



PRODUCT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND
HOME AND CONTENTS INSURANCE POLICY

SILVER STAR ★★☆☆



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ABN 78 003 191 035 of 82 Pitt Street, Sydney.



About this booklet

This booklet contains a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS). The PDS is designed to assist you to make informed choices about your insurance needs. The PDS contains information about costs, our dispute resolution system, your cooling off rights and other relevant information, including other rights, terms, conditions, exclusions and obligations attaching to this product. Please read this booklet carefully.

Other documents may form part of the PDS. Any such documents will be dated and will include a statement identifying them as part of the PDS. If any major omissions, updates or corrections need to be made to the PDS a Supplementary PDS may be provided. In either case the relevant document will be provided to you with the PDS.

Our agreement with you

This Policy Terms and Conditions and the Policy Schedule form the legal contract between you and us. You pay us the premium, and we provide you with the cover you have chosen as set out in the Policy, during the period of insurance shown on your Policy Schedule or any renewal period. Please keep them in a safe place for future reference.

The exclusions in the section(s) headed 'When you are not covered' and conditions in the section headed 'General conditions' apply to all types of cover.

The excesses set out in the section headed 'What you must pay if you make a claim – Excess' apply to all claims except where otherwise stated. The amount of any excess that applies to your Policy will be shown on your Policy Schedule.

If you require further information about this product, please contact your Insurance Broker.

About QBE Australia

QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited is a member of the QBE Insurance Group (ASX: QBE). QBE Insurance Group is Australia's largest international general insurance and reinsurance group, and one of the top 25 insurers and reinsurers worldwide. The company has been operating in Australia since 1886 and continues to provide industry-leading insurance solutions that are focused on the needs of intermediaries and their clients.

QBE is a household name in Australian insurance, backed by sizeable assets, and well known as a strong and financially secure organisation

About IBNA

IBNA Limited (IBNA) ABN 43 086 563 055 is a network of independently owned insurance brokers throughout Australia, providing national coverage and local services. The company had its formation in 1984 and in 1994 restructured into a national organisation.

IBNA has entered into an arrangement with QBE to develop financial products and services that are distributed exclusively by IBNA members. IBNA also provides its members with access to product research material and maintains relationships with insurance product and service providers.

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IBNA HOME AND CONTENTS INSURED EVENTS SILVER STAR POLICY

Insurer

The Policy is underwritten by QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited, ABN 78 003 191 035, AFS Licence No. 239545 of 82 Pitt Street, Sydney.

The address and telephone number of your QBE branch are on your Policy Schedule.

You should keep your Policy Booklet and Policy Schedule together in a safe and convenient place for future reference.

Significant risks

Your sum insured may not be adequate

The Policy provides replacement or reinstatement conditions for home and contents which means that claims are settled without contribution for age, depreciation or wear and tear. It is important that the sums insured you select cover the cost of replacing your home and contents on a new for old basis. The sums insured that you select must make allowance for structural improvements (such as sheds, pergolas, and fencing), GST and any additional benefits that are included in the sum insured.

It is important that you read the sub-limits in the Terms and Conditions for items such as works of art, items of jewellery, collections. If you have an item or a group of items that will cost more than the sub-limit to replace, then you will need to nominate them to ensure that they are covered for more than the sub-limit.

For example, there is a sub limit on jewellery of \$5,000 per item, and in total 25% of the unspecified contents sum insured. If it would cost more than this to replace your jewellery as new, then you must specify your jewellery items to ensure that you are covered for its full value.

A claim may be refused

We may refuse to pay or reduce the amount we pay under a claim if you do not comply with the Policy conditions, if you do not comply with your Duty of Disclosure, or if you make a fraudulent claim.

The cost of this insurance Policy

The total premium is the amount we charge you for this insurance Policy. It includes the amount which we have calculated will cover the risk, and any taxes and government charges. The premium and any taxes and government charges will be shown on your Policy Schedule.

When calculating your premium we take a range of rating factors into account. These factors, and the degree to which they affect your premium, will depend upon the information you provide to us.

Some factors that affect the calculation of your premium include;

- where the home or contents are located,
- the sum insured,
- your previous insurance and
- your claims history.

Duty of Disclosure – What you must tell us

Under the Insurance Contracts Act 1984 (the Act), you have a Duty of Disclosure. The Act requires that before a policy is entered into, you must give us certain information we need to decide whether to insure you and anyone else to be insured under the policy, and on what terms. Your Duty of Disclosure is different, depending on whether this is a new Policy or not.

New business

Where you are entering into this Policy for the first time (that is, it is new business and is not being renewed, varied, extended or reinstated) you must tell us everything you know and that a reasonable person in the circumstances could be expected to tell us, in answer to the specific questions we ask.

When answering our questions you must be honest.

• Who needs to tell us

It is important that you understand you are answering our questions in this way for yourself and anyone else whom you want to be covered by the Policy.

• If you do not tell us

If you do not answer our questions in this way, we may reduce or refuse to pay a claim, or cancel the Policy. If you answer our questions fraudulently, we may refuse to pay a claim and treat the Policy as never having worked.

Renewals, variations, extensions and reinstatements

Once your Policy is entered into and is no longer new business then your duty to us changes. You are required before you renew, vary, extend or reinstate your Policy, to tell us everything you know and that a reasonable person in the circumstances could be expected to know, is a matter that is relevant to our decision whether to insure you, and anyone else to be insured under the Policy, and if so, on what terms.

- **You do not have to tell us about any matter**

- that diminishes the risk
- that is of common knowledge
- that we know or should know in the ordinary course of our business as an insurer, or
- which we indicate we do not want to know.

- **If you do not tell us**

If you do not comply with your Duty of Disclosure we may reduce or refuse to pay a claim or cancel your Policy. If your non-disclosure is fraudulent we may treat this Policy as never having worked.

Privacy

Privacy legislation regulates the way private sector organisations can collect, use, keep secure and disclose personal information. We are bound by the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth.), when collecting and handling your personal information. QBE has developed a privacy policy which explains what sort of personal information we hold about you and what we do with it.

We will only collect personal information from or about you for the purpose of assessing your application for insurance and administering your insurance policy, including any claims you make or claims made against you. We will only use and disclose your personal information for a purpose you would reasonably expect.

We may need to disclose personal information to our reinsurers (who may be located overseas), insurance intermediaries, insurance reference bureaux, credit reference agencies, our advisers and those involved in the claims handling process (including assessors, investigators and other insurers), for the purposes of assisting us and them in providing relevant services and products, or for the purposes of recovery or litigation. We may disclose personal

information to people listed as co-insured on your policy and to family members or agents authorised by you. Computer systems and support services may be provided to us by related companies within the QBE Group that may be located overseas. We may also disclose information to organisations which conduct customer service surveys on our behalf. We will request your consent to any other purpose.

By providing your personal information to us, you consent to us making these disclosures. Without your personal information we may not be able to issue insurance cover to you or process your claim.

You also have the opportunity to find out what personal information we hold about you and, when necessary, correct any errors in this information. Generally we will do this without restriction or charge. For further information about our Privacy Policy or to access or correct your personal information, please contact The Compliance Manager, QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited, GPO Box 82 Sydney NSW 2001 or email: compliance.manager@qbe.com

The General Insurance Code of Practice

QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited is a signatory to the General Insurance Code of Practice. The Code aims to:

- promote more informed relations between insurers and their customers;
- improve consumer confidence in the general insurance industry;
- provide better mechanisms for the resolution of complaints and disputes between insurers and their customers; and
- commit insurers and the professionals they rely upon to higher standards of customer service.

How to make a claim

Please contact your appointed Insurance Broker to make a claim. We will only accept responsibility for repairs or payments to third parties under a claim where you have told us about them beforehand and we have accepted your claim. Full details of what you must do for us to consider your claim are provided at the end of this booklet.

Dispute resolution

We will do everything possible to provide a quality service to you. However, we recognise that occasionally there may be some aspect of our service or a decision we have made that you wish to query or draw to our attention.

We have a Complaints and Dispute Resolution Procedure which undertakes to provide an answer to your complaint within 15 working days.

If you would like to make a complaint or access our internal dispute resolution service please contact your nearest QBE office and ask to speak to a dispute resolution specialist.

If you are not happy with our answer, or we have taken more than 15 working days to respond, you may take your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS), an ASIC approved external dispute resolution body.

The FOS resolves certain insurance disputes between consumers and insurers and will provide an independent review at no cost to you. QBE is bound by the determination of the FOS but the determination is not binding on you.

We will provide the contact telephone number and address of the FOS office upon request.

Cancelling your Policy

How you may cancel this Policy

- You may cancel this Policy at any time by telling us in writing that you want to cancel it. You can do this by giving the notice to your Insurance Broker.
- Where 'you' involves more than one person, we will only cancel the Policy when a written agreement to cancel the Policy is received from all persons named as the insured.

How we may cancel this Policy

- We may cancel this Policy in any of the circumstances permitted by law by informing you in writing.
- We will give you this notice in person or send it to your address last known to us.

The premium

We will refund to you the proportion of the premium for the remaining period of insurance.

Cooling-off information

If you want to return your insurance after your decision to buy it, you may cancel it and receive a full refund. To do this you may notify your Insurance Broker electronically or in writing within 21 days from the date the Policy commenced.

This cooling off right does not apply if you have made or are entitled to make a claim. Even after the cooling off period ends, you still have cancellation rights however your Insurance Broker may deduct certain amounts from any refund for administration costs or any non-refundable taxes.

Providing proof

So that your claim can be assessed quickly you should keep the following:

- receipts or other confirmation of purchase, and
- valuations.

We may ask you for these if you make a claim. You must be able to prove to us that you have suffered a loss that is covered by this Policy before we will pay you for it.

