



*Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*

*Part VIII*

**Notice of Extension of Licence - Ron Finemore Transport Services Pty Limited (Notice No 5 of 2025)**

## Background

- A. Ron Finemore Transport Services Pty Limited, ABN 40 005 471 036 (Licensee), was declared to be eligible to be granted a licence under Part VIII of the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988 (Cth) (SRC Act) by legislative instrument dated 20 December 2016.
- B. The Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission (Commission), acting under sections 103 and 104 of the SRC Act, granted a licence to the Licensee on 13 June 2017 with a commencement date of 1 July 2017.
- C. The Commission, acting under subsection 105(1) of the SRC Act, extends the term of the Licence for the period commencing at the beginning of 1 July 2025 Australian Eastern Standard Time and ending at the end of 30 June 2029 Australian Eastern Standard Time.
- D. The scope and conditions of the Licence are as set out below.

## Licence

### Part 1 – Interpretation

#### *Interpretation*

1. Unless the contrary intention appears, expressions used in this instrument have the same meaning as in the SRC Act.<sup>1</sup>

#### *Definitions*

2. In this Licence:
  - (a) *APRA* means the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority;
  - (b) *Balance Date* means the last day of the Financial Year immediately before the first Financial Year to which the Guarantee being obtained under condition 37 will relate;
  - (c) *Deed of Cross Guarantee* means a deed of cross guarantee entered into by (among others) the Licensee which complies with all requirements of any instrument issued under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)
  - (d) *Document* means document as that word is defined by section 2B of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* (Cth);
  - (e) *Excess Amount* has the meaning as defined in condition 49;

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this Licence, the definition of *claim* prescribed by section 99 of the SRC Act applies.

- (f) *Financial Year* means the financial year that applies to the Licensee under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth);
- (g) *Guarantee* means a bank guarantee, letter of credit, unconditional payment undertaking or such other instrument issued by an entity acceptable to the Commission in accordance with this licence;
- (h) *Liability Report* has the meaning as defined in condition 26;
- (i) *Outstanding Claim Liability* has the meaning as defined in the Institute of Actuaries of Australia Professional Standard 302 “Valuations of General Insurance Claims”, or any standard substituted thereof;
- (j) *Recommended Excess Amount* has the meaning as defined in condition 28(c);
- (k) *Reinsurance Policy* has the meaning as defined in condition 48; and
- (l) *Risk Free Rate* means the rates to be used in discounting the expected future claims payments of insurance liabilities denominated in Australian currency as determined in accordance with *APRA Prudential Standard GPS 340: Insurance Liability Valuation*, or any standard or associated standard, substituted thereof.

## **Part 2 – Grant of Licence**

### ***Eligible applicant***

3. The Licensee was declared to be eligible to be granted a licence under Part VIII of the SRC Act by legislative instrument dated 20 December 2016, registered as F2017L00053 on the Federal Register of Legislation on 19 January 2017.

### ***Licence decisions***

4. The Commission, acting under sections 103 and 104 of the SRC Act, granted a licence to the Licensee on 13 June 2017 for the period commencing on 1 July 2017 and ending on 30 June 2025 as notified by C2017G00692, published on 22 June 2017.
5. Following its commencement, the Licence has been varied or extended by the Commission on:
  - (i) 3 December 2018, as notified by Notice No. 8 of 2018, in Gazette reference number C2018G00975, published on 06 December 2018; and
  - (ii) 9 December 2019, as notified by Notice No. 35 of 2019, in Gazette reference number C2019G01175, published on 19 December 2019.
  - (iii) 29 June 2021, as notified by Notice No. 35 of 2021, in Gazette reference number C2021G00503, published on 5 July 2021.
  - (iv) 27 June 2023, as notified by Notice No. 14 of 2023, in Gazette reference number C2023G00704, published on 29 June 2023.

### ***Period of licence***

6. Subject to the SRC Act, this Licence is for the period commencing at the beginning of 1 July 2017 Australian Eastern Standard Time and, in accordance with the most recent extension, ending at the end of 30 June 2029 (Australian Eastern Standard Time) (**Licence Period**).

