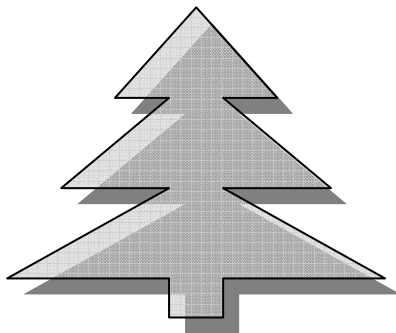
We have access to information concerning fees charged by city and country firms and our fees are competitive and well within industry standards.

It should be borne in mind that solicitors have substantial overheads

which account for up to 60 to 70 percent of every dollar charged for services.

Lastly, every tax invoice issued by Enrights Solicitors contains a notice to the effect that clients may refer our account to Supreme Court Assessors if our fees are thought not to be in accordance with industry standards.

The staff of Enrights Solicitors extend Christmas greetings and best wishes for 2005 to all.



BUSINESS NAMES

In New South Wales (NSW) you can carry on a business under your own name without registering it as a business name, as long as you do not change the name or add to it in any way.

To conduct a business under a name other than your own, you must first register it as a business name. Names that are the same or similar to an existing business in NSW, or

a company anywhere in Australia cannot be registered. Registration of a name does not give ownership of a name or the words used as part of it. Another business may be able to add something to the name you have used and have it registered.

There are legal issues involved if a name has been registered as a trademark.

Staff news

Dru West announced her engagement to Darren Crouch in September – best wishes to both!

We extend our congratulations to Kasey Chapman on turning 21 in October.

A WORD OF ADVICE ABOUT INSURANCE CLAIMS!

It is strongly recommended that you obtain early legal advice in relation to any potential insurance claim. Claimants are not on an even footing when dealing with insurance companies, as they employ well trained staff to act in their best interest.

The staff at Enrights Solicitors are experienced in handling claims and disputes with insurance companies. We can assist you to resolve your claim as expeditiously as possible.

The first consultation that we have with a claimant in relation to a potential claim is free. For more information please contact this office.

ENRIGHTS SOLICITORS WEBPAGE

The Enrights Solicitors web page was launched in November 2004. The webpage lists our services, and among other things, provides clients and web browsers with the opportunity to initiate email contact with us.

The webpage includes items of historical interest: a short history of Enrights; pictures of the founder, W.J. Enright and his son, Anthony (Tony) Enright; a peek into one of our strong rooms, and a drawing of the exterior of the building submitted with the original building plans.

The 'Our Solicitors' page carries a narrative on each of the legal staff, including their professional experience and areas of expertise.

This Newsletter is now available on the webpage. On viewing it readers can choose to receive the Newsletter by electronic mail. The web page can be found at: www.enrights-solicitors.com.au.

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