Other party's interests

You must tell us of the interests of all parties (e.g. financiers, owners, lessors) who will be covered by this insurance. We will protect their interests only if you have told us about them and we have noted them on your Policy Schedule.

How you can pay your premium

You may obtain a premium quotation from your appointed Insurance Broker and you should arrange your method of payment with them as our premium collection agent by one of the following methods:

- in one annual payment to your Insurance Broker according to their business practices, or
- in monthly installments by direct debit from your credit card or from your account with your financial institution, which can be arranged by your Insurance Broker.

Overdue premium

You must pay your annual premium by the due date to your Insurance Broker. If your premium is unpaid by this date or your payment is dishonoured this Policy will not operate and there will be no cover.

Paying your instalment

If you are paying your premium for the first time by instalments we will deduct instalments each month on the day of the month that you nominate as your payment date.

If you are renewing your Policy and you paid your previous Policy by instalments, we will continue to deduct instalments for your renewed Policy on the day of the month you previously nominated as your payment date, unless you tell us otherwise.

If you have nominated the 29th, 30th or 31st of the month as your payment date, we will deduct your instalment payment on the next day if those dates don't occur in a month.

Details of your instalments are shown on your Policy Schedule.

If your first instalment of premium when you take out your Policy or renew it is dishonoured, this Policy will not operate and there will be no cover.

We will not pay a claim under this Policy if, at the time the claim occurred, any instalment of premium has remained unpaid for 14 days or more.

If any instalment of premium has remained unpaid for 1 month, we may cancel this Policy. We will send you a notice giving you details of the action we intend to take and when any cancellation will become effective.

We are entitled to deduct from any amount we pay you under a claim any unpaid premium or instalment of premium.

If you are paying your premium in instalments by direct debit from your credit card or financial institution account, you must tell us if those details change. You must do this no later than 7 days before your next instalment is due.

Preventing our right of recovery

If you have agreed not to seek compensation from another person who is liable to compensate you for any loss, damage or liability which is covered by this Policy, we will not cover you under this Policy for that loss, damage or liability.

Financial Claims Scheme

This policy is a protected policy under the Financial Claims Scheme (FCS), which protects certain insureds and claimants in the event of an insurer becoming insolvent. In the unlikely event of QBE becoming insolvent you may be entitled to access the FCS, provided you meet the eligibility criteria.

More information may be obtained from APRA - www.apra.gov.au or 1300 13 10 60.

Words with special meanings

Some key words and terms used in this Policy have a special meaning.

If words and terms are only used in one Section of the Policy, we will describe their special meaning in that Section.

Wherever the following words or terms are used in the Policy, they mean what is set out below:

Word or Term	Meaning
Damage	any form of physical harm to the insured property but does not include wear and tear.
Excess	the first amount of any claim, which is Your responsibility to contribute. We deduct the Excess shown in the Insurance Certificate or Policy document from the amount of Your claim. When a sub-limit is applicable, the Excess will be applied to the claim prior to applying the sub-limit
Flood	the inundation of normally dry land by water escaping from any watercourse, lake, canal, dam or reservoir.
Negotiables	treasury notes, savings certificates, stamps, money orders, gift certificates and any other negotiable instruments
Occupied	the home is furnished such that it is comfortably habitable and you, your family or someone with your consent has resided in the home overnight. To be occupied the home must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> contain at least one usable bed/mattress

Word or Term	Meaning
Occupied (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> contain at least one dining table or bench, a chair and some other furniture contain a functioning refrigerator be connected to the electricity, and be connected to hot and cold running water.
Open Air	is restricted to the site and includes any area that is not fully enclosed and in relation to theft, any non lockable structures and non lockable parts of the home
Period of insurance	The period shown in the Policy Schedule.
Policy Schedule	the document we give you which sets out the details of your cover which are personal to You. It forms parts of the Policy. It shows the cover and any options that you have selected. When your Policy is changed or renewed, we will give you a new Policy schedule
Site	The address shown on your Policy Schedule where your home is located or your contents are kept.
We, our or us	QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited, ABN 78 003 191 035.
Your family	Any member of your family who lives permanently with you, including your partner. Student children of yours or of your partner, boarding at school or university.
You or your	The person(s), companies or firms named on the current Policy Schedule as the 'Insured'.

Cover for your Home and Contents

This part of the Policy contains the following three sections:

- Section 1: What 'Home' and 'Contents' mean
- Section 2: Cover for your home and contents – Insured events
- Section 3: Cover for your Legal Liability

Section 1: What 'Home' and 'Contents' mean

Home

Your Policy Schedule indicates whether your home is insured and the sum insured.

What 'home' means

Your 'home' is the dwelling used entirely or primarily as a place of residence at the site shown on your Policy Schedule.

'Home' includes the following:

- outbuildings, fixtures and structural improvements including in-ground swimming pools, tennis courts, in-ground spas, saunas, jetties and pontoons all of which are used for domestic purposes
- fixed light fittings, fixed wall coverings, fixed ceiling coverings and fixed floor coverings
- services (whether underground or not) that are your property or which you are liable to repair or replace or pay the cost of their repair or replacement
- landscaping, paved pathways and paved driveways, retaining walls, free standing walls, fences and gates entirely or partly on the site

What 'home' does not mean

'Home' does not include:

- carpets (whether fixed or not), curtains or internal blinds unless you regularly lease out the home on an unfurnished basis
- earth or gravel pathways
- a hotel, motel, nursing home, boarding house, buildings of flats, strata title unit or caravan (whether fixed to the site or not)

- (d) any building used for any business or trade, except a dwelling used principally as a place of residence that also contains an office or surgery
- (e) a building in the course of construction
- (f) a temporary building or structure
- (g) trees, shrubs and any other plant life including grass or lawns, or soil, sand, gravel, bark or mulch.

Contents

Your Policy Schedule indicates whether your contents are insured and the sums insured.

The total contents sum insured consists of:

- a sum insured for unspecified contents, and
- a sum insured for specified contents.

Specified contents are items of particular value that you have individually listed as specified items and that are listed on the Policy Schedule under 'Contents, specified items'.

What 'contents' means

'Contents' means, items (a) to (g) below, while they are at the site, and which belong to you or your family or for whose loss or damage you or your family are legally liable.

Contents are:

- (a) all household goods (including carpets whether fixed or not), curtains and internal blinds, personal effects, cash, coins and negotiables.
- (b) articles of special value which you have listed on the Policy Schedule under 'Contents specified items'
- (c) if you live in a strata title building, the internal paintwork, wallpaper and any fixture or structural improvement within or attached to that residence which the Body Corporate is not required by law to insure
- (d) if you are a tenant, landlord's fixtures and fittings for which you are legally liable and fixtures and fittings installed by you for your own use
- (e) any of the following equipment if it does not require registration:
 - golf buggies
 - motorcycles up to 250cc engine capacity

- garden equipment, or
- motorised wheelchairs
- (f) • canoes, surfboards, surfskis or sailboards, and
- any other watercraft up to 4 metres in length.

This means that if the watercraft is not a canoe, surfboard, surf-ski or sailboard and it is longer than 4 metres, it is not covered.

A watercraft motor:

- not attached to a watercraft, and
- at the site

will be treated by us as a watercraft accessory.

- (g) furniture and equipment of an office or surgery used by you or your family in your own business in the home and tools and equipment used for earning income by you or your family

What 'contents' does not mean

'Contents' does not include:

- (a) fish, birds or animals of any description
- (b) trees, shrubs and any other plant life (other than pot plants)
- (c) any caravan or trailer
- (d) motorised vehicles other than those listed in point (e) under the heading 'What contents means'
- (e) watercraft other than those listed in point (f) under the heading 'What contents means'
- (f) aircraft or their accessories (other than a non-pilotable model aircraft)
- (g) accessories or spare parts, keys or remote locking or alarm devices of motor vehicles (including motorcycles and motor scooters), caravans, trailers or watercraft while they are in or on the motor vehicle, caravan, trailer, aircraft or watercraft
- (h) photographic and video equipment and musical instruments or musical equipment used for earning any income
- (i) any property:
 - illegally in your possession

- stored in a dangerous and illegal way, or
 - any equipment connected with growing or creating any illegal substance
- (j) your home or any part of your home.

Section 2: Cover for your home and contents – Insured events

What you are insured against, and what you are NOT

You are insured for loss or damage to your home, contents or both, caused directly by any of the 'insured events' set out in the left column of the following table except to the extent indicated in the right column of the table. Whether you have selected cover for your home, contents or both is shown on your Policy Schedule. Property that belongs to your family or for which you or your family are legally responsible will be treated as though it is your property.

There are also some limits and exclusions described under 'How we will pay' and 'When you are not covered', which you must read.

You are insured against loss or damage caused directly by the following insured events	But not
(a) Fire or explosion	
(b) Storm (including cyclone or hurricane) and/or rain, which may be accompanied by snow, sleet or hail	<p>Loss or damage caused by:</p> <p>Flood (unless this optional benefit has been selected) 'flood' means the inundation of normally dry land by water escaping from any watercourse, lake dam, canal or reservoir.</p> <p>More than the greater of \$5,000 or 8% of unspecified contents sum insured in the open air.</p> <p>This limit does not apply to above ground swimming pools or spas that are full.</p>
(c) Lightning or thunderbolt	Loss or damage caused by fluctuations in the power supply, unless there is evidence that the damage was caused by a lightning strike.

