

# Dispute Resolution Policy

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### **Section A - Introduction**

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of Day1 Exchange's Dispute Resolution Policy ("Policy") is to ensure client Complaints are dealt with promptly, fairly and consistently.
- 1.2 This Policy represents Day1 Exchange's commitment to effective and efficient Complaints handling and to fair and transparent dealings with its clients.
- 1.3 This Policy has been developed in accordance with the principles outlined in Australian Standard AS/NZS 10002:2014.

### 2. Policy statement

- 2.1 The benefits of effectively resolving a Complaint through Internal Dispute Resolution ("IDR") procedures include:\
  - a) enhancing client confidence in Day1 Exchange, by creating an environment that encourages feedback and Complaints, and sees Complaints managed in a timely and fair manner;
  - b) recognising the needs and expectations of Complainants;
  - c) providing an open, accessible and effective Complaints process;
  - d) providing a system that can be used by Day1 Exchange to analyse, evaluate and audit Complaints and their outcomes in order to deliver quality improvements; and
  - e) providing a mechanism for reviewing the effectiveness and efficiency of Day1 Exchange's IDR procedures and outcomes.

### 3. Application

- 3.1 In designing effective IDR procedures, Day1 Exchange has regard to the following:
  - a) statutory or regulatory requirements;
  - b) the value Day1 Exchange seeks to derive from Complaints to improve its operation;
  - c) financial, operational and organisational requirements;
  - d) the number and demographics of Day1 Exchange's clients;

- e) the nature and breadth of Day1 Exchange's interactions with clients;
- f) the number and type of Complaints Day1 Exchange receives; and
- g) input from Day1 Exchange's employees and Other Interested Parties.

### 4. Aims

- 4.1 This Policy aims to provide guidance on Complaints management, including the planning, design, operation, maintenance and improvement of Day1 Exchange's IDR procedures.
- 4.2 This Policy aims to resolve minor Complaints during the client's initial contact with Day1 Exchange.
- 4.3 To action all other Complaints, written and telephone, within seven (7) calendar days of them being received.
- 4.4 To resolve all Complaints and provide a final response no later than thirty (30) calendar days after receipt.

### 5. Definitions

- 5.1 Complainant means an individual, organisation or their representative who makes the Complaint.
- 5.2 Complaint means an expression of dissatisfaction made to an organisation, related to its products or services, or the Complaints handling process itself, where a response or resolution is explicitly or implicitly expected.
- 5.3 Complaint Management System means all aspects of the policies, procedures, practices, staff, hardware and software used by Day1 Exchange for the management of Complaints.
- 5.4 **Day1 Exchange** means Day1 Exchange Pty Ltd and its related bodies corporate.
- 5.5 **Dispute** means unresolved Complaints escalated internally or externally.
- 5.6 **IDR Delay Notification** means written correspondence provided to the Complainant advising them their Complaint will not be resolved within thirty (30) calendar days.



- 5.7 IDR Response means a written response to the Client informing them of the final outcome of their Complaint at IDR (including either confirmation of actions taken by Day1 Exchange to fully resolve the Complaint or reasons for Day1 Exchange's rejection or partial rejection of the Complaint.
- 5.8 **Other Interested Parties** means any person or entity that may be impacted by the Complaint or situation.

### 6. Complaints management policy

- 6.1 Day1 Exchange must ensure that Day1 Exchange's Complaints Management Policy is available free of charge. Day1 Exchange's Complaints Management Policy is available on its website.
- 6.2 If the Complaints Management Policy is requested in a particular form, Day1 Exchange takes such steps as are reasonable to provide the Complaints Handling Policy in the form requested.

