

# Credit Guide

Prosperity Finance Advisers Pty Ltd Version: 4.1 1 January 2019 This Credit Guide (CG) contains information that will help you decide whether to use the financial services we offer. It sets out:

- who we are and how we can be contacted
- the advice and services we provide
- information about our licensee Hillross Financial Services Limited (Hillross)
- our fees and how we, your adviser and Hillross, are paid in connection with those services
- how we manage your private information
- how you can complain about a matter relating to us or Hillross

# Documents you may receive

When we provide credit advice we will conduct a preliminary assessment to determine the suitability of a particular product. This is normally documented and provided to you in a Record of debt advice or a Credit Proposal. We will retain a record of the debt advice or Credit Proposal which you may request by contacting our office within seven years of the assessment. We will only provide recommendations to apply for a particular credit contract with a certain lender or increase the credit limit of a particular credit contract where the contract meets your needs and objectives and is not unsuitable to your circumstances.

# About our firm

### **Summary of the business**

Name	Prosperity Finance Advisers Pty Ltd	
Australian Business Number	69 143 861 303	
Credit representative number	407438	

### **Newcastle office contact details**

Address	Level 2, 175 Scott Street, Newcastle, NSW 2300
Phone	02 4907 7222
Fax	02 8026 8377
Email	mail@prosperity.com.au
Website	www.prosperityadvisers.com.au

### Sydney office contact details

Address	Level 11, 309 Kent Street, Sydney, NSW 2000		
Phone	02 8262 8700		
Fax	02 8026 8377		
Email	mail@prosperity.com.au		
Website	www.prosperityadvisers.com.au		

#### Brisbane office contact details

Address	Level 22, 333 Ann Street, Brisbane, Qld, 4000	
Phone	07 3839 1755	
Fax	02 8026 8377	
Email	mail@prosperity.com.au	
Website	www.prosperityadvisers.com.au	

This guide provides information about our advisers including their contact details, qualifications, experience, the services they may offer and financial products they can provide advice on.

# Our advice and services

Accredited Mortgage Consultants of Hillross can recommend loans issued by AMP Bank. Those with the relevant additional accreditations, can access loans through AFG. AFG is an aggregator, which simply means it acts as a gateway or interface between mortgage brokers and lenders by providing an IT platform through which brokers submit loan applications and deal with lenders. It also provides some other ancillary services. As at September 2018, the lenders whose products are most commonly recommended by Accredited Mortgage Consultants authorised by Hillross' are Westpac, ING, AFG Home Loans, Macquarie Bank, ANZ and Bank Australia.

While there may be other products and services also suitable for you, we can only advise and deal in products and services approved by Hillross. We can provide you with a copy of the approved products and services list if you request.

### Providing information to us

It is important that we understand your circumstances and goals, so that we can provide you with appropriate advice and services. You have the right not to provide us with any personal information. Should you choose to withhold information, or if information you provide is incomplete or inaccurate the advice or services we provide you may not be appropriate for you.

It is also important that you keep us up to date by informing us of any changes to your circumstances, so we are able to determine if our advice continues to be appropriate.

# Our fees

The fees charged for our advice and services may be based on a combination of:

- A set dollar amount; or
- A percentage based fee.

Our agreed advice and service fees may include charges for:

- Initial advice; and
- Ongoing advice.

Please note that for services in relation to banking deposit products and some loan products, commissions may be paid by the product provider as follows:

- Initial commission a percentage of the value of your loan balance; and
- Ongoing commission a percentage of the value of your outstanding loan amount, usually calculated at the end of each month in which you hold the loan.

#### **Payment methods**

We offer you the following payment options for payment of our advice fees:

BPAY, direct debit (savings), credit card or cheque; and

All fees and commissions will be paid directly to Hillross as the licensee. They retain a percentage (as a licensee fee) to cover their costs and the balance is passed on to us. The percentage is determined annually, based on a number of factors, including our business revenue for the prior year.

For more information on our services, please see our **Schedule of fees** attached or available on request.