You are insured against loss or damage caused directly by the following insured events	But not
(d) Earthquake or tsunami All destruction or damage occurring within a period of 72 hours of the earthquake or tsunami is regarded as the one insured event.	The first \$250 for earthquake or tsunami damage, or the excess amount shown on your Policy Schedule, whichever is greater.
(e) Theft or attempted theft	<p>More than \$1,000 for cash and negotiables.</p> <p>Theft of cash or negotiables in the open air.</p> <p>More than the greater of \$5,000 or 8% of the unspecified contents sum insured for theft of contents in the open air.</p> <p>Loss or damage caused by theft by any person who is living at the site unless there is evidence that your home has been entered forcibly and violently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'forcible and violent entry' does not include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – entry through a door or window that has been left open or unlocked – where the home has been entered with the consent of the owner or occupier of the home, other than through deception.
(f) Deliberate or malicious acts	Loss or damage intentionally caused by a tenant, or a tenant's family.
(g) Riot or civil commotion, industrial or political disturbances which do not assume the proportions of or amount to an uprising.	

You are insured against loss or damage caused directly by the following insured events	But not
<p>(h) Bursting, leaking, discharging or overflowing of fixed basins, shower bases, or other fixed apparatus, fixed tanks or fixed pipes used to hold or carry liquid of any kind.</p> <p>Water suddenly escaping from a waterbed, washing machine, dishwasher, refrigerator, freezer or aquarium.</p> <p>If we accept a claim because damage has occurred as a direct result of the liquid escaping, we will also pay the reasonable costs of locating the cause of the damage, and the costs of reinstating the property damaged or disturbed in the course of work.</p>	<p>Loss or damage caused by gradual deterioration or lack of maintenance.</p> <p>We will not pay for repair or replacement of the apparatus, tank or pipe itself.</p>
<p>(i) Impact by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a vehicle, an aircraft or a waterborne craft • space debris or debris from an aircraft, rocket or satellite • a falling tree or part of a tree • an animal • a mast or a television or radio aerial that has broken or collapsed • falling power or communication poles, towers or lines. <p>“Impact” means a collision of two or more objects.</p>	<p>Loss or damage caused by felling or lopping trees at the site</p>

You are insured against loss or damage caused directly by the following insured events	But not
<p>(j) Sonic boom or thunderclap</p> <p>(k) Breakage of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any fixed glass, fixed ceramic material, shower base, basin, sink, bath, lavatory pan, cistern, solar panel or skylight if this Policy insures the home • glass forming part of an item of furniture, or, domestic telephones, if this Policy insures the contents. • window tinting or shatter-proofing attached to the broken glass 	<p>Damage to any property other than the broken glass (except for window tinting or shatter-proofing) or shower base, basin, sink, lavatory pan, cistern or telephone.</p> <p>Any item that is chipped or scratched prior to the breakage.</p> <p>Mirrors, glassware, crystal, crockery or china while being used, cleaned or carried by hand.</p>
<p>(l) Fusion of an electric motor:</p> <p>Fusion is the process of fusing or melting together of the windings of an electric motor following damage to their insulating material as a result of overheating caused by an electric current</p>	<p>Motors more than 15 years from the date of purchase when new or more than 15 years from the date of rewinding.</p> <p>The cost of repair or replacement of additional parts or service items, including worn or broken bearings or switches.</p> <p>Leakage of refrigerant gas and maintenance of refrigerant driers.</p> <p>Lighting elements (for example, light bulbs or fluorescent tubes) or heating elements, solenoids, fuses or protective devices (for example a fuse or circuit breaker).</p> <p>Electrical contact points where sparking or arcing occurs during ordinary use.</p>

You are insured against loss or damage caused directly by the following insured events	But not
<p>(l) Fusion of an electric motor: <i>(continued)</i></p> <p>We will pay the cost of rewinding the motor, or at our option, replacing it. For refrigerators and air conditioning units, we pay for the replacement of refrigerant gas and refrigerant driers, only if replacement of the refrigerant gas or drier is made necessary because of the fusion.</p>	<p>The cost of retrieving, removing or replacing the pump section of pool or pressure pumps or the cost of retrieving submersible pumps or their driving motors.</p> <p>Electronic controllers or other electronics.</p>
<p>(m) Power surge to domestic appliances or domestic equipment directly caused by an identifiable source outside your home, for example – a lightning strike, an object contacting power lines, the resumption of power following a blackout caused by a storm or unexpected interference with a power company transformer by an animal.</p>	<p>Domestic appliances or domestic equipment more than 15 years from the date of purchase when new.</p> <p>Power surges caused at the site.</p>
<p>(n) Spoilage of food</p> <p>If this Policy insures your contents, we also pay for spoilage of food in domestic refrigerators or freezers at the site caused by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakdown of the refrigerator or freezer • failure of the electricity supply • contamination by lubricant oil or refrigerant. 	<p>Spoilage as a result of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • strikes • intentionally switching off or disconnecting the electricity supply.

You are insured against loss or damage caused directly by the following insured events	But not
<p>(o) erosion, subsidence, landslide or earth movement but only if it is directly as a result of one of the following insured events;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – (a) explosion – (b) storm – (d) earthquake – (h) escaping liquid <p>and it occurs no more than 72 hours after the insured event</p>	<p>Any other erosion, subsidence, landslide or earth movement event.</p>

How we will pay

Home

(a) At our option we:

- repair the home, or
- replace the home to a condition substantially the same as, but not better than when new, or
- pay the reasonable cost of its repair or replacement to a condition substantially the same as when new, or
- pay up to the sum insured shown on your Policy Schedule.

If your home is damaged beyond economic repair, we will pay no more than the reasonable cost of replacement when new even if you have insured for an amount greater than the reasonable cost of replacement when new. When we pay your claim for your home being damaged beyond economic repair, the Policy is exhausted and comes to an end.

Special benefit – Home sum insured safeguard

If we agree that the cost to repair or replace your home is greater than your home sum insured, then we will pay up to 30% more than your home sum insured to, at our option:

- repair the home, or
- replace the home to a condition substantially the same as, but not better than when new, or

- pay the reasonable cost of its repair or replacement to a condition substantially the same as when new.

This Special benefit applies only if:

- A. this Policy insures your home, and
- B. your home is so damaged by an event that is insured by this Policy that it is considered by us to be a total loss, and
- C. the cost to repair or replace your home is greater than your home sum insured because either,
 - (i) the increased cost of repairing damage to your home was caused directly by a Catastrophic event, or
 - (ii) you correctly used the QBE Home Building Sum Insured Calculator on the QBE Website to calculate your Home sum Insured and the calculator estimated an inadequate sum insured for your home, provided;
 - that you can demonstrate that you correctly used the QBE Home Sum Insured Calculator to determine your home sum insured, and
 - your home is substantially the same as when you used the QBE Home Sum Insured Calculator (for example, you have not added to nor extended your home), and
 - you have not reduced any sum insured that we have offered on any renewal invitation since you used the QBE Home Sum Insured Calculator.

Catastrophic event means a suddenly occurring, major, natural disaster that is insured by this Policy, where the resultant damage to property in the vicinity of your home and generally is so extensive and widespread that the resultant surge in demand for the materials and labour required to repair buildings causes a surge in the prices of building repairs.

This Special benefit only relates to the home. It does not apply to any other insured property, Policy section, Additional benefit or other Policy feature.

This benefit does not include the costs necessary to meet the requirements of any statutory authority in connection with rebuilding or repairing the home at the situation.

Claim Example:	
Your Home sum insured	\$250,000
Cost to rebuild immediately prior to the Event	\$250,000
Cost to rebuild after the Event because of demand surge	\$325,000
Extra Benefit Payable	\$ 75,000
Total Home Amount Payable	\$325,000

- (b) You may choose to have the home replaced at another site, but we do not pay more than we would have had we replaced the home at the insured site.
- (c) If your home is damaged beyond economic repair and you do not commence rebuilding within 6 months of the damage occurring, (or any other period which we agree with you in writing) you may have to pay any increase in cost caused by your delay.
- (d) If part of a home is damaged by an insured event and we agree to pay your claim, we pay only for the part or parts of the home that actually sustained damage. We do not pay to replace any undamaged materials.

However, if:

- it is impossible to acquire new material to replace the damaged material that reasonably matches the undamaged portion to a similar extent as immediately prior to the damage occurring, and
- the amount of damaged material that cannot be matched to the undamaged material is more than 40% of the total material that would have to be replaced if all the matching damaged and undamaged material was replaced,

then we will replace both the damaged and undamaged material.

Example 1

There are 300 matching white, wall tiles in the bathroom. As a result of a burst pipe, 8 bathroom wall tiles are damaged. We would pay only the reasonable cost to repair or replace the 8 damaged tiles to a condition substantially the same as when new.

(In addition, we would pay for damage sustained in locating the leak under insured event (h) in the table under the heading 'What you are insured against, and what you are NOT'.)

Example 2

There are 300 superseded, matching, wall tiles in the bathroom. As a result of a burst pipe, 140 wall tiles are damaged. It is impossible to locate tiles that reasonably match the remaining 160 tiles. Over 40% of the matching wall tiles have been damaged. Therefore, we would pay the reasonable cost to repair or replace all 300 tiles (140 damaged and 160 undamaged) to a condition substantially the same as when new. We would be entitled to keep the 160 undamaged wall tiles by way of salvage.

We would not pay to replace any tiles located in a room other than where the loss or damage occurred.

- (e) Where materials that are required to settle a claim that we agree to pay are not commercially available in Australia, at our option, we:
- replace the material with the nearest equivalent or similar new materials available in Australia or overseas, or
 - pay the cost to replace the material with the nearest equivalent or similar new materials available in Australia or overseas.

Contents

(a) At our option we:

- repair the damaged items, or
- replace the items with items substantially the same as, but not better than when new, or
- pay the reasonable cost of repair or reinstatement to a condition substantially the same as, but not better than when new, or
- pay up to the sum insured shown on your Policy Schedule.

