

# WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE BUYING OFF THE PLAN



#### GET EXCITED

Start looking

- Understand your budget
- Allow for stamp duty
- Are you eligible for ACT stamp duty concessions? Go to: revenue.act.gov.au



FALL IN LOVE

Look closer

- Request a Contract from the Agent
- Send us the Contract for review and advice
- Research the Developer's reputation
- Ask when settlement is expected



GET YOUR DUCKS
IN A ROW

Getting ready

- O Pay holding Deposit
- Check your finance is in order

#### Come and see us to:

- Oiscuss the off the plan process
- Sign the Contract
- Verify your ID
- O Pay the Deposit



EXCHANGE OF CONTRACTS

The point of no return

#### It's official!

You have committed to the Contract until the end, which is called "completion" or "settlement".



CONSTRUCTION

The waiting game

- Stay in touch during construction for updates
- The Developer may terminate the Contract if they don't obtain the Approvals or the Registration of the Units Plan in time
- You may need to pay additional Deposit during construction, depending on your Contract.



PRE-SETTLEMENT

Show time

## When the building is finished, we receive 14 days' notice to settle.

Sign your loan documents.

### We then organise your Bank to settle.

- Arrange a removalist (or some willing friends!)
- Arrange pre-settlement inspections with the Agent
- Arrange for electricity
   & gas connections
   in time for you to
   move in



SETTLEMENT DAY

It's yours

#### Congratulations!

- Your Bank advances money to pay the Seller to settle
- Your mortgage is established
- The Seller receives the Deposit
- ➤ All the Seller's outstanding rates, land tax and other charges are paid on settlement
- Collect the keys to your new home!



POST-SETTLEMENT

Settle in

- Arrange contents insurance
- Pay Stamp Duty
  when your Notice of
  Assessments arrives
- Keep a list of defects that arise and submit it within 90 days of settlement
- Rates, land tax and water transfer to you automatically
- We will advise the body corporate of your contact details

(1) We strongly recommend your loan application is underway at least 2 months before settlement. Your lender will issue a conditional approval and will organise a valuation around the same time as your pre-settlement inspection. Normal bank processing times are 4–6 weeks (from lodgement of your loan application to settlement). Your mortgage broker can project manage the entire finance approval process for you.

(1) If settlement is delayed because of you or your Bank, you may be liable to pay interest to the Seller.

BUYING OFF THE PLAN