### Section B - Procedures

### 7. Enabling complaints

- 7.1 Day1 Exchange publicises information about how and where Complaints can be made by:
  - a) publishing its Complaints Management Policy on Day1 Exchange's website and making the Complaints Management Policy available in hard copy free of charge upon request;
  - b) including information about the IDR process in the Terms and Conditions;
  - c) enabling Complainants to pursue Complaints via the IDR process free of charge; and
  - d) providing training to all staff about Day1 Exchange's IDR process.
- 7.2 Day1 Exchange provides flexible methods for making a Complaint such as:
  - a) social media channels; and
  - b) in writing, via email, letter or electronically.

### 8. Receiving complaints

8.1 Day1 Exchange acknowledges receipt of each Complaint promptly and assess Complaints to ensure they are given appropriate priority,

- based on the urgency of the issues raised by the Complainant.
- a) Day1 Exchange's employees must immediately refer clients wishing to make a Complaint to the Complaints Officer. Day1 Exchange's Complaints Officer is David Swinden. This ensures that wherever possible, the Complaint is investigated by a staff member who was not involved in the subject matter of the Complaint.
- 8.2 On receiving a Complaint, the following information must be recorded:
  - a) Complainant's details e.g. full name, date of birth and address;
  - b) Contact details of the Complainant or Complainant's representative;
  - c) Complainant's or Complainant's representative's preferred contact method;
  - d) Matter number relating to the Complainant (if applicable);
  - e) Details of special assistance required for the Complainant to communicate with Day1 Exchange;
  - f) Whether the Complaint relates to Day1 Exchange's product or service;
  - g) Whether the issue has been raised previously by the Complainant and if they have received an outcome;
  - h) Details of the Complaint;
  - i) Outcome sought by the Complainant; and
  - j) Date of Complaint.
- 8.3 Once the Complaint is received, the Complaints Officer must immediately acknowledge receipt of the Complaint using the preferred contact method of the Complainant and attempt to resolve the Complaint within thirty (30) days of it being received.

### 9. Complaints received over the phone

- 9.1 The following procedure must be followed when a Complaint is received orally:
  - a) Identify yourself, listen, record details and determine what the Complainant wants;
  - b) Confirm the details received;



- c) Empathise with the Complainant in a courteous manner;
- d) Explain the courses of action available;
- e) Do not attempt to lay blame or be defensive;
- f) Resolve the Complaint if possible or commit to do something immediately, irrespective of who ultimately handles the Complaint;
- g) Don't create false expectations;
- h) Inform the Complainant of the name and contact details of the person who is formally dealing with the Complaint (i.e. the Complaints Officer);
- i) Refer the matter immediately to the Complaints Officer to handle the Complaint and record the details in the Complaints Register.

### 10. Classification of complaints

- 10.1 Upon receiving a Complaint, Day1 Exchange assesses Complaints in terms of the following criteria:
  - a) Number of issues raised. If more than one (1) issue is raised in the Complaint, Day1 Exchange will make an assessment as to whether each issue needs to be separately addressed, and if so the classification of each issue;
  - b) Severity;
  - c) Health and safety implications;
  - d) Complexity;
  - e) Impact on the individual or Day1 Exchange;
  - f) Potential to escalate;
  - g) The need and possibility of immediate action;
  - h) The outcomes sought by the Complainant; and
  - i) Which business areas of Day1 Exchange need to be involved (if any).
- 10.2 After the initial assessment, Day1 Exchange appropriately considers how to address the issues raised in the Complaint. This includes working with the Complainant to see if the issues can be appropriately addressed by conducting informal inquiries or whether a

- formal investigation into the Complaint is required.
- 10.3 All Complaints are classified by Day1 Exchange and then analysed to identify systemic, recurring and single incident problems and trends.
- 10.4 Level 1 the least serious Complaints. The Complaint could not be resolved at first contact with the Complainant. Some Complaints at this level require the assistance of other employees at Day1 Exchange. The Complaint can be resolved without informing the Director.
- 10.5 Level 2 more serious Complaints. The Director must be informed of the Complaint and may provide input where necessary to help resolve the Complaint.
- 10.6 Level 3 the most serious Complaints. This type of Complaint requires the involvement of the Director.
- 10.7 Day1 Exchange develops and implements systems that minimise the possibility of Complaints escalating into systemic issues.

