

Know how to ... DEAL WITH CUSTOMERS **& SUPPLIERS**

Know the laws of business. Know how to manage your legal risks.

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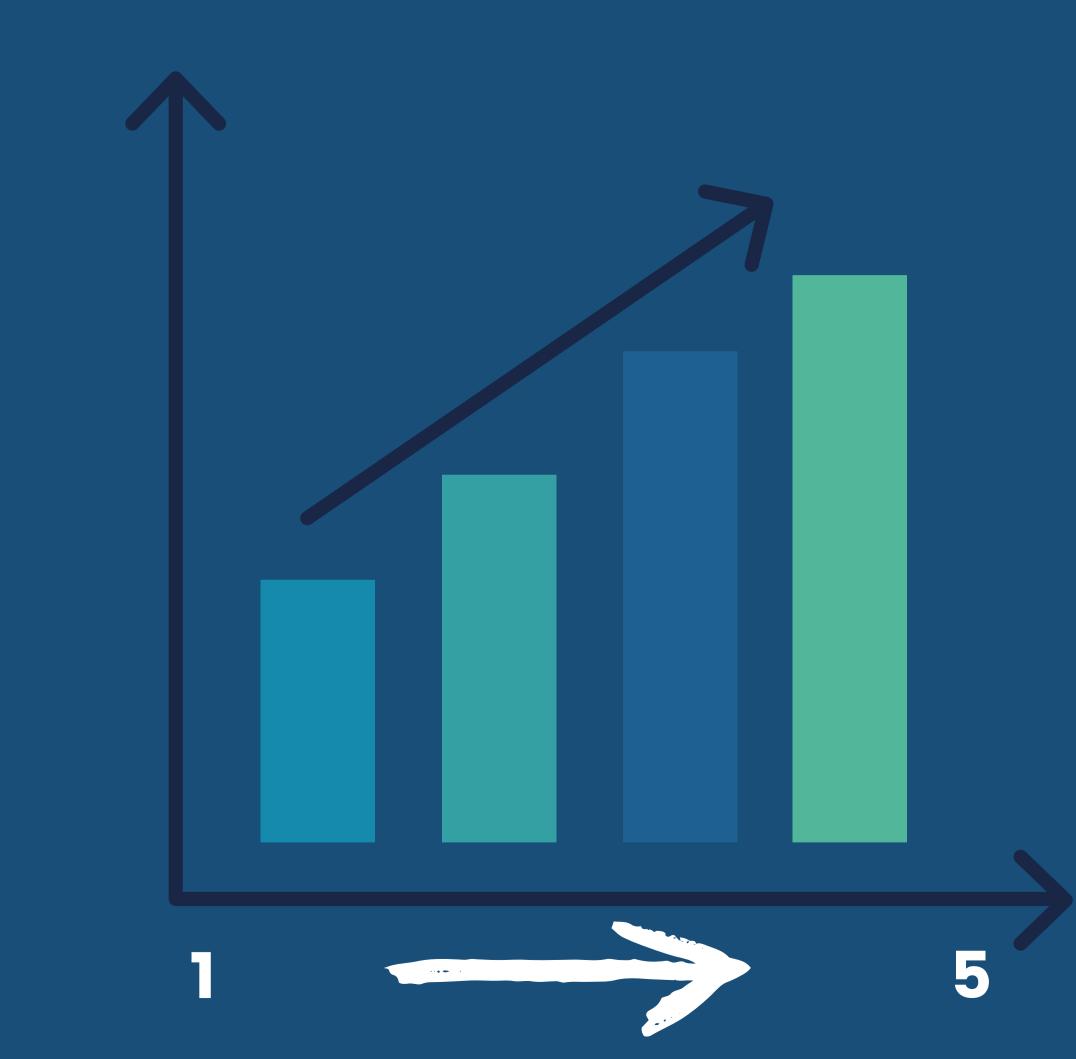


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Understand contract law principles



Understand the need for documentation



Understand negotiation with suppliers



YOU'RE IN THE RIGHT PLACE IF ...

