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REACHING AN AGREEMENT

Have you and your former partner reached an agreement about your family law matters that you'd like to see formalised? Maybe you're close, but just need to work through a few minor things.

An agreement that you reach can be drawn up into a formal document, and filed with the Court. The Court makes orders in accordance with the agreement you've reached, and your document is then known as "Consent Orders".

Consent Orders can cover lots of things, for example:-

- Immediate care arrangements for your children so that both parties will get to spend time with them.
- Immediate property issues such as paying bills and the mortgage.
- What will happen with the house, both in the short and long term.
- Long term division of assets and liabilities.
- The division of superannuation.
- Spousal maintenance.

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- ➔ **Know where you stand**
- ➔ **Know what your options are, both short and long term.**
- ➔ **Give yourself peace of mind and a way forward.**



Different ways you might get to the stage of having "Consent Orders":-

- Through negotiations via each party's respective solicitors.
- During court proceedings.
- By way of mediation.

Benefits of Consent Orders:-

- 1. Maintain control.** The decisions about your assets and your children remain with you and your partner, and are not made by a court.
- 2. Better solutions.** You and your former partner will be able to come up with far better, broader and more workable solutions than a court will.
- 3. A workable plan.** You and your former partner are far more likely to be happy to stick to an agreement you came to yourselves than court orders that were imposed on you.
- 4. A timely resolution.** Consent orders will always be faster than a judicial determination.

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