



# Avana

## **Financial Services Guide (FSG)** of RGBEN Pty Ltd Pty Ltd t/as Era Financial Planning (Authorised Representative No. 1315949)

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### **The purpose of this guide**

The purpose of this Financial Services Guide (FSG) is to help you make an informed decision about the services and information on how to engage with one of our advisers.

This FSG covers the following information:

- Information about Avana Financial Solutions Pty Ltd as an Australian Financial Service Licence (“Avana”).
- Details on how you may instruct your adviser.
- Who will be responsible for providing the financial service.
- Details of the financial services and/or products Avana can provide.
- Remuneration received by your adviser.
- Other forms of remuneration or benefits.
- The complaints procedure.

Please take the time to review this document before engaging our services.

Throughout this FSG, Avana Financial Solutions is referred to as “Avana”, “we”, “us”, “our” or any variations. The term “adviser” refers to Avana’s Authorised Representatives.

Avana Financial Solutions Pty Ltd (ABN 67 631 329 078), is an Australian Financial Services Licensee (AFSL No. 516325). As an Australian Financial Services Licence holder, Avana Financial Solutions is a Propriety Limited company (Pty Ltd).

Avana Financial Solutions has authorised the distribution, website disclosure of information and alteration of this FSG to ensure it is up to date.

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## We maintain information about you

The following statement contains important information about the records that will be made of the services that we provide you, as well as the privacy and confidentiality arrangements applicable to you.

### Avana Financial Solutions Privacy Statement

In order to continue to provide you with advice that is appropriate for your needs and suitable for your circumstances we will retain information about you including your financial and lifestyle objectives and your current financial situation. We are also legally required to store this information and records of any advice and services we provide to you. Failure to provide your relevant personal information may expose you to higher risks in respect of the recommendations made to you and may affect the adequacy or appropriateness of advice or financial service we give to you.

We are also required to ask for certain information by law. Wherever there is a legal requirement for us to ask for information about you, we will inform you of the obligation and the consequences of not giving us the requested information.

For example, in addition to obtaining personal information from you, whenever you acquire a new product or service via us, we will need to obtain certain documentary evidence from you as to your identity to ensure compliance with AML/CTF laws. Such evidence may include for example a certified copy of your driver's licence, passport or birth certificate.

We will not use or disclose client information (including to a third party) for any purpose other than providing financial advice and tax (financial) advice services unless you have specifically agreed to the disclosure, or the law requires us to do so. For example, we will, from time to time, disclose information about you to professionals, insurance providers, superannuation trustees, product issuers and our service providers in connection with providing our services to you. If your Adviser leaves Avana Financial Solutions and commences to provide financial services under another licensee, your information may be transferred to the new licensee. You will be advised of any such transfer prior to it taking place. We will not disclose your personal information to overseas recipients.

We are committed to maintaining the security, currency and confidentiality of this information and if you wish to examine your records or amend any information that we hold on you, we can make arrangements for you to do so. Details of how you may request access to your information or seek correction of information is contained within the Avana Financial Solutions Privacy Policy. The Privacy Policy also contains information on how you may make a complaint if you feel that there has been a breach of Australian Privacy Principles. For a full copy of our Privacy Policy, free, please contact the Privacy Officer. We can provide the Privacy Policy to you either electronically or in hard copy, and at no charge.

#### Lack of Independent Disclosure

Under s.923A of the Corporations Act, neither RGBEN Pty Ltd t/as Era Financial Planning, Gina Francis Benney or Avana Financial Solutions Pty Ltd can utilise the terms 'independent', 'impartial' or 'unbiased' to describe our advice services or business. This is because we may receive commissions in relation to the sale of life risk insurance products that are not rebated in full to our clients.

## Our Services

We provide financial advice and services as authorised representatives of Avana Financial Solutions Pty Ltd ABN 67 631 329 078 and Australian Financial Services Licence 516325. We also provide tax (financial) advice services as a qualified tax relevant provider under Avana Financial Solutions Pty Ltd. We act on behalf of Avana Financial Solutions Pty Ltd, as the authorising Licensee, Avana is responsible for the financial services we provide to you.

