



What to expect at your property dispute resolution meeting.

Your property family dispute resolution meeting is an opportunity for you and the other party to decide how to divide your shared property. It is very important that you disclose the information you have about all of your property to the other party and the mediator. This includes whether it was acquired with the other party or not and regardless of whether you acquired it before, during, or after the relationship, or whether it was a gift or an inheritance.

You have chosen the shorter, simpler path to resolving conflict with its damaging consequences. Drawn out conflict damages you, your children and all your relationships.

This brochure contains a checklist. It is designed to help you prioritize relevant aspects of your family property dispute, and also to prepare a short statement about what brings you to mediation. From the list, choose only those items that are currently concerning you or causing conflict. Think how you will explain these concerns to the mediator in your short opening statement.



What to bring.

- ✓ Agreement to mediate
- ✓ Confidentiality agreement
- ✓ All relevant information including a list of assets, bank statements, superannuation records, and valuations
- ✓ An idea of what you want to say in your opening statement (what brings you to mediation?)
- ✓ An understanding of your legal position having sought advice

You have chosen property dispute resolution rather than a two year wait for costly family court proceedings

If you go to court later it will be relevant that you have made a genuine attempt to reach an agreement.

Getting the most out of your property dispute resolution meeting



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Checklist for your meeting

What do you and the other party need to consider when dividing your shared property?



Financial contribution



Non-financial contribution



Contribution to family welfare including homemaking



Child support provided



Maintaining contact



Age & state of health



Personal resources



Physical & mental capacity for employment



Care and control of children



Child support commitments



Other responsibilities



Eligibility for superannuation or pension

Short opening statement