 You are a start-up and don't know where to start You have started but you don't know if you've done it right You need to re-visit these legal concepts



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

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PROACTIVE RATHER THAN REACTIVE

Take proactive steps to avoid, rather than reacting

• Parties



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• Offer & acceptance



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- Consideration



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OTHER ELEMENTS

- An intention to create legal relations
- Legal capacity
- Minors (under 18)
- Bankrupts
- Consent



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TERMS OF THE CONTRACT

Express

Implied

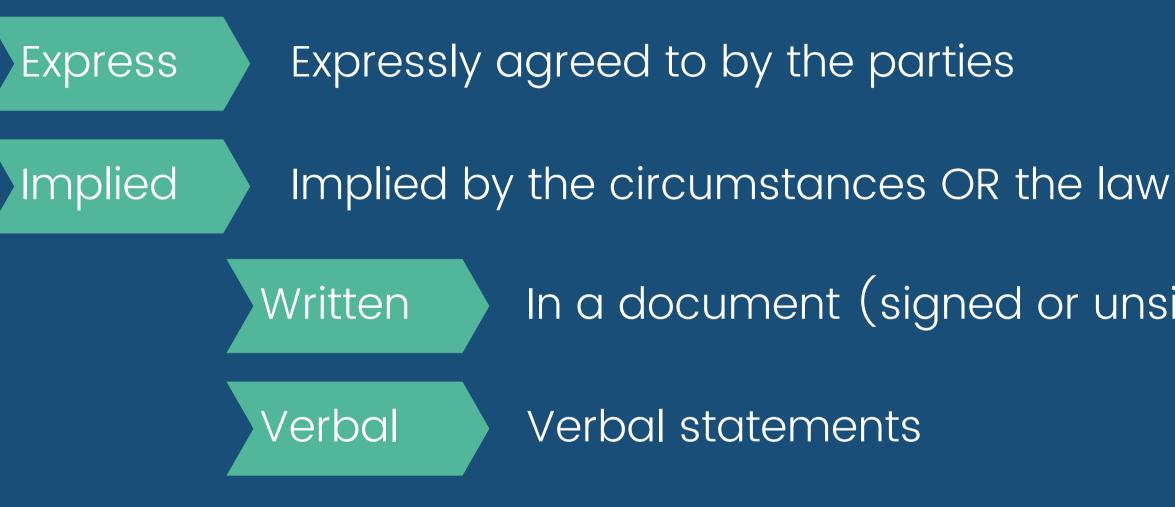
Expressly agreed to by the parties

Implied by the circumstances OR the law



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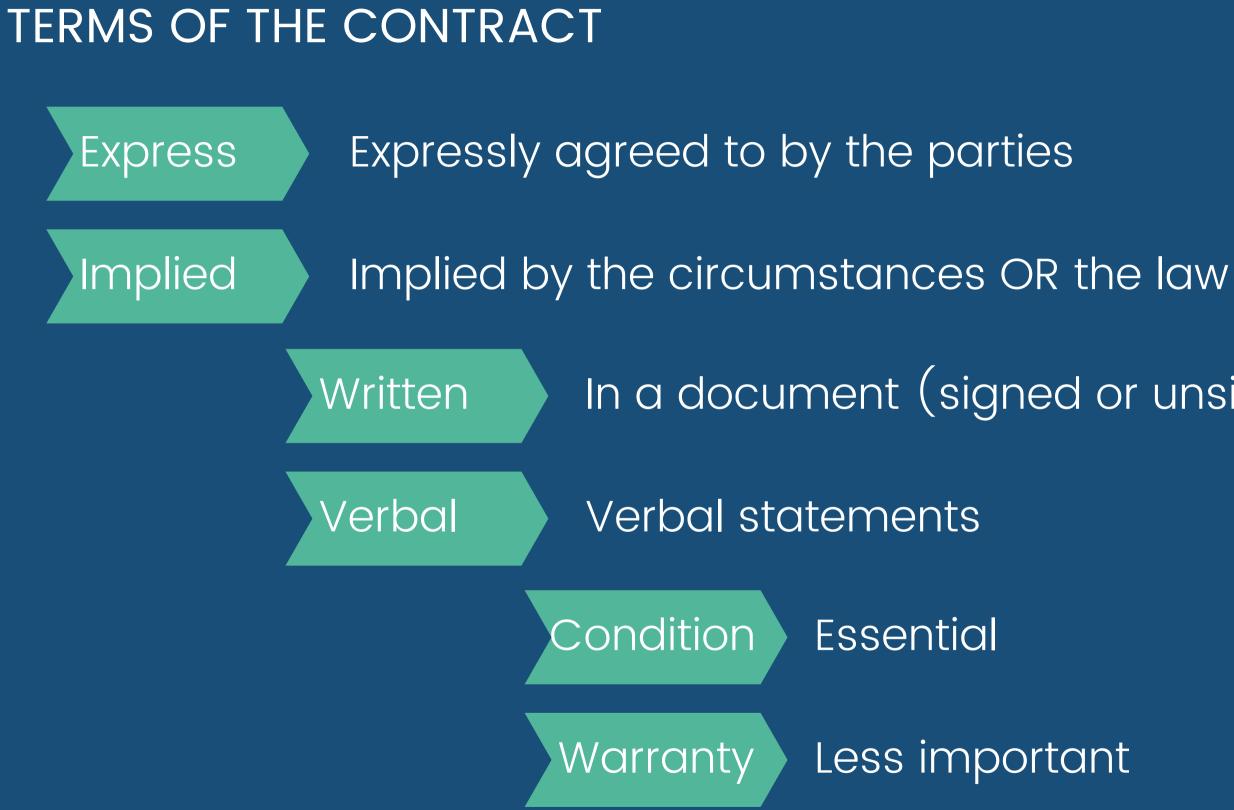
TERMS OF THE CONTRACT