## **Part 3 – Scope of Licence**

### ***Scope of licence – acceptance of liability***

7. The Licensee is authorised to accept liability to pay compensation and other amounts under the SRC Act in respect of all injuries, loss or damage suffered by, or in respect of the death of, any of the employees of the Licensee where such injuries, loss, damage or death occur within the Licence Period.

### ***Scope of licence – management of claims***

8. The Licensee is authorised to manage claims under the SRC Act made by the employees of the Licensee who are covered by the scope of this Licence so far as it relates to the Licensee's acceptance of liability in accordance with clause 7 of this Licence.

## **Part 4 – Conditions of licence**

### ***Conditions of licence***

9. The Licence is granted subject to the following conditions.

#### **General conditions**

##### ***Communication***

10. The Licensee, when bringing employees under its self-insurance licence pursuant to any consolidation or amalgamation process, must provide information to those employees regarding the SRC Act prior to those employees becoming employees of the Licensee.
11. The Licensee must provide information regarding the operation of the SRC Act to all new employees as part of the Licensee's employee induction process.

##### ***Directions of Commission***

12. The Licensee must comply with any written directions, whether general or in respect of a particular matter or class of matters, given by the Commission generally, or to the Licensee directly, with respect to the performance by the Licensee of its functions or the exercise of its powers under the SRC Act.

##### ***Requirements***

13. The Licensee must comply with the requirements of:
  - (a) the SRC Act, its Regulations and any applicable guidelines issued by the Commission under section 73A of the SRC Act;
  - (b) any applicable laws of the Commonwealth, States or Territories with respect to the safety, health and rehabilitation of employees, with a particular focus on the statutory requirements for genuine consultation with employees and their representatives; and
  - (c) the relevant Privacy legislation.
14. The Licensee must have regard to guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and must comply with any such guidelines dealing with covert surveillance of employees.

##### ***Fees***

15. The Licensee must pay the licence fee notified in writing to the Licensee under section 104A of the SRC Act within one month of receiving the notification.
16. On written request from the Commission, the Licensee must pay other fees relating to the Licensee's operations under the SRC Act, in the amount and within the timeframe, specified by the Commission.

#### ***Manner of managing claims***

17. In managing claims, the Licensee:
  - (a) must be guided by equity, good conscience and the substantial merits of the case without regard to technicalities;
  - (b) is not required to conduct a hearing; and
  - (c) is not bound by the rules of evidence.

#### ***Management systems***

18. The Licensee must co-operate with, and give reasonable assistance to, the Commission or its representatives in respect of any targeted reviews and evaluations of the Licensee to be conducted by the Commission or its representatives.
19. The Licensee must report to the Commission as required in accordance with the Performance Standards and Measures to demonstrate that it has maintained its Claims Management, Rehabilitation and WHS management systems, as advised to Comcare.

#### ***Reviews and proceedings***

20. The Licensee must inform Comcare as soon as practicable of any court or tribunal proceedings in relation to a matter arising in respect of a claim managed by the Licensee under the SRC Act.
21. The Licensee must give to Comcare, within the timeframe specified in the request, any information or documents that Comcare requests in respect of any court or tribunal proceedings in relation to a matter arising in respect of a claim managed by the Licensee under the SRC Act.
22. The Licensee must not cause or permit to be made on its behalf to a court or tribunal any submission that Comcare or the Commission requests the Licensee not to make.

#### ***Failure to comply with conditions or change in circumstances***

23. The Licensee must notify Comcare in writing as soon as practicable of any event or likely event that is relevant to the application of the SRC Act to the Licensee, this may include but is not limited to:
  - (a) the Licensee has not complied with, or is likely to fail to comply with, a condition of this Licence; or
  - (b) any change that may impact on the Licensee's capacity to meet its liabilities under the SRC Act, including change to the Licensee's underlying financial position; or
  - (c) changes to its legal structure, ownership or control; or
  - (d) any significant change in its employee numbers or significant change in the risk profile of the work undertaken by its employees.