If your contents are damaged beyond economic repair, we will pay no more than the reasonable cost of replacement when new even if you have insured for an amount greater than the reasonable cost of replacement when new. When we pay your claim for all your contents being damaged beyond economic repair, the Policy is exhausted and comes to an end. We will not pay more than the total contents sum insured for all contents lost or damaged.

- (b) If we agree to pay a claim where film, photos, home movies or home videos or any similar recorded material is destroyed, we pay for the replacement with new, blank film, videos or similar (e.g. If a compact disc upon which you had photos stored is destroyed, we would replace it with a new, blank compact disc). We do not pay to reconstruct any circumstances or conditions.
- (c) If we agree to pay a claim where software is lost, damaged or destroyed, we pay the cost to replace it with the nearest equivalent new software. We do not pay for any software that was acquired by you at no cost.
- (d) Where an item required to settle a claim that we agree to pay is not commercially available in Australia, at our option, we:
- replace the item with the nearest equivalent or similar new item available in Australia or overseas, or
 - pay the cost to replace the item with the nearest equivalent or similar new item available in Australia or overseas.
- (e) The maximum we pay on the following contents items is shown in the table below. We will pay up to the amount specified for each item. You may obtain higher limits for items (a) through to (e) by having an item specified on your Policy Schedule.

Contents where a maximum limit applies	Maximum Limit
(a) Works of art, pictures, tapestries or rugs.	\$20,000 per item
(b) Items of jewellery, gold or silver articles, furs, watches, collections of coins, stamps or medals.	\$5,000 per item and in total 25% of the sum insured for unspecified contents
(c) Data storage on any computer disk or tape (including cost of data restoration).	\$1,000 in total
(d) Equipment used by you or your family in your or their own business in the home other than equipment used as part of an office or surgery.	\$10,000 in total including a maximum of \$5,000 for business stock

Contents where a maximum limit applies	Maximum Limit
(e) Accessories, or spare parts of motor vehicles (including motor cycles and motor scooters), caravans, trailers and watercraft NOT in or on the motor vehicle, caravan, trailer, or watercraft. We include motor vehicle keys, remote locking or alarm devices as accessories while they are not in or on the motor vehicle but we do not pay for any re-coding of devices or changing of vehicle locks.	\$1,500 per item up to \$2,500 in total
(f) Cash, coins, negotiables or bullion.	\$1,000 in total
(g) Storm damage to or theft of contents in the open air.	the greater of \$5,000 or 8% of the unspecified contents sum insured except for storm damage to above ground swimming pools or spas that are full

Note:

Where an item could be classified under more than one of the above maximum limits, (a) through to (h), the lower or lowest limit applies. For example, if an item of unspecified, antique jewellery worth \$11,000 was stolen from the home and we agreed to pay the claim, the maximum limit of \$5,000 for jewellery would apply even though there is no sub limit for antiques. If the item has been specified for \$11,000, then we would pay up to \$11,000 to replace the item. The sum we pay you would be subject to any applicable excess.

If we choose to pay to replace a specified item, we will pay no more than the amount that it would cost us to replace the item with an item substantially the same as, but not better than when new, even if you have specified the item for a higher amount, whether or not you have supplied a valuation. We have negotiated special arrangements with various suppliers to purchase

items for less than retail cost. Premiums are therefore based upon us replacing items at less than retail cost.

Antiques

Where we pay a claim for an antique item, and the market value of the item exceeds the cost of its replacement with a new item because of its antiquity and rarity, we will treat the market value as though it is the cost to replace the lost or damaged antique with a new item.

For example:

An antique sterling silver claret jug created in 1880 is stolen and we agree to pay the claim. A valuation for \$11,000 has been supplied to us. To replace the item with the closest, similar new item would cost \$2,100. At the time of the loss, our inquiries indicate that to replace that antique item at market value would be approximately \$11,000 but there is no equivalent item currently for sale in Australia or overseas. The market value of the item is higher than the new replacement cost due to the item's antiquity and rarity. In this instance, we would pay you \$11,000 for the jug rather than \$2,100. The sum we pay you would be subject to any applicable excess.

(f) Floor and Wall Coverings, Blinds and Curtains

For wall coverings, and carpets and other floor coverings, curtains and internal blinds, we pay only for items in the room, hall or passage where the damage occurred.

(g) Pairs and Sets

A 'pair or set' means 2 or more articles, the collective value of which exceeds the sum of their individual values.

In the event of a total loss of any article or articles which are part of a pair or set, we agree to pay you – at your option, exercisable after the loss – the full amount of the value of such pair or set, and you agree to surrender the remaining article or articles of the pair or set to us

If you elect not to surrender the remaining article(s) of the pair or set to us, then we will only pay for the value of the item itself. The most we will pay is the value that the item has as a proportion of the combined pair or set. We will only pay the cost of replacing the item even though the pair or set to which it belongs is less valuable because it is incomplete.

Section 3: Cover for your Legal Liability

What you are covered against

If this Policy covers your home

If this Policy covers your home or, if the home is a strata titled residence and your contents are insured under this Policy, we insure you and any member of your family against any claim for compensation or expenses which you or the member of your family become legally liable to pay for:

- (a) personal injury to, any person,
- (b) the loss of, or damage to, property,

resulting from an occurrence during the period of insurance, arising out of the ownership of the home or occupancy of the home.

In this section we include the bordering footpath, land, trees, shrubs and other plant life on the site as part of your home.

If this Policy covers your contents

If this Policy covers your contents and, the home is your primary residence, we insure you and any member of your family against any claim for compensation or expenses which you or the member of your family become legally liable to pay for:

- (a) personal injury to, any person,
- (b) the loss of, or damage to, property,

resulting from an occurrence during the period of insurance, anywhere in the world that is not related to the ownership of your home.

An 'occurrence' includes continuous or repeated exposure to substantially the same general conditions. We regard all death, bodily injury or loss or damage to property arising from one original source or cause as one occurrence.

Personal injury means:

- (a) bodily injury, death, sickness, disease, shock, fright, mental anguish, psychiatric or psychological disorder or mental injury;
- (b) the publication or utterance of libellous or slanderous comments;

'Personal injury' does not include the publication or utterance of a libel or slander:

- made prior to the commencement of the period of insurance, or
- made by or at the direction of you with knowledge of its falsity, or
- relating to advertising, broadcasting or telecasting activities by or on behalf of you.

Property damage means:

- (a) physical damage to, or loss or destruction of, tangible property including any resulting loss of use from the damage or destruction;
- (b) loss of use of tangible property, which has not been physically damaged or destroyed, provided the loss of use is as a direct result of an Occurrence.

Additional benefits – Liability

These additional benefits apply only when you occupy the home insured by this Policy as your primary residence or this Policy insures your contents in your primary residence.

Motor Vehicle Liability

What we insure you against:

- (a) We insure you and any member of your family against any claim for compensation or expenses which you or the member of your family become legally liable to pay for:
 - personal injury to, any person
 - the loss of, or damage to, property,
 arising from the ownership, custody, or use of:
 - any vehicle which is a type that is not required to be registered by law
 - any motorised wheelchair
 - any domestic trailer not attached to any vehicle,
 resulting from an occurrence during the period of insurance.
- (b) We also insure you or any member of your family against claims for:
 - personal injury caused by you or your family solely as a result of you or your family being passengers in a registered vehicle

- personal injury caused by any registered vehicle if the occurrence causing the death or bodily injury takes place at the site,

during the period of insurance.

When we do not insure you or your family

We do not insure you or your family:

- if you or your family are entitled to be wholly or partly insured by any compulsory statutory insurance or accident compensation scheme, or would have been, but for failure to register the vehicle or to apply for cover under the scheme or to comply with a term or condition of the scheme
- if you or your family are entitled to be wholly or partly protected by any other policy of insurance which specifically covers the vehicle (except where this exclusion would contravene s.45 of the Insurance Contracts Act, 1985).

Committee Member of a Social or Sporting Club

What we insure you against:

We insure you and any member of your family against any claim for compensation or expenses which you or the member of your family become legally liable in Australia to pay for an alleged or actual act or omission arising out of your position as a committee member of a sporting club or social club.

We will not pay if you receive more than \$1,000 per year for holding the position. We only pay for a claim made as a result of an occurrence during the period of insurance.

The most that we will pay under this additional benefit in any one period of insurance is \$10,000.

We do not insure you or your family against liabilities arising from:

- any act or omission for which you or your family receive reimbursement from the sporting or social club, or
- any act or omission which is committed or alleged to have been committed prior to the period of insurance commencing or after it has ended.

What you are NOT covered against

(applies to 'Legal liability' and 'Additional benefits – liability')

When we do not insure you or your family

We do not insure you or your family:

- against any liability caused by or arising directly or indirectly, out of or in connection with the actual or alleged use or presence of Asbestos
- against fines, penalties, or punitive, aggravated, multiple or exemplary damages.

We do not insure you or your family against liabilities arising from:

- any agreement, unless liability would have attached to you or your family if that agreement did not exist, or, unless the agreement is a lease agreement for your residential tenancy
- death of or bodily injury to you or to any person who normally lives with you.
- death of or bodily injury to anyone employed by you or by someone who lives with you if the death or injury arises out of their employment
- damage to property belonging to you or any person who normally lives with you or to your or their employees
- any workers compensation legislation, industrial award or agreement, or statutory accident compensation scheme
- the ownership, custody, or use of any lift other than a lift that exclusively services your home provided that your home is freestanding and solely occupied by you and your family, aerial device or aircraft (except model aircraft or toy kites), aircraft landing area, boat exceeding 4 metres in length (except canoes, surfboards, surf skis or sailboards) or motorised watercraft in excess of 10 horsepower
- the conduct of any activity carried on by you or your family for reward except for letting the home for domestic purposes or as a club committee member, provided you do not receive more than \$1,000 per year for holding the position, or babysitting on a casual basis

Babysitting cannot be considered to be on a casual basis where:

- the babysitting is not of a casual nature,

- any licence or other permission is required by any government body or public authority in order to legally conduct the babysitting,
- the income derived from babysitting is the primary or only source of the household's income,
- there is a registered business associated with the babysitting.