In a document (signed or unsigned)



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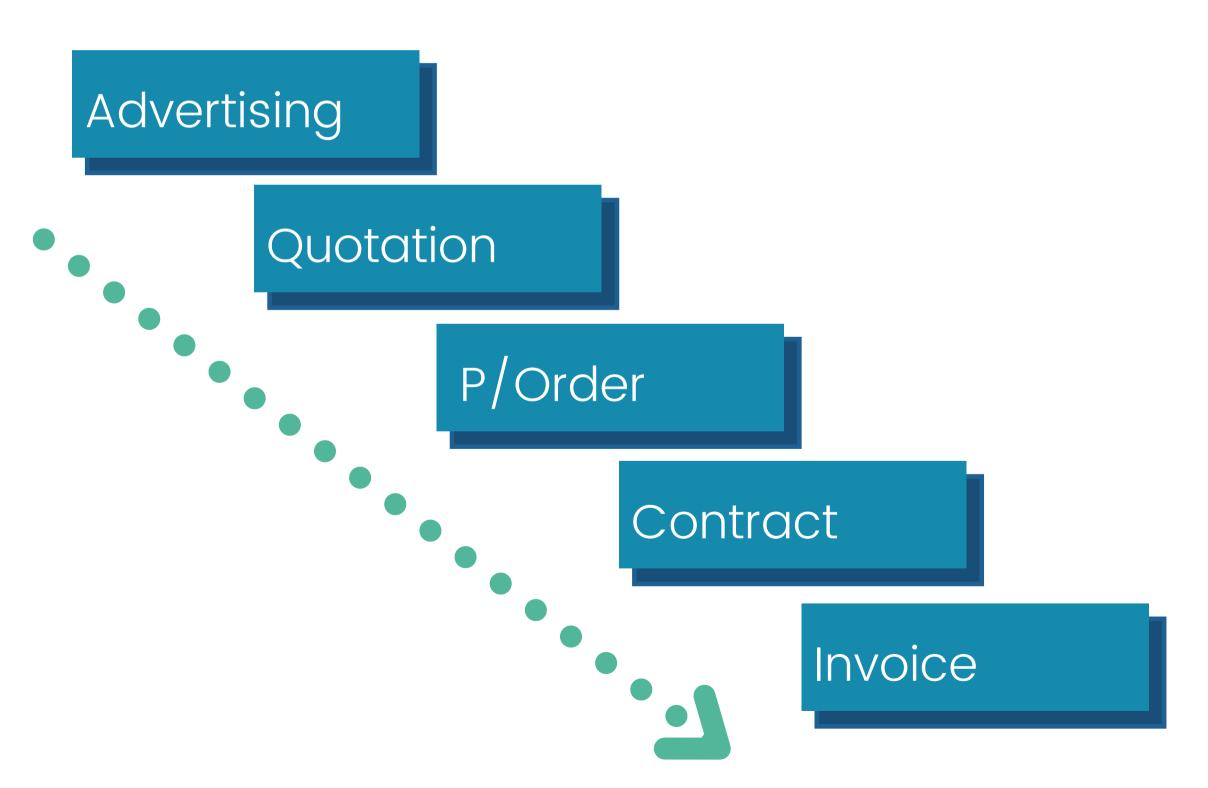


- In a document (signed or unsigned)