# 11. Responsibility for and investigation of complaints

- 11.1 At first instance the Complaints Officer is responsible for dealing with Complaints.
- 11.2 The Complaints Officer is responsible for tracking the progress of each Complaint until it is finalised. An updated status is made available to the Complainant upon request and at regular intervals.
- 11.3 If the Complaints Officer is unable to resolve the Complaint within thirty (30) days, the details of the Complaint must be immediately forwarded to the Director who has overall responsibility for Day1 Exchange's IDR procedures.
- 11.4 The Director is to review the circumstances involving the Complaint and attempt to provide the Complainant with a final written response to resolve the Complaint, within forty-five (45) calendar days of receipt of the initial Complaint.

### 12. Acknowledging complaints

12.1 Once the Complaint is received, the Complaints
Officer must acknowledge receipt of the
Complaint within seven (7) business days of



- receiving the Complaint, or as soon as practicable.
- 12.2 The Complaints Officer must advise Complainants about:
  - a) Day1 Exchange's Complaints process;
  - b) the expected timeframes for Day1Exchange's actions to resolve the Complaint;
  - c) the Complainants' likely involvement in the process; and
  - d) the possible or likely outcome of the Complaint, where practicable.

### 13. IDR responses

- 13.1 Complaints referred to the Complaints Officer must be responded to in the same manner they are received unless otherwise requested by the Complainant. For example, a telephone Complaint must be initially responded to with a telephone call.
- 13.2 The time and date of all telephone calls to the Complainant made in connection with a Complaint must be recorded with other details about the Complaint outlined in section 7.4 of this Policy.
- 13.3 An IDR Response must be provided to the Client upon resolving a Complaint. The written communication must inform the Client of:
  - a) what action was taken by Day1 Exchange in response to the Complaint;
  - b) the outcomes of the Complaint;
  - c) the reasons for any decisions that have been made;
  - d) any remedies or resolutions that have been offered; and
  - e) information about other remedies that may be available to the Complainant e.g. seeking an internal review or appeal decision made.

### 14. Timeframes for idr responses

14.1 Day1 Exchange seeks to provide an IDR Response (in accordance with section 13) to the Client within forty-five (45) calendar days of receiving the Complaint. 14.2 If the Complaint cannot be resolved within forty-five (45) calendar days of the initial Complaint, an IDR Delay Notification must be sent to the Client prior to the expiry of the IDR timeframe (Refer section 15 below).

### 15. Complaint management delays

- 15.1 If the Complaint cannot be resolved within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the Complaint, a IDR Delay Notification must be sent to the Complainant:
  - a) informing the Complainant of the reasons for the delay;
  - b) providing the Complainant with an update on the progress of the Complaint;
  - c) specifying a date when a decision can be reasonably expected; and
  - d) including a copy of Day1 Exchange's IDR procedures.

### Section C - Record keeping

### 16. Complaints register

- 16.1 A Complaints Register is compiled and managed by the Complaints Officer to ensure the effective implementation of outcomes are properly monitored and reported.
- 16.2 The Complaints Register is kept in soft copy on file.
- 16.3 A copy of the Complaints Register is provided to the Director on at least a quarterly basis for review.
- 16.4 The Complaints Register keeps a record of the following:
  - a) complaints received;
  - b) steps taken to address the Complaint;
  - c) decision made;
  - d) the outcome of the Complaint; and
  - e) any undertakings or follow up action required.

### 17. Identifying and recording systemic issues

17.1 he Complaints Officer aims to identify any systemic issues or recurring Complaints as a



result of compiling the Complaints Register.

17.2 Where any systemic issues or recurring
Complaints are identified, these are addressed
to the Director by preparing a report to
accompany the Complaints Register. This
encourages the identification of compliance
issues or risks, which can be investigated to
determine their causes and then rectified.