#### Other costs

Where other costs are incurred in the process of providing our advice and services to you, you will be liable for these costs. However, we will agree all additional costs with you prior to incurring them.

## Other benefits we may receive

The following is a list of benefits we may receive other than those explained above. These are not additional costs to you. These benefits may be monetary or things like training, events or incentives we are eligible for.

In addition to the payments we may receive for our advice and services, we may receive other support services from the licensee. We may also be eligible to receive financial and training assistance, prizes and awards or events in recognition of financial planning excellence and innovation, including if we qualify under the licensee's excellence program, and business performance or business costs. These benefits are paid either at the licensee's discretion or depending on meeting certain qualifying criteria including the quality of our services, business goals and ranking against other firms in Hillross. The amounts are set by the licensee from time to time (usually on an annual basis). We may also participate in business lunches or receive corporate promotional merchandise tickets to sporting or cultural events and other similar items.

#### Development, management and advice (DMA) recognition

We may qualify to receive DMA or equivalent payments to recognise our growth and professionalism. The DMA payment is based on a rate and determined by our ranking relative to other Hillross firms. The relevant rate may range from 0% to 10%, depending on our ranking. It is then applied to our firm revenue and paid to us across the year.

For example, if our DMA is set at 1% and our revenue for the prior year was \$200,000, we would receive a total of \$2,000 for that year.

#### How our performance is ranked

Ranking of firms is determined yearly by a points system which is a broad measure of the growth and professionalism of our firm as compared to other firms in the Hillross Financial Services network. The points system is based on a combination of factors within a balanced scorecard such as the quality of our services, compliance, our business goals and our engagement with our clients through a measure called Advice Growth Index (AGI). AGI measures the value of our fee for service revenue and the change in our clients' product holdings over the measurement period.

#### Para-planning costs subsidy

We may be eligible for a subsidy from AMP in relation to paraplanning costs, depending on the number of paraplanning requests that we make in a particular month. If our firm submits a minimum of 5 paraplanning requests per eligible authorised representative in our firm, we receive a discount of up to 10% in relation to these costs. For example, if the total cost of 5 SOAs is \$1,000 we will receive a discount of up to \$100 (10% x \$1.000 = \$100) and pay a discounted fee of minimum \$900.

#### **Placement fees**

From time to time Hillross will receive fees from brokers or product issuers (including AMP group companies) for arranging client participation in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) of financial products. The fee, which is generally a percentage of the fee paid to the broker, varies from offer to offer and by the level of participation by Hillross. We may share in this fee based on the level of participation by our clients.

#### **Business buy-back option**

If we leave the financial services industry, Hillross makes available a facility for its authorised representatives to transfer their clients. If this happens, Hillross may buy back the servicing rights of our clients. The facility is subject to certain conditions (such as, reason for sale, time the firm has been operating with Hillross, level of adherence to Hillross compliance requirements and achieving a satisfactory level of customer service), and provides a minimum value for our register of clients. The minimum value is based on a multiple of firm revenue. If at some future time we should look to sell our firm, Hillross may purchase the servicing rights of our clients in these circumstances.

#### Personal and professional development

Hillross provides personal and professional development opportunities in the form of education and professional development programs, offered annually to qualifying firms.

#### **Summit**

The Summit is a national convention available to advisers from all Hillross practices. Hillross subsidises the expenses of those who attend the convention up to a maximum value of \$1,200 per annum per firm.

#### **Education and professional development programs**

Hillross will subsidise the cost of our participation in approved education and professional development programs if we meet specific qualification criteria. The qualifying criteria is based on a combination of factors including the quality of our services, our business goals and our ranking against other firms in Hillross. The maximum amount of this subsidy is \$12,000 per annum per firm. Advisers can allocate a percentage of their grant towards travel and accommodation to attend an approved course.

Hillross will also provide a grant to us if we meet specific qualification criteria by reimbursing the firm up to 20% of the licensee fees payable by the firm to the licensee in 2017 to meet the training and education requirements for financial advisers as required by Financial Adviser Standards and Ethics Authority.