### ***Information recording, retrieval and reporting requirements***

24. The Licensee must keep all material brought into existence in connection with the Licensee's operations under this Licence and the SRC Act, including but not limited to, all files, correspondence, data, manuals, policies, records, reports, opinions, audits, receipts and other information identified by the Commission from time to time as relevant to the operation of this Licence.
- 24A. This information may be requested in writing by the Commission with at least 14 days' notice.
- 24B. The Licensee is to ensure the information is maintained in a form accessible by the Commission or Comcare for a period of at least seven years.

### **Performance conditions**

25. The Licensee must comply with the Performance Standards and Measures approved by the Commission from time to time.

### **Prudential conditions**

#### ***Liability report***

26. The Licensee must commission a written report (**Liability Report**) in respect of each Financial Year and calculated as at the end of that Financial Year.
27. The Liability Report must:
- (a) be prepared by a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia (**IAA**), or any body substituted thereof, with at least five years' post-qualification experience as an actuary in general insurance;
  - (b) be prepared by an actuary who is not an employee or a partner of the organisation which provides financial audit services to the Licensee or who in any way has a material financial dependence on the auditor;
  - (c) be prepared drawing on any available expert advice and substantially using IAA Professional Standard 302 "Valuations of General Insurance Claims", or any standard substituted thereof, as the basis of estimation, with any departure from this standard to be highlighted in the report;
  - (d) be prepared using the Risk Free Rate in discounting the expected future claims payments of insurance liabilities;
  - (e) be addressed by the actuary to the Commission; and
  - (f) be provided by the Licensee to the Commission within 131 days of the end of the Financial Year to which it relates.

*Note: If the actuary determines the Risk Free Rate using instruments other than Commonwealth Government Securities that relate to the term of the future claim liability cash flows of the Licensee, the actuary must justify the reason for doing so in the Liability Report.*

28. The Liability Report must:
- (a) estimate the Outstanding Claim Liability of the Licensee to pay compensation and other amounts under the SRC Act in accordance with the scope of this Licence as follows:

- (i) contain a recommendation for the level of provisions in the Licensee's accounts which must be made to at least the net unbiased estimate of the mean (statistical expectation) of the Outstanding Claim Liability; and
- (ii) contain a valuation of current Outstanding Claim Liability and the projected Outstanding Claim Liability in 12/18/24\* months' time;  
*\*Note: 12 months for Licensees in the 6<sup>th</sup> or more year of licence; 18 months for Licensees in the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> year of licence; 24 months for Licensees in the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> year of licence;*
- (b) contain a breakdown of the current and non-current liability components of the Licensee's Outstanding Claim Liability as estimated in accordance with condition 28(a);
- (c) contain a recommendation of the maximum reinsurance policy retention amount (**Recommended Excess Amount**) referred to in the Reinsurance conditions;
- (d) make an assessment of the financial capacity of the Licensee to meet amounts, from the balance sheet, up to the Recommended Excess Amount;
- (e) describe the arrangements for compliance with the Reinsurance conditions and provide an assessment by the actuary of whether the arrangements are appropriate to meet the Licensee's obligation under condition 48; and
- (f) contain the calculations used to determine the required amount of the Guarantee pursuant to conditions 43 and 44.

29. The Commission may at its discretion submit a Liability Report to a peer review process.

30. After receiving a peer review assessment of a Liability Report, the Commission may by written notice to the Licensee require a Second Liability Report by an actuary approved by the Commission.

31. If any of the changes in circumstances outlined in condition 23(b), (c) or (d) occur, the Commission may, by written notice to the Licensee, require the Licensee to obtain an Updated Liability Report that is to be prepared in accordance with conditions 26 to 28.

32. The Commission may direct the date for provision of a Second Liability Report and/or an Updated Liability Report.

33. Unless the Commission directs otherwise, the Licensee must pay for a Second Liability Report and/or an Updated Liability Report.

34. If the Commission receives a Second Liability Report or an Updated Liability Report, it (or, where the Commission receives both a Second Liability Report and an Updated Liability Report, the most recent of these reports) replaces the original Liability Report and:

- (a) references in this Licence to the Liability Report are to be construed as references to the Second Liability Report or the Updated Liability Report (whichever is applicable); and
- (b) references in this Licence to the actuary who prepares the Liability Report are to be construed as references to the actuary who prepares the Second Liability Report or the Updated Liability Report (whichever is applicable).

