

## Consent to Statutory Charge

**File No:**

1. I/we  
consent to a charge being taken over any real estate which I/we have an interest in including property situated at  
which is in the names of
2. **The conditions set out in the Statutory Charge Factsheet and the conditions of legal aid apply to me. I/we have read these.**
3. I/we understand that:
  - a. legal aid has been granted to fund my/our/my financially associated person's legal proceedings for the above file
  - b. once Legal Services has paid/certified legal costs over \$2,530, the legal aid applicant's contribution towards those costs will be increased and a charge will be taken over my/our real estate to secure repayment of the contribution
  - c. the charge is a legal security over land. It makes sure that the whole of the contribution towards the costs of the case is eventually paid back, including the first \$2,530
  - d. the charge remains on the property until one of the following happens:
    - the property is transferred to a new owner
    - the property is refinanced or further monies are borrowed against it
    - the property is sold
    - the owner dies.At that time the money is paid back and the charge is removed. Legal Services will not enforce the charge until one of these events occurs and until then Legal Services does not regard the contribution as having accrued for the purposes of the Limitation of Actions Act 1936.
  - e. If I/we repay within:
    - 6 months the contribution will be reduced by \$300
    - 2 years the contribution will be reduced by \$150 and
    - 4 years the contribution will be reduced by \$100.
  - f. there will be an **administration fee of \$300**, also secured over the property, which must also be paid back when the charge is removed.
4. I/we understand that the contribution can be voluntarily repaid at any time.
5. I/we will at any time at Legal Services' request execute any documents required by Legal Services to give effect to the charge in the state in which the land is located.

**SIGNED:**

(Legal Aid Applicant)

**WITNESS:**

Full name of witness

Address of witness

**DATED:**

**SIGNED:**

(Financially Associated Person)

**WITNESS:**

Full name of witness

Address of witness

**DATED:**