As an authorised representative of Avana we can provide you with services including:

- Assisting you identify, establish, and prioritise your needs and objectives.
- Financial Planning Advice (wealth creation, cashflow/budgeting advice, retirement income strategies)
- Personal risk management advice and planning for your desired lifestyle.
- Strategic advice for Estate planning (such as asset ownership).
- Social security advice.
- We can also assist with the management of your investments and superannuation.
- Debt reduction strategies, redundancies, and inheritances.
- Financial modelling - understanding your current financial position and projecting your future.

We can also provide you with advice and support on a range of financial products such as:

- Savings Plans and cash management accounts.
- Personal Superannuation plans, including Employer Sponsored Superannuation funds and rollovers.
- Retirement income products including annuities, allocated pensions, and account-based pensions.
- Advice on investments including managed funds, exchange traded funds, other managed investments, and direct equities.
- Personal Life Insurance cover including Death Cover, Trauma Insurance, Total & Permanent Disablement Insurance, and Income Protection Insurance.
- Business Expense Insurance.
- Advice relating to Self-Managed Super Funds.

As a qualified tax relevant provider, we can provide tax (financial) advice services related to how your financial products work. For comprehensive taxation advice about your personal tax position you should seek advice from a qualified taxation specialist or accountant.

Specific information on your adviser, their experience and specialisation are provided on page 6 of this guide.

## We can act on your instructions

After you engage us as your adviser, we can act on your instructions whether you provide them by telephone, email, fax, or other means of communications.

## Important documents you can expect to receive

If we provide you with personal financial planning advice, we will confirm our recommendations in writing so that you can make an informed decision about the appropriateness and suitability of our advice. Our recommendations can be documented in a Statement of Advice (SoA). From time to time, a Record of Advice (RoA) may be used to record our advice to you where we have provided you with subsequent advice and your personal circumstances have not changed. The RoA may be provided to you or added to your file and if you would like a copy of this document, or our initial SoA, we will make it available to you on request.

Where we recommend specific financial products to you, we will provide you with a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) which contains specific and important information on the financial product. It is very important for you to read and understand the PDS which must be provided to you before you can take any action in relation to a financial product recommended.

## The interests, associations and relationships that may influence or affect our advice

Avana Financial Solutions is a private company and has no ownership by or associations with any product providers. Our recommendations to you will be based on our assessment of your personal circumstances, needs and objectives. Under the Financial Planners and Advisers Code of Ethics, we cannot advise, refer, or act in any other manner where we assess that a conflict of interest or duty exists between ourselves and a client. Where we identify a conflict of interest created by an interest, association, or relationship applicable to your situation, we will explain this to you, and advise you that we cannot act on your behalf accordingly.

## Important Notification Regarding the Provision of Information

Please be aware that the accuracy and quality of the advice statement provided to you, is a reflection of the quality and detail of the information provided to us under fact finding conditions.

We understand that certain information maybe sensitive due to the involvement of third parties attached to the income or expense but must inform you that holding back this information may very well lead to an inaccurate or inappropriate level of advice.

Provided you understand the risk of not providing this information in the context of the statement of advice, whether limited or extensive, we will provide the necessary support needed to construct the statement of advice you have requested and implement matters surrounding your goals and objectives.

Please confirm that you are clear regarding this matter and except the consequences if any surrounding the statement of advice, we provide.

## How you pay for services

### Adviser remuneration

The cost of providing a financial product or service to you will depend on the nature and complexity of the advice, financial product and/or service provided. Generally, whenever your adviser provides a recommendation for a financial product or service, your adviser may be remunerated through either:

- An initial adviser service fee;
- An ongoing adviser service fee;
- A contribution fee or an Implementation fee, or;
- Commission payments from product providers where applicable, or;
- A combination of any of the above.