#### **Amicus program**

In addition to the above, certain firms that meet additional qualification criteria will be eligible to participate in the Amicus program, an additional personal and professional development program organised by Hillross. If a firm qualifies for the Amicus program, Hillross will subsidise the cost of their participation up to a maximum value of \$15,000 per annum per firm.

# Relationships and associations

It is important that you are aware of the relationships that Hillross has with providers of financial services and products as they could be seen to influence the advice you receive.

### About our licensee

Hillross Financial Services Limited

ABN 77 003 323 055

Australian Financial Services and Australian Credit Licensee

Licence No: 232705

Hillross has:

Approved the distribution of this guide

Authorised us to provide advice and other services as described in this guide

Authorised us to provide credit assistance services to you

Hillross' registered office is located at 33 Alfred Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

## About the AMP Group

Hillross is a member of the AMP group of companies. We can provide advice on products from a wide range of financial product providers, some of which are related or associated with Hillross, namely:

National Mutual Funds Management — AMP Capital Funds Management Limited

Limited — AMP Capital Investors Limited

NMMT Limited
 AMP Superannuation Limited

N.M. Superannuation Pty Limited
 AMP Life Limited

Multiport Pty Limited
 Cavendish Superannuation Pty Ltd

ipac asset management limited
 Australian Securities Administration

AMP Bank Limited Limited (ASAL)

SMSF Administration Solutions Pty Ltd
 SuperConcepts Pty Ltd

If we recommend a product issued by the AMP Group or a third party product issuer, they will benefit from our recommendation by receiving product, administration and investment fees, as well as fees paid by fund managers to distribute their product. These fees are all disclosed in the relevant PDS or IDPS guide.

Authorised representatives and/or staff employed in our business may hold shares in AMP Limited, whose share price may be favourably affected by the sale of products issued by AMP Group companies.

### Hillross' relationships with other companies

AMP Services Limited (ASL) provides administration services and distribution infrastructure services to several issuers of financial products and loan products under agreements entered into prior to 1 July 2013.

In return for those services, ASL receives remuneration as set out below:

For investment products and loan products – up to 0.33%\* p.a. of funds under administration, the balance of any relevant cash account or the total loan value outstanding.

\*includes GST

#### By way of example:

 If total funds under administration for a particular investment product is \$10 million, ASL would receive \$33,000.

Margin lenders may make payments to ASL of up to 0.55% pa (including GST) in respect of margin loans calculated on the outstanding balance of a loan. Payments are normally made monthly. As an example, for each \$10,000 of an interest only loan, the payment would be \$55 over a year. However, for other loans, the payments will vary as interest is charged and principal is repaid. Our firm does not receive any part of the payments received by ASL, although we may indirectly benefit from these arrangements through the Hillross recognition program referred to earlier in this Guide.

From time to time, ASL may facilitate access to Hillross and its authorised representatives for issuers to train or educate Hillross and its authorised representatives on their products.

# Our other business activities and relationships

#### Other business interests

In addition to providing the services listed in this guide, we have a relationship with Prosperity Advisers Group which provides Financial, Accounting, Consulting, Assurance and Administrative Services. Hillross has no involvement in these activities and is not responsible for any services, advice or products provided by this business.

We control a percentage of the equity interests in the business providing the services listed above. As a result, we will benefit from fees, dividends or income received from the business's profits that may result from any payments or other benefits received in respect of the services provided to you.

# Confidence in the quality of our advice

If at any time you feel like you are not satisfied with our services, the following will help you understand your options and find a resolution.

- Contact your adviser or accredited mortgage consultant and tell them about your complaint.
- If your complaint is not satisfactorily resolved within three business days, please contact AMP Advice Complaints:
  - Phone 1800 812 388
  - Email advicecomplaints@amp.com.au
  - In Writing:

Attention: National Manager, Advice Complaints

33 Alfred Street

Sydney NSW 2000

They will try to resolve your complaint quickly and fairly.