### Section D - Remedies

# 18. Types of remedies available for resolving complaints

- 18.1 If the Complaints Officer is of the opinion that a Complaint requires a remedy (e.g. compensation), the matter must be referred to the Director to make a determination. The Director is appropriately authorised to determine and approve any remediation to be paid to Complainants.
- 18.2 In determining the appropriate remedy, the Director considers a broad range of remedies to facilitate the fair and efficient resolution of the Complaint, including:
  - a) an explanation of the circumstances giving rise to the Complaint;
  - b) an apology;
  - c) provision of assistance or support;
  - d) a refund or waiver of a fee or charge;
  - e) a goodwill payment;
  - f) a compensation payment;
  - g) a waiver of debt;
  - h) correcting incorrect or out of date records;
  - i) changing the terms of a contract; and
  - j) undertaking to set in place improvements to Day1 Exchange's systems, procedures or products.

### 19. Closing complaints

- 19.1 Day1 Exchange should record the Complaint outcome, Complaint remedy and financial compensation amount (if any).
- 19.2 Day1 Exchange must ensure that Complaint resolution outcomes are implemented in a timely manner when a Complaint is closed.

### **Section E - Conclusion**

### 20. Duty of care to clients and employees

- 20.1 Day1 Exchange's IDR procedures do not involve the release of information on Day1 Exchange generally, or clients or employees individually, that contravenes any of Day1 Exchange's policies in relation to confidential information or the contractual obligations of Day1 Exchange. This type of information is actively protected from disclosure. Further information and advice on this matter can be obtained from the Director.
- 20.2 Reponses to IDR matters that contain personal information on clients or an employee of Day1 Exchange must be provided to the Director for final approval, prior to publication or release. The Director must ensure express consent has been obtained from the Client prior to disclosing any personal information.

### 21. Unreasonable conduct by complainants

- 21.1 Day1 Exchange identifies the following examples of unreasonable conduct by Complainants:
  - a) aggressive or verbally abusive behaviour towards Day1 Exchange's employees;
  - b) threatening harm and violence towards Day1 Exchange's employees;
  - c) inundating Day1 Exchange with unnecessary phone calls or emails;
  - d) making excessive or inappropriate demands relating to Day1 Exchange's time and resources;
  - e) refuses to accept Day1 Exchange's decisions and recommendations relating to the Complaint, exhibiting a lack of cooperation;
  - f) providing unreasonable demands, persistence and arguments; and
  - g) behaviour that raises substantial health, safety, resource or equity issues for Day1 Exchange and its employees, other third parties, Complainants or the Complainant themselves.
- 21.2 Day1 Exchange ensures appropriate strategies are in place for managing unreasonable conduct fairly, ethically and reasonably.



- 21.3 Day1 Exchange deals with unreasonable conduct by Complainants in the following way:
  - a) recognising the Complainant's right to freedom of expression and dissatisfaction regarding a product, decision, policy or conduct;
  - b) the Complaints Officer placing emphasis on the Complainant's conduct rather than the Complainant;
  - c) ensuring that methods of communication to the Complainant is about their conduct and not the Complainant;
  - d) providing services to ensure that unreasonable conduct is addressed;
  - e) ensuring complaints are dealt with fairly, efficiently and effectively;
  - f) advising the Complainant of their right to communicate to Day1 Exchange regarding the way in which a service is provided; and
  - g) Ensuring a healthy and safe work environment is provided to Day1 Exchange's employees through regular assessment and management of risk.

### 22. Training

22.1 Employees of Day1 Exchange who deal with clients, not just those involved in Complaint handling, need to have an understanding of Day1 Exchange's IDR procedures.

Consequently, all employees of Day1 Exchange receive regular training about Day1 Exchange's IDR procedures. This training is scheduled and conducted at the discretion of the Complaints Officer.