This exclusion does not apply to a domestic garage sale provided:

- the garage sale is held at the site,
 - the goods sold belong to you or your family or immediate family members that do not live with you,
 - the goods sold are second hand domestic goods only sold in domestic quantities,
 - the sale does not form part of a business, trade or profession,
 - the goods sold have not been purchased for the sole purpose of re-sale, and
 - you do not hold more than one garage sale per period of insurance.
- (h) vibration or the weakening of, removal of or interference with support to land, buildings or other property
- (i) building work, construction or demolition of a building, including the home if the value of the work exceeds \$100,000
- (j) personal injury to any person arising out of the transmission of any communicable disease by you or your family
- (k) the ownership of land, buildings or structures other than the home insured by this Policy.
- (l) loss, damage or injury intentionally caused by you or a member of your family or a person acting with your consent or the consent of any member of your family unless it was reasonably to reduce loss, damage or injury that otherwise would have occurred
- (m) the lawful seizure, confiscation, nationalisation or requisition of the property insured
- (n) destruction of or damage to property by any government or public or local authority
- (o) the ownership or use of any motor vehicle other than under the cover given by the 'Additional benefit – Motor Vehicle Liability'

What we will pay

- (a) We pay up to \$30,000,000 for any one occurrence.
- (b) We do not pay more than this amount in total under all policies we have issued to you which cover the same liability.
- (c) In addition to this amount, we pay legal costs for which we have provided prior written approval.
- (d) In addition to this amount we pay court appearance expenses which we approve. Court appearance expenses shall include up to \$250 per day but excluding the first day, to a total of \$5,000 in any one Period of Insurance for proven income loss by you or a member of your family at our request. Provided that we will only reimburse income loss for days on which you are not able to conduct any income-earning activity whatsoever.

Additional benefits

We give you the following additional benefits. For any additional benefits to be payable, you must suffer or incur the relevant loss, liability or damage during the period of insurance.

We pay additional benefits 1 to 30 over and above the sums insured for home or contents, depending on the type of cover you have chosen.

1. Contents Away from you home

If this Policy insures your contents in your primary residence, we also insure them:

- (a) while away from your home for up to 180 days in any dwelling or residential flat, boarding house, boarding school, hotel, motel, residential club, nursing home or hospital anywhere in Australia or New Zealand where you or your family are residing, or
- (b) in a bank or safe deposit, or in a secured storeroom on the premises of a sporting club, where you or your family are a member.
- (c) whilst contained in your student children's locked residence while they are temporarily residing and studying away from home.

We do not pay for any loss or damage to:

- (a) contents in the open (including non-lockable structures) away from the site, or in a vehicle, caravan, tent, watercraft or aircraft

- (b) property used in connection with a profession, trade or business.

We pay up to 25% of the sum insured under unspecified contents on the Policy Schedule, however the sub-limits will also apply as set out in the table under 'How we will pay - Contents' point (e).

Contents are not covered for loss or damage if you have permanently removed them from the home, other than as provided under 'Additional benefit 9 - Change of site'.

2. Contents in storage

If this Policy insures your contents, we pay for loss or damage to them caused by an insured event when they are in storage provided you obtain our written agreement before they are put in storage.

We do not pay for:

- your contents stored in open plan storage premises, including furniture repositories, warehouses, factories or other industrial premises
- your contents stored in shipping containers, or
- any jewellery or negotiable instruments whilst they are in storage.

3. Fees

If this Policy insures your home, and

- it is damaged as a result of an insured event, and
- we agree to pay a claim,

we pay any reasonable fees which we have approved and which are incurred directly in relation to repair or replacement of your home.

4. Removal of debris

If this Policy insures your home, and

- it is damaged as a result of an insured event, and
- we agree to pay a claim,

we pay the reasonable costs of demolition and removal of debris from the site.

If the damage is caused directly by a fallen tree or branch that has, as a result of the insured event, become debris, we will remove the tree or branch from the site. We will remove

a standing tree or branch that formed part of the tree that caused the insured damage only if:

- (a) we agree that the remaining tree or branch is unsafe
- (b) the remaining tree or branch only became unsafe as a direct result of the insured event causing damage to the tree, and
- (c) all necessary approvals have been obtained and removal of the tree or branch would not result in a breach of any laws, by-laws, regulations or contractual obligations.

We will remove a stump that formed part of the tree that caused the insured damage only if:

- (a) all necessary approvals have been obtained and removal of the stump would not result in a breach of any laws, by-laws, regulations or contractual obligations, and
- (b) not removing the stump would interfere with repairing or replacing the damaged part of the home required to settle your claim.

If it is not necessary to remove the stump to repair or replace your home, then we will pay the cost of treating the stump to prevent re-growth.

If this Policy insures your contents, and

- they are damaged by an insured event, and
- we agree to pay a claim

we pay the reasonable costs of removal of contents debris from the site.

5. Extra costs of reinstatement

If this Policy insures your home, and it is damaged as a result of an insured event and we agree to pay a claim, we pay up to \$25,000 for the extra costs necessary to meet the requirements of any statutory authority in connection with rebuilding or repairing your home at the site.

We do not pay any extra costs which resulted from any notice which a statutory authority served on you before your home suffered loss or damage.

6. Illegal use of credit card or financial transaction card

If this Policy insures your contents and a credit card, financial transaction card, mobile phone SIM card or cheques are lost or stolen, we pay up to \$5,000 towards any legal liability you incur from its unauthorised use.

We do not pay if:

- the card does not belong to you or your family
- you have not complied with the card issuer's requirements
- the unauthorised user of the card is someone living at the site.

7. Visitors' or employees' contents

If this Policy insures your contents in your primary residence we also insure contents up to \$5,000 in total belonging to any visitors temporarily living with you or domestic employee staying with you at the site.

We do not pay for visitors' contents that are insured under another policy taken out by someone other than you or your family.

8. Replacement of locks and keys

We pay up to \$1,250 to replace/alter locks or keys or remote control devices to your home, if

- they are damaged by someone breaking into your home, or
- stolen.

9. Change of site

If this Policy insures your contents and you are moving into a new home within Australia, we insure your contents at both sites for a maximum of 45 days. The maximum we pay at each site will be the proportion of the sum insured that the value of the contents at that site bears to the total value of the contents at both sites.

You must tell us of your new address within 45 days of first moving to it. If you wish to insure your contents at your new address after that 45 days we must agree to insure them at that address.

You must pay us any additional premium we ask for and comply with any conditions we impose.

10. Contents being conveyed to new residence

This additional benefit applies if this Policy insures your contents in your primary residence.

We insure your contents damaged directly by;

- theft from the conveying vehicle,

- fire on the conveying vehicle,
 - flood damage to the contents in the conveying vehicle,
 - collision and/or overturning of the conveying vehicle
- whilst your contents are in transit by road or rail to;
- your new, principal place of residence, or
 - a storage facility at which your contents or some of your contents will be temporarily located pending conveyance to your new principal place of residence,

within Australia.

11. Contracting purchaser

If this Policy insures your home, and you have entered a contract to sell the home, this Policy insures the purchaser(s) for their respective rights and interests until:

- the sale is completed; or
- the purchaser takes possession of Your Home; or
- the sale is terminated; or
- this Policy expires;

whichever happens first.

12. Trees, shrubs and plants

If you occupy the home insured by this Policy as your primary residence, we pay for loss or damage to trees, shrubs, hedges, lawns or plants up to \$5,000 in total in any one period of insurance caused directly by an insured event described in 'What you are insured against, and what you are NOT'., except for insured event (b) storm. In relation to storm, we pay no more than \$2,000 per event. We only repair or replace trees, plants or shrubs that as a direct result of the insured event, are so damaged that they die, are permanently disfigured or not recovered after being stolen.

13. Monitored alarm attendance after theft

If this Policy insures your contents in your primary residence, we will pay up to \$1,250 for the reasonable costs actually incurred by you for the security firm that monitors your burglar alarm to attend your home during or immediately after an actual or attempted theft from your home.

We do not pay:

- for any false alarms, or

- where there is no evidence of a theft or an attempted theft, or
- more than \$1,250 in any period of insurance.

14. Loss of documents

We pay up to \$1,000 to reinstate, reproduce or restore your documents if they are damaged by an insured event while contained in the home or in a security vault. This includes the information contained on the documents.

15. Robbery away from home

This additional benefit applies if this Policy insures your contents in your primary residence.

We will insure your handbag and/or wallet and personal effects contained in them if you are assaulted and robbed of your handbag and/or wallet while you are away from your home, if:

- (a) you (or if you are hospitalised, you or someone on your behalf) report the incident to police as soon as possible, or in any event within 24 hours of the assault, and
- (b) you can demonstrate evidence of an assault.

The maximum we will pay under this additional benefit is:

- (a) for the handbag or wallet, up to \$300 each
- (b) for personal effects contained in the handbag or wallet, excluding cash and negotiables, up to \$300
- (c) for cash or negotiables contained in the handbag or wallet, up to a maximum of \$400
- (d) a total of \$1,000 in any period of insurance.

16. Taxation audit

If you occupy the home insured by this Policy as your primary residence or this Policy insures your contents in your primary residence, we will pay or reimburse you for accountants fees which you reasonably incur as a result of your personal taxation affairs being audited by the Australian Taxation Office.

The maximum we pay is \$5,000 for any one audit.