If your complaint has not been resolved satisfactorily, you may escalate your complaint to one of the following External Dispute Resolution Schemes listed in the following below.

Any issues relating to financial advice, investments, superannuation, insurance matters, or credit matters	Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA)  GPO Box 3  Melbourne VIC 3001  1800 931 678  www.afca.org.au  info@afca.org.au
Any issue relating to your personal information	The Privacy Commissioner  GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001  1300 363 992 privacy@privacy.gov.au

You may also contact the **Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC)** on 1300 300 630 (free call info line) to make a complaint and obtain information about your rights.

# Professional indemnity insurance

We maintain professional indemnity insurance to cover our advice and the recommendations provided by your adviser. Hillross is also covered by professional indemnity insurance and this satisfies the requirements imposed by the Corporations Act 2001 and National Consumer Credit Protection Act. The insurance covers claims arising from the actions of former employees or representatives of Hillross, even where subsequent to these actions they have ceased to be employed by or act for Hillross.

# Your privacy

We are committed to protecting your privacy. Below we outline how we maintain the privacy of the information we collect about you.

# **Privacy Collection Statement**

As part of the financial planning process, we need to collect information about you. Where possible we will obtain that information directly from you, but if authorised by you we may also obtain it from other sources such as your employer or accountant. If that information is incomplete or inaccurate, this could affect our ability to fully or properly analyse your needs, objectives and financial situation, so our recommendations may not be completely appropriate or suitable for you.

We are also required under the Anti-Money-Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act (AML/CTF) 2006 to implement client identification processes. We will need you to present identification documents such as passports and driver's licences in order to meet our obligations.

We keep your personal information confidential, and only use it in accordance with our Privacy Policy. Some of the ways we may use this information are set out below:

- Your adviser and Hillross may have access to this information when providing financial advice or services to you;
- Your adviser may, in the future, disclose information to other financial advisers, brokers and those who are authorised by Hillross to review customers' needs and circumstances from time to time, including other companies within the AMP group (the Group);
- Your information may be disclosed to external service suppliers both here and overseas who supply administrative, financial or other services to assist your adviser and the Group in providing financial advice and services to you. A list of countries where these service providers are located can be found in the Group Privacy Policy;
- Your information may be used to provide ongoing information about opportunities that may be useful or relevant to your financial needs through direct marketing (subject to your ability to optout as set out in the Group Privacy Policy);
- Your information may be disclosed as required or authorised by law and to anyone authorised by you.

Your adviser and Hillross will continue to take reasonable steps to protect your information from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification or improper disclosure. You can request access to the information your adviser or Hillross holds about you at any time to correct or update it as set out in the Group Privacy Policy. The Group Privacy Policy also contains information about how to make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles.

For a copy of the Group's Privacy Policy visit http://www.amp.com.au/privacy or you can contact us.

# Australian Finance Group (AFG)

AFG is an aggregator and it acts as a gateway or interface between mortgage brokers and lenders by providing an IT platform through which brokers submit loan applications and deal with lenders as well as providing some other ancillary services.

Lenders may offer incentives that are paid directly to the Accredited Mortgage Consultant. These may include indirect benefits for example business lunches, tickets to sporting or cultural events, corporate promotional merchandise and other minor benefits.

Accredited Mortgage Consultants may be invited to attend the AFG National Conference. This is an annual event which offers Accredited Mortgage Consultants the opportunity for professional development and to hear industry updates and educational presentations by AFG and lender sponsors. AFG subsidises some costs of attendance, which may include meals and accommodation. The value will depend upon a range of factors, including the nature of the courses and events planned.

Any benefits that we may receive that are related to a loan recommended to you which is regulated by the National Consumer Credit Protection Act, will be disclosed in our advice to you prior to application.