 - Essential
 - Less important



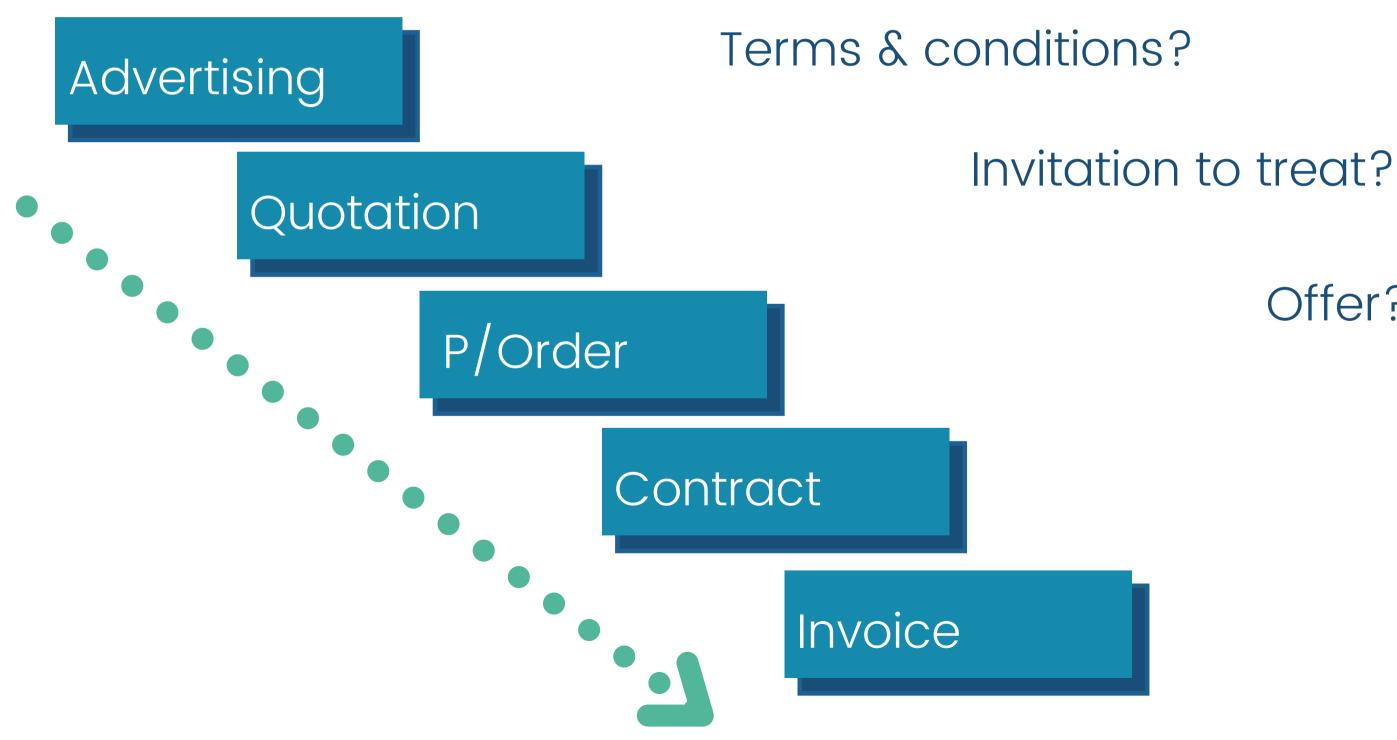
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Offer?

Acceptance?