## **Yearly Accounts**

35. The Licensee must:

- (a) lodge with the Commission a copy of:
  - (i) any report that it is required to prepare or obtain for a Financial Year under Division 1 of Part 2M.3 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) within 131 days of the end of that Financial Year;
  - (ii) any periodic financial information regarding the affairs of the Licensee for a Financial Year that it is required to give to any financial market as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (for example, in respect of the Australian Stock Exchange this would be information that must be given under Listing Rule 4.3B) within 131 days of the end of that Financial Year. For the avoidance of doubt this condition does not require the Licensee to provide information that is released to the financial market pursuant to the Licensee's continuous disclosure obligations;
  - (iii) if the Licensee is not required to report in accordance with Division 1 of Part 2M.3 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) because its parent company is required to report in accordance with Division 1 of Part 2M.3 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), then the Licensee must provide any report that the parent company is required to prepare or obtain for a Financial Year under Division 1 of Part 2M.3 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) within 131 days of the end of that Financial Year;
  - (iv) if the Licensee (or its parent company) is not required to report in accordance with Division 1 of Part 2M.3 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and the parent company is a company not subject to the laws of Australia then the Licensee's parent company must prepare a financial report and directors' report as if it was required to comply with Division 1 of Part 2M.3 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), including having that report audited in accordance with that Part, and must give the report to the Commission within 131 days of the end of the Financial Year; and
- (b) include, and identify, in any report or information referred to in condition 35(a), provision for meeting the Licensee's Outstanding Claim Liability (current and non-current) under the SRC Act in accordance with the scope of this Licence as at the end of the Financial Year to which the report or information relates.

36. The Licensee must ensure that:

- (a) the provision mentioned in condition 35(b) is consistent with the written evaluation in the Liability Report, of the Licensee's Outstanding Claim Liability (current and non-current) for the Financial Year; and
- (b) any apparent discrepancies in the provision mentioned in condition 35(b) and the written evaluation in the Liability Report of the Licensee's Outstanding Claim Liability (current and non-current) for the Financial Year are explained in the notes section of the financial report or information in which the provision mentioned in condition 35(b) is included and identified.

### **Guarantee**

37. The Licensee must at all times have in place a Guarantee for the due discharge of its liability to pay compensation and other amounts under the SRC Act in accordance with the scope of this Licence unless:

- (a) the Commission determines that the Licensee is currently a low-risk licensee;
- (b) the current required Guarantee amount for the Licensee (as calculated under conditions 43 and 44) is less than \$300,000\*; and
- (c) Ron Finemore Transport Pty Ltd, ACN 106 495 087, has an issuer credit rating of or equivalent to a Standard and Poor's AA- or better.

*\* Note: The \$300,000 value is subject to indexation (based on CPI) annually.*

- 38. Subject to the exceptions in conditions 39 and 40, if the Licensee is required to obtain a Guarantee under condition 37 it must obtain a new Guarantee under that condition each Financial Year.
- 39. If the Commission determines that the Licensee is a low-risk licensee for a Financial Year, the Licensee is not required to obtain a new Guarantee under condition 37 that Financial Year unless:
  - (a) the required Guarantee amount for the Licensee for that Financial Year (as calculated under conditions 43 and 44) increases by \$500,000\* or more from the required Guarantee amount for the Licensee for the Financial Year in which it obtained its existing Guarantee under condition 37 (as calculated under conditions 43 and 44); or
  - (b) 5 years have elapsed since the Licensee last obtained a new Guarantee under condition 37.