# **Our Credit Advisers**

# About Lynette Oberholzer



Experience	Lyn joined the Prosperity Group in December 2015 and is one of our Mortgage Lending Advisers based in Newcastle. Lyn is responsible for ensuring that Prosperity's clients have access to the best consumer and commercial lending products, and that their property finance needs are suitably addressed and met.  She has many years experience in the financial services industry, mostly assisting clients with their property finance requirements, as a Mortgage Broker and also a Mobile Lender with a leading bank. Lyn also has vast experience in finance application administration, which involves the process from submission to settlement, Lyn is an Accredited Finance Broker and specialises in residential lending as well as commercial lending and small business finance.
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Email	loberholzer@prosperity.com.au
Credit representative number	378676
Qualifications (Finance related)	

Certificate IV in Banking Services

Diploma of Financial Services (Finance/Mortgage Broking Management)

#### **Professional memberships**

MFAA - Mortgage & Finance Association of Australia

# The advice and services I can provide

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personal loansreverse mortgages

Subject to meeting the lender's credit criteria, along with any additional lender or AFG accreditations, I can also advise on and/or arrange loans relating to:

- commercial loans
- SMSF loans
- rural loans

The full list of approved lenders is available on request but is not an exhaustive list of lenders who offer credit of the nature you may seek.

# How I am paid

I am an employee of Prosperity Finance Advisers Pty Ltd and receive a salary plus bonus from the practice.

# **About Matthew Guy**



Experience	Matthew is a Lending Adviser located in our Sydney office.	
	He has several years of experience working as a Business Banking	
	Relationship Manager, specialising in commercial and residential lending.	
	Matthew provides advice on all aspects of lending requirements and structures and has access to a panel of over 30 lenders.	
	He has worked with clients from many different industries such as property investors and developers, doctors and health practitioners,	
	manufacturers, importers as well as exporters, retailers, pubs and hotels, petrol stations and child care centres.	
	Valuing the relationships he develops with his clients, Matthew is always considerate of their individual needs.	
Phone	02 8262 8700	
Email	mguy@prosperity.com.au	
Credit representative number	492956	
Qualifications (Finance related)		
Certificate IV in Finance and Mortgage Broking Management		
Professional memberships		
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# Schedule of fees

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### Commissions

Commission may be payable by the lender once your application for credit has been approved. Any commission amounts will be disclosed to you when providing our advice. These amounts are paid to us from the lender. They are not an additional charge to you.

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Product type	Initial commission	Ongoing commission	Example
Loans	Up to 1.10% of the initial loan balance. AFG retains between 0-3% and passes the remaining 97-100%* on to Hillross. Hillross then retains 1.56% and we will receive the remaining 98.44%.	Up to 0.55% of the outstanding loan balance each year. AFG retains between 0-3% and passes the remaining 97-100%* on to Hillross. Hillross then retains 1.56% and we will receive the remaining 98.44%.	If your loan balance was \$100,000, initial commission would be up to \$1,100. AFG would retain up to \$33 and Hillross receives \$1,067. Hillross then passes (\$1,067 x 98.44%) \$1,050.35 on to us. On an annual basis, the commission on a \$100,000 loan balance would be up to \$550, of which AFG retains up to \$16.50 and Hillross receives \$533.50. Hillross then passes (\$533.50 x 98.44%) \$525.18 to us.
Deposit bonds	Up to 22% of the deposit bond fee. AFG retains between 0-3% and passes the remaining 97-100%* on to Hillross. Hillross then retains 1.56% and we will receive the remaining 98.44%.	N/A	For example, if your deposit bond fee is \$400, the commission would be up to \$88. AFG would retain up to \$2.64 and Hillross receives \$85.36. Hillross then passes (\$85.36 x 98.44%) \$84.03 to us.
Other banking products		Up to 0.55% of the balance each year.	If you made an investment of \$2,000 we would receive \$11.00 of the balance each year.

All fees and charges include GST.

<sup>\*</sup>The above ranges apply to loans settled prior to 1 February 2019. AFG will retain 1.5% of the initial and ongoing commissions on loans lodged and settled from 1 February 2019. The remainder of all commissions will be passed on by AFG to Hillross. Hillross retains the licensee fee to cover their costs and the balance is passed on to us.