### Avana Financial Solutions remuneration

All fees or commissions are initially paid to Avana Financial Solutions before being distributed in full to your adviser or to the relevant Business. Avana Financial Solutions Pty Ltd ABN 67 631 329 078 and Australian Financial Services Licence 516325 generally receives a flat fee per annum / per authorised representative, for the provision of services required under its AFSL. Each authorised representative also pays a professional indemnity insurance fee.

## Compensation arrangements

We have arrangements in place to maintain adequate professional indemnity insurance as required by s912B of the Act. This insurance provides cover for claims made against us and our representatives, including claims in relation to the conduct of representatives who no longer work for us but who did so at the time of the relevant conduct.

## Feedback or complaints about our services

Avana Financial Solutions Pty Ltd is a member of the Australian Financial Complaints Authority Limited (“AFCA”).

As a professional financial services business, we are committed to acting efficiently, honestly, and fairly. Your adviser is bound by the Financial Planners and Advisers Code of Ethics and is committed to the ethical standards dictated by this Code.

We value your support and appreciate any feedback that will help us to meet your expectations and needs. If at any time should you have any concerns or complaints about our advice or our service, we encourage you to contact us directly and we will try to resolve the issue immediately.

Please contact the Complaints Manager of our Licensee using any of the contact details below. We will try and resolve your complaint quickly, fairly and within prescribed timeframes.

The Complaints Manager  
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If the complaint cannot be resolved to your satisfaction within 30 days, you have the right to refer the matter to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). AFCA is an independent dispute resolution service that deals with complaints about financial services including banking, credit, loans, general insurance, life insurance, financial planning, investments, stock broking, managed funds, and pooled superannuation trusts.

AFCA can be contacted at “Australian Financial Complaints Authority Limited, GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001. You can also contact AFCA by free call on 1800 931 678. Alternatively, you can go to the AFCA website at [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au). If you wish to progress your complaint, you can complete the online complaints form, or alternatively, you can download a form and send it to the above address or email at [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au).

If you have a complaint relating to tax (financial) advice services that your adviser has provided, and Avana cannot provide you with a satisfactory response to your complaint, then you can make a complaint to the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) on 1300 300 630 which you may use to make a complaint and obtain more information about your rights.

It is a condition of our Australian Financial Services Licence and our registration as a qualified tax relevant provider, that Avana maintain a level of Professional Indemnity Insurance appropriate for its size and the scale and complexity of its operations. Avana insurance covers claims made against Avana Financial Solutions and their authorised representatives, including those representatives who no longer work for Avana, but did so at the time of the relevant conduct. The policy is annually reviewed for currency and suitability.

### Contacting Avana Financial Solutions

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**Your Adviser is Gina Francis Benney ASIC Authorised Representative No. 1262077.**

Gina Francis Benney and RGBEN Pty Ltd t/as Era Financial Planning ABN 39 665 226 675 are authorised representatives of Avana Financial Solutions Pty Ltd.

Gina Francis Benney has an association with RGBEN Pty Ltd as a director and shareholder and as a result may receive profits and distributions.

## Qualifications and Experience

- Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning
- Post Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning
- SMSF Regulation and Taxation
- Diploma of Financial Planning
- Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing Management)

## My Financial Planning and Advice services

Gina Francis Benney can advise on the following product areas:

Provide financial product advice

- Deposit and Payment Products
  - i. Deposit and Payment Products – Non-basic Deposit Products
- Government Debentures, Stocks or Bonds
  - i. Government Debentures, Stocks or Bonds
- Life Products
  - i. Investment Life Insurance Products
  - ii. Life Risk Insurance Products
- Managed Investment Schemes
  - i. Managed Investment Schemes, including IDPS
- Retirement Savings Account Products
  - i. Retirement Savings Account Products
- Securities
  - i. Securities
- Superannuation
  - i. Superannuation – All

Gina is authorised to provide tax (financial) advice services.

