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Notice to clients of Lloyd Meridian Legal – the role of the Board and the ‘Manager’, and what YOU MUST do now.

YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE BECAUSE YOU ARE A CLIENT OF LLOYD MERIDIAN LEGAL (“LML”).

THE VICTORIAN LEGAL SERVICES BOARD (“THE BOARD”) IS THE REGULATOR OF LAWYERS IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA. THE BOARD HAS APPOINTED AN EXTERNAL MANAGER TO LML BECAUSE IT WAS NOT BEING CORRECTLY OPERATED.

THIS ACTION WILL AFFECT LEGAL MATTERS WITH LML.

THIS NOTICE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT YOU MUST DO NEXT.

This is the case whether you have been dealing directly with LML or you used a property agent.

Role of the Victorian Legal Services Board

The Board oversees Victorian lawyers and law firms and the ‘trust money’ they hold on behalf of clients. It does this to protect clients and the public.

The Board has appointed a Manager who is now in control of LML.

Appointment of Marika Hubble-Marriott as external Manager of Lloyd Meridian Legal

On 18 February 2022, the Board appointed Ms Marika Hubble-Marriott as an external Manager of LML. A copy of Ms Hubble-Marriott’s *Notice of Appointment* is **enclosed**. Ms Hubble-Marriott (and her team) act as LML in dealing with clients.

Ms Hubble-Marriott has determined that LML cannot continue to operate. There are no longer lawyers at LML to act on your behalf. LML is not able to provide further legal services to clients.

You must transfer all ongoing matters to new lawyers who *can* assist you. This applies to all files including conveyancing, migration and other matters.

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WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW

Ms Hubble-Marriott has been working to contact all clients of LML. If you have not heard from Ms Hubble-Marriott or her team, please contact the Board immediately for assistance (see contact details below).

If you *have* heard from the Manager and have not responded, **please do so to:**

1. confirm any trust money held on your behalf by LML; and
2. provide details of your chosen new law firm to transfer your file.

If you have been using a property agent, we recommend that you speak to them about this Notice.

If you have any questions please contact the Manager or the Board as follows:

- To contact the Manager and her team please email Mitch Watkins at mwatkins@rk.com.au;
- To contact the Board with any questions or concerns, please call Ms Joanne Jenkins on + 61 3 9679 8165, or email at jjenkins@lsbc.vic.gov.au.