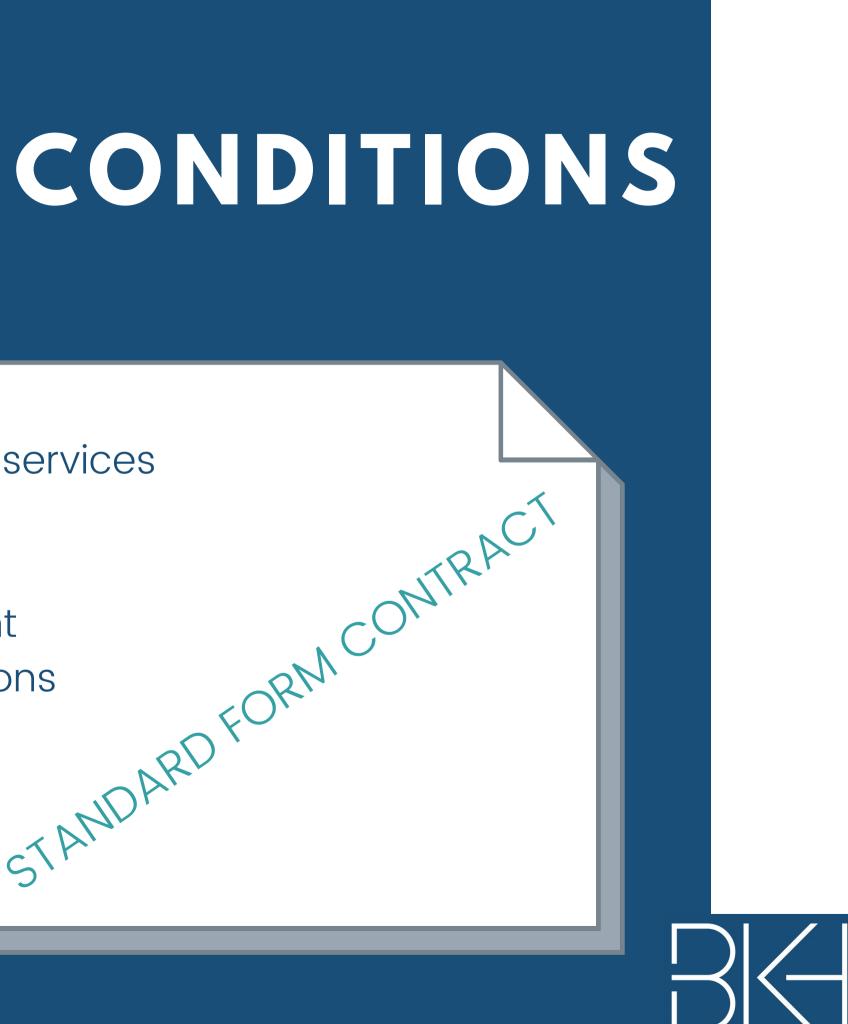
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- The parties
- The subject matter the goods/services
- The price
- Payment terms
- Term / duration of the agreement
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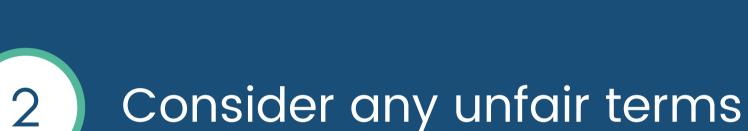
- Allows one party (but not the other) to terminate the contract
- Penalises one party (but not the other) for breaching or terminating the contract
- Allows one party (but not the other) to vary the terms of the contract



Australian Consumer Law – Unfair Contract Terms

• Applies where: - the supply of goods or services or the sale or grant of an interest in land - at least one party employs less than 20 people - the upfront price payable is < \$300,000 (or \$1m if > 12 months)

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Read the contract



Ensure all matters are covered



Negotiate / clarify / amend







CASE STUDY #1

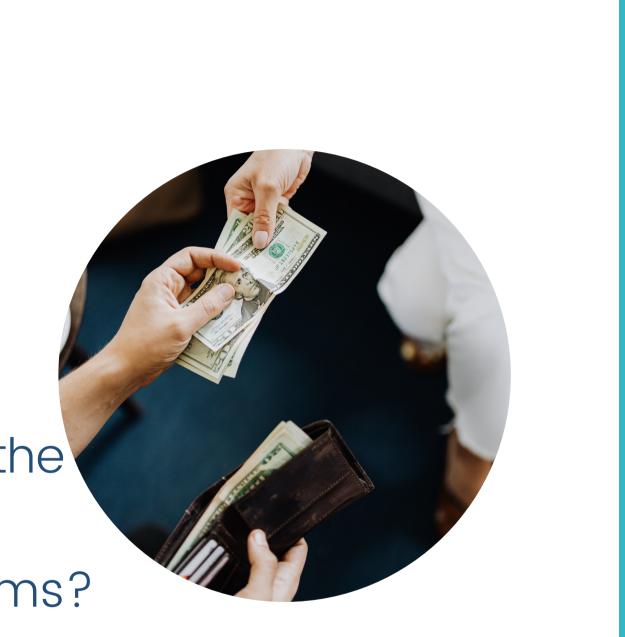
- Lease negotiations
- Binding or not binding?
- Subject to formal documentation