### 23. Resources

- 23.1 The Director at all times ensures there are adequate resources for IDR processes to operate effectively and efficiently.
- 23.2 To ensure adequate systems are in place to handle Complaints or Disputes promptly, fairly and consistently, the Director:
  - a) reviews IDR processes on a regular basis and provides additional resources without delay where required;
  - b) ensures at all times, there is an established contact point for Complainants;

- c) ensures personnel involved in handling Complaints are adequately trained and competent to deal with Complaints, including the authority to settle Complaints or have ready access to someone with the necessary authority; and
- d) ensures there is appropriate documentation, specialist support, materials and equipment, computer hardware and software, and finances to assist with the IDR process.

### 24. Document retention and audit

24.1 Directors, officers and employees of Day1 Exchange are required to retain copies of all Complaints handling documents in accordance with Day1 Exchange's Document Retention Policy. These documents are maintained at the premises of Day1 Exchange.

### 25. Policy review

25.1 This Policy is reviewed on at least an annual basis by the Complaints Officer, having regard to the changing circumstances of Day1 Exchange. The Complaints Officer then reports to the Director on compliance with this Policy.



# Appendix 1 - Template IDR Acknowledgement

[insert date]

[insert client email]

[insert client name]

[insert client address]

Dear [insert client name],

# **Acknowledgement of Complaint**

Thank you for taking the effort and time to lodge a Complaint with us. At Day1 Exchange Pty Ltd ("Day1 Exchange") we value all client feedback, Complaints and recommendations for improvement as these help us to provide you with the best possible service.

We acknowledge receipt of your Complaint by [letter/email/other] dated [insert date]. [I am personally/[insert name] is] dealing with this matter. [I am/[insert name] is] currently conducting an investigation regarding your Complaint and will endeavour to respond to you within thirty (30) calendar days.

Should you wish to check on the progress of the resolution process of your Complaint you can contact [me/[insert name]] on [insert contact phone/email].

Should you require further information, please contact [insert appropriate contact person].

Kind Regards

[insert signature of responsible person]



# **Appendix 2 - Template IDR Response**

[insert date]

[insert client email]

[insert client name]

[insert client address]

Dear [insert client name],

# Your Complaint with Day1 Exchange Pty Ltd

We refer to previous correspondence, including [your/our] [email/telephone call/meeting] of [insert date] regarding [insert details of Complaint].

Day1 Exchange Pty Ltd ("Day1 Exchange") confirms it has taken the following steps to investigate and resolve your Complaint:

[include a description of the steps taken to investigate and resolve the Complaint]

# Day1 Exchange's Final IDR Response

[Include the following in this section:

- whether you have rejected (or partially rejected) the Complaint and the reasons for this;
- any remedies or resolutions that have been offered;
- identification of the issues raised in the Complaint and your response to these issues;
- sufficient detail for the Client to understand the basis for your decision;
- information about other remedies that may be available to the Complainant.

Should you require further information, please contact [insert appropriate contact person].

Kind Regards

[insert signature of responsible person]



# **Appendix 3 – Template IDR Delay Notification**

[insert date]

[insert client email]

[insert client name]

[insert client address]

Dear [insert client name],

# Your Complaint with Day1 Exchange Pty Ltd

We refer to previous correspondence, including [your/our] [email/telephone call/meeting] of [insert date] regarding [insert details of Complaint].

Day1 Exchange Pty Ltd ("Day1 Exchange") confirms it has taken the following steps to investigate and resolve your Complaint:

[include a description of the steps taken to investigate and resolve the Complaint]

# Delay

As at the date of this letter, we are unable provide you with a final response in relation to your Complaint. The reasons for the delay include: [include a description of:

- the reasons for the delay;
- an update on the progress of the Complaint;
- when a decision can reasonably be expected.]

Should you require further information, please contact [insert appropriate contact person].

Kind Regards

[insert signature of responsible person]