Era Financial Planning can advise on the following product areas:

Provide financial product advice

- Deposit and Payment Products
  - i. Deposit and Payment Products – Non-basic Deposit Products
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  - i. Government Debentures, Stocks or Bonds
- Life Products
  - i. Investment Life Insurance Products
  - ii. Life Risk Insurance Products
- Managed Investment Schemes
  - i. Managed Investment Schemes, including IDPS
- Retirement Savings Account Products
  - i. Retirement Savings Account Products
- Securities
  - i. Securities
- Superannuation
  - i. Superannuation – All

We can offer you comprehensive advice, or advice on a specific matter. The scope and nature of our advice services will be determined with your adviser based on what is appropriate to your specific needs, circumstances, and objectives, and what is in your best interests.

We will gain your agreement on the scope of advice services to be provided prior to preparing our recommendations to you within a Statement of Advice.

## Our financial planning process

The following is a summary of the process that we will go through with you in order to develop, and maintain, a financial plan suited to your individual needs, circumstances, and goals.

<b>Initial Consultation</b>	<p>A free, no obligation discussion with you to discuss your needs for advice, and how we can assist you to meet your goals, needs and objectives.</p> <p>During this discussion we will also explain our services and fee structure to you.</p>
<b>Discovery Process</b>	<p>In order to provide you with advice that is appropriate to your individual circumstances, we need to collect personal and financial information from you.</p> <p>To do this, we will ask you to complete some forms, including a Fact Find and a Client Risk Profile Questionnaire.</p> <p>We may also ask for other documentation such as superannuation statements, bank statements, etc.</p> <p>Your adviser will assist you through this process.</p>
<b>Determining your financial and lifestyle goals</b>	<p>Once we have gathered sufficient information about you, we can determine what your specific advice needs and objectives are.</p> <p>We will consider both your immediate financial needs, as well as your future goals and requirements, giving priority to those matters that are most important to you.</p>
<b>Engagement to Proceed</b>	<p>At this point, we will provide you with our Terms of Engagement. This will detail our understanding of your advice requirements, the specific services we propose to provide to meet those requirements, and how much it will cost you.</p>
<b>Developing and delivering your Financial Plan</b>	<p>We will prepare our advice recommendations to you within a “Statement of Advice” (SoA). This document will provide you with detailed information on the strategies and products that we recommend to assist you to meet your goals and objectives.</p> <p>We will present this to you, typically face to face so that we can answer any questions you may have. We will give you time to consider our recommendations and will only proceed once we are sure that you understand and agree to our advice recommendations.</p>
<b>Implementation of our recommendations</b>	<p>Once you have agreed to our recommendations and provided all relevant authorities to proceed, we will then implement our recommendations. This includes handling all fund and policy administration on your behalf, liaising with product and platform providers and other professional advisers as appropriate.</p>
<b>Ongoing Review and management</b>	<p>As part of our financial planning process, we provide annual ongoing review services to ensure that the recommendations that we provide remain appropriate to you over time, and as circumstances change.</p> <p>We will ask you to agree to an appropriate ongoing advice service when we present your financial plan.</p>

We will always agree on the level of our charges and your payment options before proceeding with any work. Our Terms of Engagement will confirm the fee and specific services to be provided.

We will not charge you until you have agreed how we are to be remunerated.

## How we will provide advice to you

We will document your financial plan within a document entitled a 'Statement of Advice'. The Statement of Advice will detail:

- A summary of your current situation, including your goals, needs and objectives
- The financial products, and strategic recommendations to you
- Information about how each of our recommendations will put you in a better position to achieve your financial and lifestyle goals
- Information on risks, costs and benefits associated with our recommendations
- Our Ongoing Service offering – detailing how we will work with you on an ongoing basis to ensure your financial plan remains appropriate
- Details about our advice fees – including Statement of Advice and Ongoing Review fees as applicable
- An “Authority to Proceed” confirming your agreement to proceed with our recommendations, and your Ongoing Review Service.

## Costs of Advice

Our charge for the preparation of a Statement of Advice ranges from \$0 to \$6,500 (incl. GST) dependent on the complexity and scope of the advice provided.