We do not pay or reimburse you for:

- any fines, penalties or shortfall in the amount of tax payable
- any audit conducted in relation to criminal activity

- any audit not commenced during the period of insurance
- any fees incurred outside any statutory time limit
- any fees incurred as a result of any fraudulent act or fraudulent admission or any statement made by you or on your behalf to a taxation officer which:
 - is false or misleading in a material particular, and
 - can be attributed to deliberate evasion or recklessness as stipulated in income tax ruling IT2517.
- any audit conducted in relation to any facts or circumstances of which you were aware, or ought to have been aware, prior to the commencement of this Policy which were likely to lead to your making a claim under this Policy, or
- any fees incurred in relation to any enquiries from the Australian Taxation Office which are not related to an identified intention to conduct an audit.

17. Legal defence costs

If you occupy the home insured by this Policy as your primary residence or this Policy insures your contents in your primary residence, we will pay or reimburse you for your legal fees, costs, and expenses which you reasonably incur in legal proceedings initiated against you by a third party (and defended by you) but only where the proceedings are commenced in Australia during the period of insurance.

The maximum we pay is \$5,000 for any one claim or series of claims arising from the same cause or event.

We do not pay or reimburse for proceedings or claims:

- for or relating to fines, penalties, punitive damages
- by family members including spouse, ex-spouse, partner, or ex-partner
- for or relating to divorce, separation, child visiting, maintenance, property disputes
- for or relating to dishonesty, intentional violence, misconduct
- for or relating to defamation or slander
- relating to facts or occurrences, occurring prior to the commencement of the Policy which you knew or ought to have known at the time of commencement of this Policy, would, or might, give rise to a claim

- initiated, threatened or commenced prior to the commencement of this Policy
- under or relating to any workers compensation legislation, industrial award or agreement, or statutory accident compensation scheme or compulsory third party insurance
- which could have been made under Section 3 'Your legal liability' if you had chosen to insure your home (if you own it) or your contents.

18. Waiver of excess if your property is a total loss

You are not required to pay an excess if we agree to pay a claim as a result of damage that renders your home, contents or both beyond economic repair.

19. Loss of rent or temporary accommodation

If your home is so damaged by an event for which we agree to pay a claim that it cannot be lived in, or let to tenants we pay up to:

- \$20,000, or
- 20% of the sum insured for your home

whichever is the higher,

- for additional cost of reasonable temporary accommodation where the home is your principal place of residence
- loss of rent or rental value, if the home is tenanted or is between tenants at the time the loss or damage occurred
- for removal and storage of your Contents for up to 12 months maximum period.

Included in the above, we pay under this Additional Benefit (19) for the cost of temporary accommodation of your pets in a commercial boarding establishment when we have agreed to pay a claim for your temporary accommodation.

Forced Evacuation by Government Authority

- If this policy insures the building that you let to tenants, and if your home cannot be lived in because a government authority prohibits you from using it, we pay any resultant rent lost. We pay for a maximum of 60 days for your home for loss of rent or rentable value if the home is tenanted or is between tenants at the time the loss or damage occurred. The prohibition must be as a direct result of damage to neighbouring premises that would be classed as insured damage under this Policy. We do not cover loss due to cancellation of a lease or

agreement including if a tenant decides to leave without giving proper notice.

- If you cannot live at the situation because a government authority denies you access, we will pay any increase in your living expenses that is necessary and reasonable to maintain your normal standard of living for up to 60 days. The denial must be as a direct result of damage to neighbouring premises that would be classed as insured damage under this Policy. We will not cover loss due to cancellation of a lease or agreement.

Under Additional Benefit 19., we do not pay for:

- loss of rent if the home has not been tenanted for 30 consecutive days immediately before the loss
- any rent lost after the home is capable of being tenanted
- any rent lost later than 12 months after the damage occurs.

If You are a tenant, "additional costs" means costs over and above the amount for which you were renting the home when it was fit to live in.

20. Automatic reinstatement of sum insured

This benefit applies to the sums insured for home and unspecified contents as shown on your Policy Schedule.

Following payment of a claim other than a claim for total loss the sums insured will be reinstated, unless:

- you request otherwise
- we tell you otherwise.

21. Inflation adjustment

This benefit only applies to the home and contents sums insured as shown on your Policy Schedule.

During each period of insurance we increase the home and contents sums insured by 0.5 of 1% of the relevant sum insured shown on your current Policy Schedule per month until the next renewal date.

There will be no additional premium payable during the Period of Insurance. However, at the end of each Period of Insurance the renewal premium for the next Period of Insurance will be calculated on the amount of an increased sum(s) insured.

22. Compensation for death, quadriplegia or paraplegia

If this Policy insures your contents in your primary residence,

- we pay to the legal representative of the deceased person up to \$15,000 in the event of death of you or a member of your family normally living with you
- as a direct result of physical injury caused by an event at the site

if the event that caused the death also caused damage for which we agree to pay a claim.

We do not pay in any one period of insurance more than \$15,000 in total under this additional benefit.

If you or a member of your family normally living with you are permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of an insured event occurring at the site, we pay you up to \$15,000.

'Permanent total disablement' means:

Total paralysis of both legs and a part of or the whole of the lower half of the body; or total paralysis of both legs and both arms; which continues for a period of 12 months, and after that time is considered to be of indefinite duration.

23. Modifications to the home

If you or a member of your family normally living with you are permanently and totally disabled as a direct result of an insured event occurring at the site, we pay up to \$25,000 for the cost incurred by you in modifying your home, or in relocating you to a suitable home if you are a tenant.

24. Home impact

If your home is insured by this Policy we will pay up to \$500 to repair or replace an external aerial or satellite dish which is broken or has collapsed.

25. Professional fees

We pay professional fees, which you incur with our consent, in the preparation of any claim you make under this Policy.

The maximum we pay in one period of insurance is:

- 20% of your total claims cost or
- \$5,000

whichever is the lesser.

26. Legal costs

If this Policy insures your home, we pay the reasonable legal costs incurred in discharging your mortgage following settlement of a claim for total loss.

27. Veterinary expenses for domestic cats and dogs

If this policy insures your contents in your primary residence, we pay the reasonable veterinary expenses incurred by you, if your pet is injured during the period of insurance as a result of fire, lightning, earthquake or a road accident.

We will not pay under this Additional benefit more than \$750 in total in any one period of insurance.

28. Temporary Protection

If this Policy insures your home and we agree to pay a claim under this Policy, we will also pay the reasonable costs of temporary protection of your home. If this Policy insures your contents, we also pay for storage charges necessarily and reasonably incurred to protect them from further loss or damage following a claim by fire, storm or rainwater.

29. Building Materials

We will pay up to \$2,000 in any one Period of Insurance for loss incurred by you if building materials are lost or damaged at the site during the Period of Insurance due to an insured event. Cover only applies to building materials intended to be used for repairs, alterations or additions to your home at the site.

30. New Replacement Residence – Temporary Cover

We will provide cover for an additional residential building when you purchase it for a maximum of 30 days from the date you sign a contract of purchase. The amount of cover provided is limited to the sum insured on Your Home shown on your Policy Schedule. We only provide this cover when the residential building is replacing the home on your policy schedule as your primary residence.

31. Environmental Benefit

Applicable only when you have Contents cover

- If the claim relates to replacement of the following:
 - lost or damaged refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, clothes dryers and dishwashers, with less than a 3 star energy rating,
 - we will replace these items with items that have a minimum 3 star energy rating.

Applicable only when you have Home cover

- If your home has been totally destroyed by an insured event and we have agreed to rebuild your home, we will pay up to a maximum of \$5,000 of the cost to you, after deduction of any rebate you are eligible for under any government or council rebate scheme, to install any combination of the following:

Rainwater tank; solar power systems – including solar hot water or photo-voltaic (PV) power or hot water heat exchange or grey water recycling.

A rainwater tank facility includes:

a rainwater tank; water pump and wiring; foundation or tank stand; pipes connecting the roof to the tank; and installation costs.

A solar power system includes:

solar or PV panels; water tank, pump; electrical wiring; foundation or tank stand; pipes connecting the roof solar panels to the tank; and installation costs.

A hot water heat exchange system includes:

heat exchange system; electrical wiring; foundation or tank stand; water pipes; and installation costs.

A grey water recycling system includes:

recycling system; distribution pipes and connectors; outlet housings; and installation costs.

Any payment we make under this benefit will be in addition to any amount we pay on a Home claim.

32. Accidental damage extension for your home and contents in the home

We insure you for physical loss or damage caused by accidental damage to your home, contents or both, depending which you have insured, not insured under the insured events (a) to (o) listed under, “Section 2: Cover for your Home & Contents – Insured events”. Your contents, if you have insured them, are only insured under this Additional benefit whilst they are contained inside the home.

Accidental damage means loss or damage that is accidentally, suddenly, unintentionally and unexpectedly caused by an identifiable event (other than by Insured events (a) to (o)). Accidental damage does not include the misplacement, or failure to locate any item nor unexplained disappearance of any item.

Under this Additional benefit, you are not insured for any exclusion listed under “But not” under “Section 2: Cover

for your Home & Contents – Insured events” other than the following – you are insured for Accidental damage:

- caused directly by scorching, charring, melting, burning or smoke without flames;
- caused by accidental breakage of;
 - glass or ceramic ornaments,
 - glass in – television screens or picture tubes, VDUs, radios, clocks picture frames or hand mirrors,
- caused directly by theft by someone who has been allowed to enter the home with the consent of the owner or occupier, but not theft by tenants;
- by any animal, other than a rodent or insect, kept at the site (but not any gnawing, chewing, pecking, clawing, scratching, polluting or soiling).

