How does the RP Emery Document Review Service work?

The couple purchase and download the Financial Agreement Kit.

Draft your own agreement, referencing the manual and sample agreements supplied.

When both parties are happy that the agreement achieves their aims, purchase the Document Review Service for each partner, e-mail your draft agreement to drs@rpemery.com for distribution to our panel of lawyers.

The document review service co ordinator allocates a nationally licenced lawyer to each party along with a copy of the draft agreement and contact details.

'Lawyer A' acting for 'Party A' reviews the document and contacts the client for further clarification making minor amendments if needed.
Lawyer A subsequently informs Party A of:
a: the effect of the agreement on that party's rights;
b: the advantages and disadvantages, at the time that the advice was provided to the party, of making the agreement.
As required under the provisions of the Family Law Act 1975.

Lawyer A returns the completed agreement file to the document review service co ordinator.

Lawyer A mails to Party A a letter of advice reaffirming the legal advice given including the original signed certificate of independent legal advice.

'Lawyer B' acting for 'Party B' receives the file from the document review service co ordinator. Lawyer B reviews the document and contacts Party B to confirm the content of the document and to check that the second party is in fact happy to enter the agreement. Lawyer B subsequently informs Party B of:
a: the effect of the agreement on that party's rights;
b: the advantages and disadvantages, at the time that the advice was provided to the party, of making the agreement.
As required under the provisions of the Family Law Act 1975.

A PDF file is made of the final agreement and stored for future reference.

Lawyer B mails a printed hard copy of the agreement to Party B, plus a letter of advice reaffirming the legal advice given including the original signed certificate of independent legal advice.

Party A receives the letter of advice from Lawyer A plus the original signed certificate of independent legal advice.

The parties to the Financial Agreement should both initial each page of the agreement and each of the certificates of independent advice.

Attach the certificates to the agreement.

Each party signs the agreement and the signatures are witnessed.

Important note: It is a requirement under the Act that there be only one signed original document. One party is to keep the original and the other party keeps a copy of the original.

Party B receives a printed hard copy of the agreement plus the letter of advice and the original signed certificate of independent legal advice from Lawyer B.

From this point you can file the agreement away in the bottom draw and hope you never have to produce it in a court of law
THE END.