CASE STUDY #2

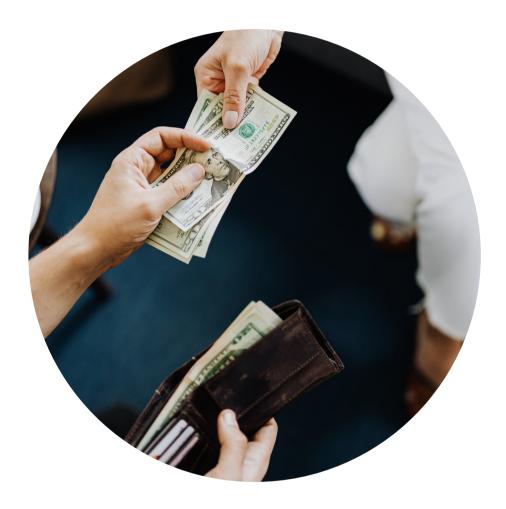
- Company selling a business
- Subject to finance
- Proposed clause only said "subject to the purchaser obtaining finance"
- But what sort of finance? On what terms?





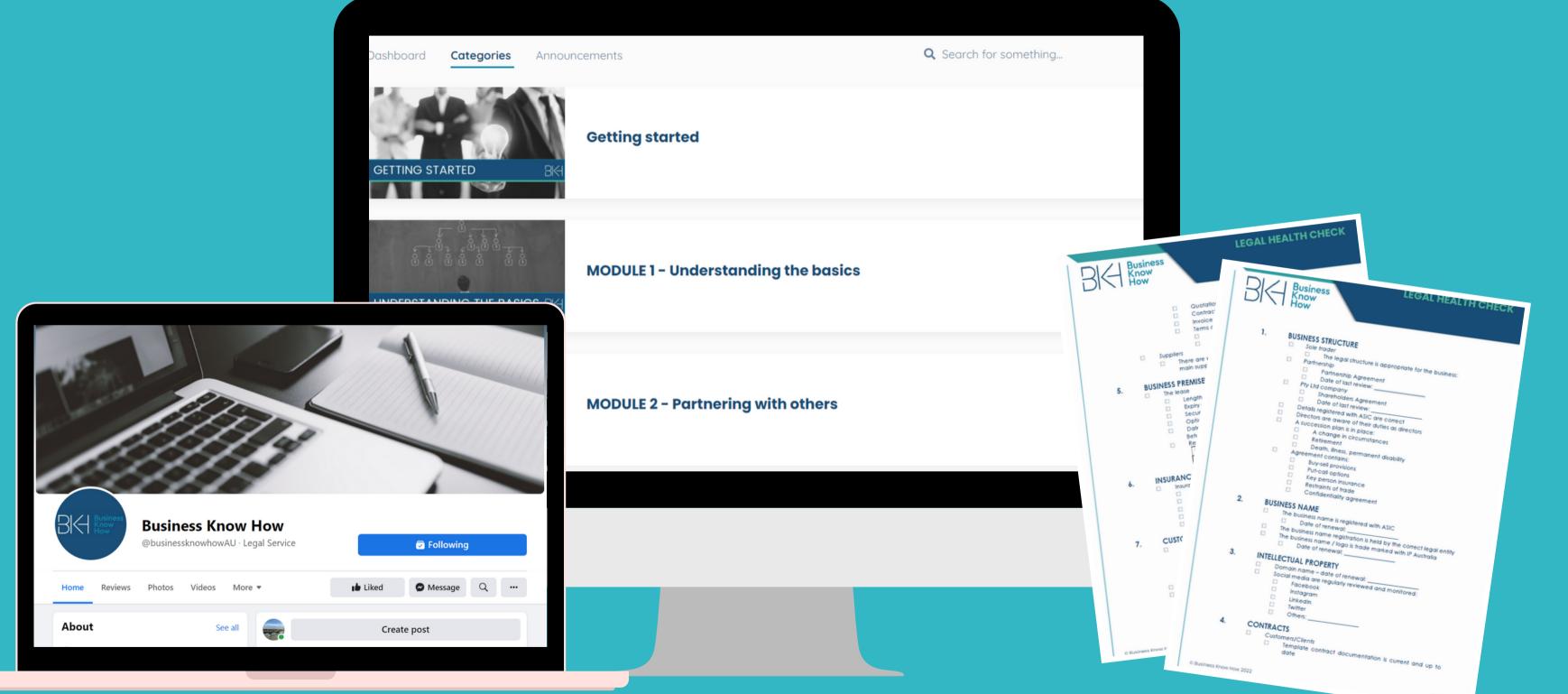
CASE STUDY #3

- Terms and conditions
- Service to customers
- Visits to customer premises
- Parking issue





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