Under this Accidental damage Additional benefit, we do not insure;

- any theft of cash, negotiables or documents of any kind,
- any theft of any type of mobile telephones,
- any theft of computers of any type – including laptops, notebooks, palmtops, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) electronic diaries, electronic notebooks, pocket Personal Computers, MP3 or MP4 players or any similar devices
- any loss of or damage to electronic data – For the purposes of this exclusion, electronic data means any facts, concepts and/ or information converted to a form usable for communications and/or displays and/or distribution and/or processing by electronic and/or electromechanical data processing and/or electronically controlled equipment which includes but is not limited to programs and/or software and/or other coded instructions for such equipment
- any damage caused by any malfunction, virus, trojan horse, worm backdoor, trapdoor, logic bomb, bacteria, rabbit program or any type of computer hacking or similar attack
- mechanical, electronic or electrical breakdown of any kind
- photographs, film or any image whether stored electronically or otherwise,
- aircraft, watercraft or vehicles, of any kind, whether they are remote controlled or not,
- any contents lost or damaged outside the home
- any theft, loss or damage caused by your tenants or boarders

- any loss or damage resulting from any building work, renovations or building alterations of any kind, however we will insure you against damage arising solely out of painting the home provided no work other than painting is being undertaken
- any loss or damage where the incident that caused the loss cannot be specified by you.
- any fishing, sporting or musical equipment whilst in use or play
- any Exclusion under the Section, "When you are not covered".

How we will Pay

For this Additional benefit, we will pay on the same basis as under "Section 2 – How we will pay", however, we will not pay the first \$5,000 for each occurrence for accidental damage. (Under this Additional benefit, occurrence means all accidental damage caused by any original source or cause.) You must pay the first \$5,000 of each claim that we agree to pay for any accidental damage. The excess will be applied to each and every claim, whether or not separate instances of loss or damage are submitted at the same time.

Please note, this Additional benefit only covers your contents for accidental damage within the home for damage exceeding \$5,000. If you require accidental loss or damage cover for portable contents outside the home, you should select cover under the Valuables option.

Options you can choose for additional premium

The following options may be obtained on application, and for an additional premium:

1. Valuables
2. Domestic Workers Compensation
3. Flood
4. Malicious Damage by Tenants

1. Valuables

If you have selected and paid for this valuables option, we insure you and your family:

- anywhere in Australia or New Zealand, and
- for up to 90 days in any one period of insurance, anywhere in the world

against loss, theft or damage to unspecified or specified valuables items belonging to you, your family or for which you or they are legally responsible.

You can choose to insure your valuables as either:

- unspecified valuables, or
- specified valuables.

Your Policy Schedule indicates whether you have chosen this option and whether you have selected unspecified valuables or specified valuables.

You can select unspecified valuables without having to specify individual items. If you select unspecified valuables, you are required to nominate a total unspecified valuables sum insured. The maximum amount we will then pay for a claim under the unspecified valuables option is limited to the lesser of:

- (a) up to \$5,000 per item, and
- (b) the total sum insured for unspecified valuables

If you select specified valuables, then you must specify each item you wish to insure as a specified valuable and provide valuations and/or receipts, unless we tell you that a valuation is not required.

There are some limitations below and under 'When you are not covered', which you must read.

What we insure

Unspecified valuables

Unspecified valuables are items of personal property specifically designed to be worn or carried, which includes:

- jewellery
- gold or silver objects
- watches
- sporting equipment, except while in use or play
- bicycles
- camping equipment, back packs and sleeping bags
- photographic equipment including video equipment
- musical equipment
- battery operated sound equipment
- binoculars

- clothing
- wheel chairs, crutches and walking sticks
- prams or strollers
- luggage
- personal mobile cellular phones, portable computers and other portable electronic equipment
- hearing aids, contact lenses, eye-glasses
- portable leisure equipment

Specified valuables

Specified valuables, if you have chosen to insure them, are those items shown as 'Specified valuables' on the Policy Schedule.

What we do not insure

The following items are not covered under this valuables option:

- vehicles (including motor cycles and motor scooters), aircraft, aerial devices, watercraft or anything associated with these items
- musical instruments and photographic equipment used in connection with a profession, trade or business, or otherwise for reward
- cash, coin or stamp collections, negotiables, or financial transaction cards
- unset precious or semi-precious stones
- items being cleaned, repaired, restored, or on exhibition away from the site.

How much we will pay for loss or damage

(a) At our option we:

- repair the damaged item, or
- replace the lost or damaged item with an item substantially the same as, but not better than when new
- pay the reasonable cost of repair or reinstatement to a condition substantially the same as, but not better than when new, or
- pay up to the sum insured shown on your Policy Schedule.

This means:

- if the loss or damage is to unspecified valuables, we will pay up to the total sum insured for unspecified valuables, but we will not pay more than \$5,000 per item..
- for specified items, we will pay up to the sum insured shown on the Policy Schedule against the item insured.

If we choose to pay to replace a specified valuable item, we will pay no more than the amount that it would cost us to replace the item with an item substantially the same as, but not better than when new, even if you have specified the valuable for a higher amount, whether or not you have supplied a valuation. We have negotiated special arrangements with various suppliers to purchase items for less than retail cost. Premiums are therefore based upon us replacing items at less than retail cost.

When we pay your claim for all your valuables on the Policy being damaged beyond economic repair (or not being recovered), the valuables section of the Policy is exhausted and comes to an end.

- (b) If we agree to pay a claim where film, photos, home movies or home videos or any similar recorded material is destroyed, we pay for the replacement with new, blank film, videos or similar (e.g. If a compact disc upon which you had photos stored is destroyed, we would replace it with a new, blank compact disc). We do not pay to reconstruct any circumstances or conditions.
- (c) If we agree to pay a claim where software is lost, damaged or destroyed, we pay the cost to replace it with the nearest equivalent new software. We do not pay for any software that was acquired by you at no cost.
- (d) Where an item required to settle a claim that we agree to pay is not commercially available in Australia, at our option, we:
 - replace the item with the nearest equivalent or similar new item available in Australia or overseas, or
 - pay the cost to replace the item with the nearest equivalent or similar new item available in Australia or overseas.
- (e) Pairs and Sets

In the event of a total loss of any article or articles which are part of a pair or set, we agree to pay you – at your option, exercisable after the loss – the full amount of the value of such pair or set, and you agree to surrender the remaining article or articles of the pair or set to us.

If you elect not to surrender the remaining article(s) of the pair or set to us, then, we pay no more than the actual value of the item. We do not give any allowance for any special value it may have as forming part of a pair or set, or for any reduction in value of the remaining part or parts.

A 'pair or set' means 2 or more articles, the collective value of which exceeds the sum of their individual values.

2. Domestic Workers Compensation

(Applicable only in States or Territories where Domestic Workers Compensation can be offered in conjunction with a Home and Contents Policy)

Your Policy Schedule indicates whether you have chosen this option.

If you employ a domestic worker, on a casual basis or otherwise, you may be required by law to provide that person with workers compensation insurance.

If you fail to do so, and your employee is injured in the course of their employment by you, you may be liable to compensate them.

Where shown on the Policy Schedule, this Policy includes statutory domestic workers compensation cover according to the legislation in your state or territory, up to the amount required by your state or territory's legislation. On request, we will provide you a copy of the statutory policy.

When this cover is provided, the underwriter is:

QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited ABN 78 003 191 035.

3. Flood

If you have chosen cover for this option it will be shown on your Policy Schedule. You must have paid any applicable additional premium. We will cover loss or damage caused by flood to your home, contents or both depending on the cover you have chosen.

'Flood' means the inundation of normally dry land by water escaping from any watercourse, lake, canal, dam or reservoir.

4. Malicious damage by tenants

If you have selected and paid for this option it will be shown on your Policy Schedule. In return we will cover you against malicious damage to your home caused by tenants.

We do not pay the cost of cleaning, redecorating, painting or wall papering unless the tenant has caused actual damage to the structure of the building which makes it necessary to do so.

Any payment we make will be reduced by an amount equal to 4 weeks rent, or \$500, whichever is the greater.

What you must pay if you make a claim – Excess

'Excess' means the first amount you must contribute to any claim you make under this Policy.

We deduct the excess shown in the Policy or on the current Policy Schedule from the amount of your claim.

Where a sub-limit is applicable, the excess will be applied to the claim prior to applying the sub-limit. For example, if a ring worth \$10,000 was stolen from the home and it has not been specified, the \$5,000 per item jewellery sub-limit would apply.

If a \$100 excess was applicable, this would be applied to the \$10,000 claim, rather than the \$5,000 sub-limit. Therefore, \$5,000 would be payable. If the ring had been specified for \$10,000, we would pay \$9,900 – the \$10,000 claim less the \$100 excess. If the stolen ring was worth only \$1,000, we would pay \$900 – \$1,000 less the \$100 excess.

For earthquake or tsunami claims the excess is \$250, or the amount shown on your Policy Schedule, whichever is greater.

All loss, destruction or damage occurring within a period of 72 hours of the earthquake is regarded as the one event.

When you will NOT have to pay an excess

You will not have to pay an excess if we agree to pay a claim as a result of damage that renders your home, contents or both beyond economic repair.

When you are not covered

General exclusions applying to this Policy

The following General exclusions apply to all sections of this Policy

This Policy excludes loss, damage, destruction, death, injury, illness, liability, cost or expense of any nature directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from, arising out of or in connection with any of the following, regardless

of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss:

1. War, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or war-like operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power, or
2. Any act(s) of terrorism that is directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, or in any way involves or is connected with biological, chemical, radioactive, or nuclear pollution or contamination.

For the purpose of this exclusion, an act of terrorism includes any act, or preparation in respect of action, or threat of action designed to influence the government de jure or de facto of any nation or any political division thereof, or in pursuit of political, religious, ideological or similar purposes to intimidate the public or a section of the public of any nation by any person or group(s) of persons whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s) de jure or de facto, and which:

- involves violence against one or more persons, or
 - involves damage to property, or
 - endangers life other than that of the person committing the action, or
 - creates a risk to health or safety of the public or a section of the public, or
 - is designed to interfere with or to disrupt an electronic system.
3. Radioactivity or the use, existence or escape of any nuclear fuel, nuclear material, or nuclear waste or action of nuclear fission or fusion.

