

## **Statutory Declaration**

Please print in BLOCK LETTERS with a black or blue pen

This declaration is to be completed and signed by a person making a statement. The declaration must be witnessed by a person authorised to witness a statutory declaration under the *Oaths Act 1900*. For information or assistance with this form, phone **1800 422 322**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you need more room for your declaration, please include details on a separate page and attach it to this form.

		Client reference number					
l, the undersign	ned (provide full details) Title	[]					
	Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss, Mx						
Last name or family name							
	Given name (s)						
of address	Unit/House number						
	Street/Avenue						
	Town or Suburb		Postcode				

Do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1900*.

## Penalties for false Statutory Declaration

The Oaths Amendment Act 1996 provides that if a Statutory Declaration is made to gain material benefit and the offence is dealt with by indictment the penalty is up to 7 years imprisonment. If dealt with summarily then the penalty is up to 2 years imprisonment and/or a fine of 100 penalty units (\$11,000). If the offence is swearing a false declaration that does not involve material benefit, the penalty is up to 12 months imprisonment and/or a fine of 50 penalty units (\$5,500).

Declarant's signature (To be signed in the presence of an Authorised Witness)

X			

Date

In the presence of an authorised witness, who states:					
I, [name of authorised witness]	, a				
certify the following matters concerning the making of this statutory declaration by the person who made it:					
(Cross out any text that does not apply)					
<ol> <li>*I saw the face of the person OR *I did not see the face of the person because the person was wearing a face covering, but I am satisfied that the person had special justification for not removing the covering, and;</li> </ol>					
*I have known the person for at least 12 months OR *I have not known the person for at least 12 months, but I have confirmed the person's identity using an identification document and the document I relied on was:					
[describe identification document relied on]					
Signature	×				
Date	DD / MM / YYYY				
Declarant's signature (To be signed in the presence of an Authorised Witness)	×				
Date Authorised Witness	DD / MM / YYYY				
Full name & registration					
Signature	×				
Date	DD / MM / YYYY				

In New South Wales, an authorised witness under the Oaths Act 1900 must be a:

- justice of the peace
- legal practitioner, i.e. an Australian lawyer who is granted a practising certificate
- notary public
- commissioner of the court for taking affidavits
- any person authorised to administer an oath
- any person authorised under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 of the Commonwealth.

For more information see <u>https://www.ag.gov.au/legal-system/statutory-declarations/who-can-witness-your-statutory-declaration</u>.