

## ANNEXURE A

### REASONS FOR PROPOSED DECISION

In these Reasons, you are referred to as the Practitioner.

#### Relevant Facts

1. At all relevant times, the practitioner has practised as a solicitor in Victoria.
2. The practitioner has been the director and principal of Lawyers Real Estate Pty Ltd trading as Lawyers Conveyancing since 16 November 2004.
3. The practitioner is currently practising pursuant to his 2016-2017 principal practising certificate with trust authorisation.
4. On 12 October 2016, the Victorian Legal Services Commissioner (the Commissioner) received a complaint from Mr Craig Green of Gadens, Brisbane (the Complainant) regarding the practitioner's communications with him and his office throughout a conveyancing matter.
5. On 20 March 2017, the practitioner applied to renew his principal practising certificate with trust authorisation for the 2017-2018 practising year.
6. As part of that application the practitioner failed to disclose that he is currently subject to an unresolved complaint before the Commissioner.
7. When asked whether there was any matter in "Note F" of the renewal application form (relating to rule 13 of the Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015 (Vic) (the General Rules) the practitioner selected 'no'.
8. On 19 May 2017, the Victorian Legal Services Board (the Board) contacted the practitioner and reminded him of his disclosure obligations. The practitioner was given the opportunity to disclose any matters he considered relevant to his fitness.
9. On 19 May 2017, the practitioner emailed a written statement to the Board disclosing that he was subject to an unresolved complaint.