This Policy also excludes any loss, destruction, damage, death, injury, illness, liability, cost or expense of any nature directly or indirectly caused by, contributed to by, resulting from or arising out of or in connection with any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing, retaliating against, or responding to or in any way relating to 1, 2 or 3 above.

Additional exclusions applying to this Policy

These additional exclusions apply to cover for your home, contents, additional benefits and 'Options you can choose for an additional premium'.

This Policy does not cover:

- (a) loss or damage intentionally caused by you or a member of your family or a person acting with your consent or the consent of any member of your family
- (b) loss or damage resulting from or caused by:
 - the lawful seizure, confiscation, nationalisation or requisition of the property insured
 - destruction of or damage to property by any government or public or local authority other than a fire brigade responding to an event insured under this policy
 - the deliberate application of heat (for example, this would include where an element under or forming part of a ceramic cooktop causes damage to the cooktop)
 - inherent defects, structural defects, faulty workmanship, faulty design or any gradual process
 - wear, tear, rust, corrosion, depreciation or gradual deterioration
 - fungus, mildew, mould, algae, atmospheric or climatic conditions (other than as described under insured event, (b) storm)
 - settling, shrinkage or expansion in buildings, foundations, walls or pavements
 - the removal or weakening of supports or foundations for the purpose of alterations, additions, renovations or repair
 - mechanical, electrical or electronic breakdown with the exception of fusion to electric motors as described under insured event (l) or power surge to domestic appliances as described under insured event (m) (under 'Section 2: Cover for your home and contents – Insured events') or if a claim is payable as the result of a lightning strike under insured event (c) (under 'Section 2: Cover for your home and contents – Insured events')

- loss of or damage to electronic data caused by electronic or mechanical derangement or malfunction or by a virus, or processing error
- any consequential loss other than that specifically provided by this Policy
- any process of cleaning involving the use of chemicals other than domestic chemicals
- vermin or insects gnawing, biting, chewing, pecking, clawing, scratching or in any way polluting or contaminating your home or contents

For example: If a mouse was to chew through an electrical wire, which led to a fire, the damage caused directly by the fire would be covered by this Policy under insured event (a), however any damage caused by the mouse's chewing would not be covered by this Policy.

- liquid seeping through a wall or floor other than when the liquid escapes as described in insured event (h)
 - water entering the home through an opening made for the purpose of alterations, additions, renovations or repair
 - erosion, subsidence, landslide or earth movement other than as a direct result of one of the following insured events (refer to items (a), (b), (d) and (h), under 'What you are insured against, and what you are NOT'):
 - storm
 - earthquake
 - explosion
 - escaping liquid
 and occurring no more than 72 hours after the event
 - the action of the sea, high water, tidal wave.
- (c) loss or damage to sporting equipment (other than bicycles) while in use or play.
- (d) pedal cycles while they are used for racing or pacemaking.
- (e) flood, (unless your Policy Schedule confirms that you have chosen optional flood cover and paid any additional premium we require).

General conditions

The following General conditions apply to all Sections of this Policy.

Changing your Policy

If you want to make a change to this Policy, the change becomes effective when:

- we agree to it, and
- we give you a new Policy Schedule detailing the change.

Other interests

You must not transfer any interests in this Policy without our written consent.

Any person whose interests you have told us about and we have noted on your Policy Schedule is bound by the terms of this Policy.

Cancelling your Policy

How you may cancel this Policy

- You may cancel this Policy at any time by telling us in writing that you want to cancel it.
- Where 'you' involves more than one person, we will only cancel the Policy when a written agreement to cancel the Policy is received from all persons named as the insured.

How we may cancel this Policy

- We may cancel this Policy in any of the circumstances permitted by law by informing you in writing.
- We will give you this notice in person or send it to your address last known to us.

The premium

We will refund to you the proportion of the premium for the remaining period of insurance.

Notices

Any notice we give you will be in writing, and it will be effective:

- if it is delivered to you personally, or
- if it is delivered or posted to your address last known to us.

It is important for you to tell us of any change of address as soon as possible.

Changes

You must tell us as soon as possible if circumstances occur, or if changes or alterations are intended or made which increase the risk of loss, damage or injury.

Examples of circumstances where the risk of loss, damage or injury may increase include where:

- you are having renovations undertaken
- the home is left vacant or unoccupied for a period exceeding 100 days
- the home falls into a state of disrepair
- your home is opened up to the public for an exhibition or similar event (including if it is not for reward), or
- you are participating in a public exhibition (including if it is not for reward).

Unoccupancy

If your home is unoccupied for more than 100 consecutive days, you must tell us and obtain our written agreement for cover to continue.

If you do not do so, the cover for home and contents is limited to lightning, thunderbolt and earthquake for the period in excess of 100 consecutive days during which the home has been left unoccupied.

The period of 100 consecutive days is calculated from the date when the home was last occupied (as defined in "Words with Special Meanings") regardless of the commencement or renewal date of the Policy.

Salvage

We are entitled to obtain and retain any items or materials that are salvaged or recovered after you make, and we agree, to pay a claim by replacing or paying to replace any items or materials. We may sell the items or materials and keep the proceeds. We may choose to sell the items or materials to you, if you agree to pay the market price for the items or materials.

Burglary protection

If any required burglary protection is noted on Your Policy Schedule, we have agreed to insure your home and contents only if those burglary protection devices are installed.

If any of these devices is removed, altered, or left inoperative while you are absent from the site for more than 24 hours, without our prior consent, we may have the right to:

- decline, or
- reduce

a claim to which this action contributes.

Care and maintenance

If you do not take reasonable care to:

- protect and maintain the property insured
- prevent damage or injury to others or their property
- minimise the cost of any claim under this Policy, or
- comply with all statutory obligations and by-laws or regulations relating to the safety of person or property

we will not pay for loss, damage, liability or injury to which this failure to take reasonable care contributes.

Adjustment of premium on renewal

If a claim occurs in the previous period of insurance and you do not notify us until after the premium for the current period of insurance was calculated, then you must pay any additional premium that would have been calculated had you told us about the claim on the day that the claim occurred. This condition does not affect any other rights that we have, including the rights that we have under 'Your Duty of Disclosure'.

Strata title mortgagee's interest

This cover applies only if you have arranged this Policy to insure only the interest of a mortgagee in a strata title unit.

This cover only applies when you own part of a building that has been subdivided into strata, community or similar title units and you have a mortgage on that part of the building.

We will pay the mortgagee the lowest of:

- (a) the sum insured shown on the Policy Schedule
- (b) the amount to repair the damage to a condition similar to but no better than when new
- (c) if the body corporate (or similar) partially covers the loss, then the difference between what the body corporate's insurance pays and the cost of the damage, or
- (d) the amount sufficient to discharge the mortgage held by you over the unit at the date of damage.

We pay only that part of the claim that applies to the interest of the mortgagee.

We only pay a claim if:

- (a) a claim would be payable under insured events (a) to (j) of this Policy (and not subject to any exclusion or other limitation in the Policy)
- (b) the policy of the body corporate or similar does not apply or only partially covers the loss, and
- (c) the mortgagee requires you to discharge your mortgage.

If you have arranged this Policy to insure only the interest of a mortgagee in a strata title unit:

- (a) no additional benefits are payable under this Policy
- (b) no legal liability cover is provided, and
- (c) no optional covers such as Domestic Workers Compensation, or Valuables cover are provided.

Claims

What you must do

If an event happens which may give rise to a claim you must:

- take all reasonable precautions to prevent further loss, damage or liability
- notify the police immediately if any of your property is lost, stolen, or maliciously or intentionally damaged
- tell us or your Insurance Broker as soon as possible. You will be provided with a claim form and advice on the procedure to follow
- supply us with all information we require to settle or defend the claim
- notify us of any other insurance covering the same loss, damage or liability
- co-operate with us fully in any action we take if we have a right to recover any money payable under this Policy from any other person.
- advise us of your correct Australian Business Number and Taxable Percentage, if applicable. Any GST liability arising from your incorrect advice is payable by you. When we pay a claim, your GST status will determine the maximum amount we pay. We will (where relevant) pay you on your claim by reference to the GST exclusive amount of any supply made by any business of yours which is relevant to your claim.

In an emergency outside normal business hours you may ring our emergency service on 1800 023387 for assistance.

If in doubt at any time, contact us or your Insurance Broker for assistance.

What you must not do

You must not:

- authorise repairs to or arrange replacement of any of the property insured in connection with any claim without our consent, other than emergency repairs necessary to prevent further loss. If we agree to pay your claim, we will pay for these repairs, but you must retain all receipts.
- admit liability if an accident occurs which is likely to result in someone claiming against you.

What we do

We may take over and conduct the defence or settlement of any claim or issue legal proceedings for damages. If we do this we will do it in your name. We have full discretion in the conduct of any legal proceedings and in the settlement of any claim. You must co-operate by giving us any statements, documents or assistance we require. This may include giving evidence in any legal proceedings.

What can affect a claim

We will reduce the amount of a claim by the excess shown in the Policy Terms and Conditions or on the Policy Schedule.

We may refuse to pay a claim if you are in breach of your Duty of Disclosure or any of the conditions of this Policy, including any endorsements noted on or attached to the Policy Schedule.

We pay only once for loss or damage from the same event covered by this Policy even if it is covered under more than one section of the Policy.

We may be entitled to refuse to pay or to reduce the amount of a claim if:

- it is in any way fraudulent, or
- any fraudulent means or devices are used by you or anyone acting on your behalf to obtain any benefits under this Policy.