This fee covers the preparation of the financial plan detailed in the Statement of Advice, all relevant meetings, and discussions in relation to the Statement of Advice.

Fees may be payable up-front, upon presentation of the Statement of Advice, or upon implementation. We may choose to waive fees where negotiated or where you proceed with recommendations contained within the Statement of Advice.

## Risk Insurance commissions

Where we recommend risk insurance products to you and we may agree together with you, rather than charging a fee for service, to receive commissions directly from the insurance company. These commissions are paid from the product costs and are not an additional cost incurred by you. The commission payable will depend on the product recommended, and on the amount of the premium paid or amount invested.

Where an insurer pays a commission, this may be up to 66% of your initial premium and then up to 33% of your ongoing premium. For example, if your premium is \$1,000 your adviser would receive \$600 initial and \$300 in ongoing commission.

## Ongoing Review Service

We offer a comprehensive Ongoing Review Service. This service allows us to make sure that you stay on track to meet your financial and lifestyle goals and requirements.

Should you require such services, your Ongoing Review Service may include services such as:

- An Annual Review of your Financial Plan
- Access to your adviser, including for ad-hoc phone, email queries and face to face meetings
- Regular reviews of your investment portfolio
- Liaison with product providers and other relevant professionals where required, i.e. accountants, solicitors, mortgage brokers
- Liaison with Centrelink or DVA for Pension entitlements (if applicable)
- If you have a Self-Managed Superannuation Fund, we will review your portfolio at least once per year, including reviewing the Investment Strategy annually (if applicable)

Depending on your individual circumstances and the level of engagement you want from you adviser, your Ongoing Review Service will be tailored to your needs.

## Review of your Financial Plan

As part of the Ongoing Review Service, we will review your Financial Plan and make any changes to investments or strategies as required to ensure that your Plan remains appropriate, particularly as your circumstances change over time.

A financial review generally consists of the following touch points:

- Review your current circumstances and objectives to see if there have been any changes
- Review the continuing suitability of your financial plan
- Review your investment or superannuation portfolio(s)
- Review of any taxation or legislative changes that may affect your financial plan
- Make recommendations for any changes to investments or strategy as required
- Implement any agreed changes to your financial plan

## Fees for Ongoing Review Service

We will charge an Ongoing Review Fee of up to 1.10% of the money that you invest with us. For example, if your portfolio is for \$100,000 you will be charged \$1,100 p.a. Alternatively, a fixed fee may apply that can range from \$0 to \$6,500 (incl GST) per annum. The basis of our charge structure will be explained in detail to you prior to proceeding with our service offering.

Our Ongoing Review fees may be invoiced directly to you (deducted from a nominated personal account), or fees may be deducted from your investment funds (which would be paid to us by the product providers).

If you require any other services that are outside of your Ongoing Review Service, this is known as Ad-hoc advice. Our current ad-hoc advice fee is \$250 (incl. GST) per hour.

**The method of calculation of your Ongoing Review Fee (whether it be as percentage of funds invested or a fixed dollar fee) will be detailed within the Statement of Advice. We will also provide an estimate of the fee prior to proceeding, within the Statement of Advice.**

**We will not charge you an ongoing fee until you have agreed (in writing) to proceed with the Ongoing Review Service. We will also seek your consent to deduct fees from your investment where relevant.**

## Insurance Claim Management

In the event we provide claims management assistance to you in relation to an insurance claim, and the claim is successful, we may charge you a claims management fee. We will agree upon this fee with you before we provide the service to you. Our fee for this service is 1.10% of the total claim payout.

For example, after a successful claim with a payout of \$250,000 we would receive \$2,750 management fee.

## Referrals to other providers

We may refer you to other professionals such as accountants, mortgage brokers or solicitors if you require advice in these areas. We will not receive any fees or benefits for these referrals, nor do we have any ownership links with any referral parties.

Where other professionals refer individuals to us for financial advice, we do not pay them a referral fee.

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