*\* Note: The \$500,000 value is subject to indexation (based on CPI) annually.*

- 40. The Licensee is not required to obtain a new Guarantee under condition 37 for a Financial Year if the required Guarantee amount for the Licensee for that Financial Year (as calculated under conditions 43 and 44) is less than or equal to the Guarantee amount of the Licensee's existing Guarantee under condition 37.
- 41. The Guarantee obtained under condition 37 must be:
  - (a) in the form and subject to the terms agreed in writing by the Commission; and
  - (b) for an amount calculated by the actuary in accordance with the Guarantee conditions (conditions 37 to 47 inclusive) and specified in the Liability Report for that Financial Year; and
  - (c) obtained from a corporation that is authorised by APRA to carry on:
    - (i) banking business in Australia under the *Banking Act 1959* (Cth) and has an issuer credit rating of or equivalent to a Standard and Poor's AA- or better; or
    - (ii) insurance business in Australia under the *Insurance Act 1973* (Cth) and has an issuer credit rating of or equivalent to a Standard and Poor's AA- or better and a financial strength rating of or equivalent to a Standard and Poor's AA- or better.
- 42. The Licensee must provide the original of the Guarantee to the Commission within 170 days of the start of the first Financial Year to which the Guarantee relates.
- 43. The Guarantee must be for an amount calculated by the actuary as the greater of:
  - (a) the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of the Licensee's Outstanding Claim Liability under the SRC Act in accordance with the scope of this Licence at the Balance Date and the addition of the Excess Amount; or



- (b) the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of the Licensee's projected Outstanding Claim Liability under the SRC Act in accordance with the scope of this Licence in 12/18/24 months\* time from the Balance Date and the addition of the Excess Amount.

*\*Note: 12 months for Licensees in the 6<sup>th</sup> or more year of licence; 18 months for Licensees in the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> year of licence; 24 months for Licensees in the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> year of licence.*

*Note: The liability calculations under condition 43 are to include an allowance for the cost of administering claims under this Licence and be calculated net of reinsurance recoveries.*

44. In calculating the amount of the Guarantee, the Licensee must direct the actuary to:
- (a) calculate existing and projected estimates of the Licensee's Outstanding Claim Liability under the SRC Act in accordance with the scope of this Licence to the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile and to include this result in the Liability Report; and
  - (b) base the calculation on a full statistical analysis of data, trends and variability and according to any relevant IAA standards and guidelines on liability valuation for general insurance.
45. If the Licensee obtained a Guarantee under condition 37, the Licensee may at any time provide to the Commission a new Guarantee obtained under condition 37 that, if prepared in accordance with conditions 41, 43 and 44, will replace the existing Guarantee obtained under condition 37.
46. If the Commission identifies a financial risk with respect to the suitability of the financial institution from which the Licensee has obtained its current Guarantee under condition 37 and requests, after consulting with the Licensee, that the Licensee obtain a new Guarantee under condition 37, the Licensee must:
- (a) comply with this request within 3 months or, if applicable, an alternative timeframe specified in the request; and
  - (b) ensure that the new Guarantee is prepared in accordance with conditions 41, 43 and 44.
47. If the guarantor under a Guarantee obtained by the Licensee under condition 37 discharges its financial obligation under that Guarantee by making payment to Comcare of its total liability or amounts which when aggregated equal its total liability, Comcare must return that Guarantee to the guarantor.

### **Reinsurance**

48. The Licensee must maintain an appropriate level of reinsurance to limit its liability to pay compensation and other amounts under the SRC Act in accordance with the scope of this Licence from an insurance company that is authorised by APRA to carry on insurance business under the *Insurance Act 1973* (Cth) (**Reinsurance Policy**).
49. The excess of loss amount applicable under the Reinsurance Policy for any single event (**Excess Amount**) must not, unless the Commission directs otherwise, be higher than the Recommended Excess Amount.
50. The Licensee must:

- (a) if an amended reinsurance policy or a reinsurance policy from a new provider is obtained under condition 48, provide a copy of that reinsurance policy to the actuary and the Commission within 130 days of the start of the first Financial Year to which that reinsurance policy relates;
- (b) provide a copy of the current certificate of currency for the Reinsurance Policy to the Commission within 130 days of the start of the first Financial Year to which the certificate of currency relates;
- (c) notify the Commission of any increases to the Excess Amount in the Reinsurance Policy; and
- (d) only obtain a reinsurance policy under condition 48 with an excess of loss amount that exceeds the Recommended Excess Amount if the Commission provides prior approval.

***Deed of Cross Guarantee***

51. The Licensee:

- (a) must at all times be a party to the Deed of Cross Guarantee in accordance with conditions 51 to 53 of this Licence; and
- (b) must not engage in any act or omission that may compromise the enforceability of the Deed of Cross Guarantee.

52. In this Licence a reference to the Deed of Cross Guarantee is a reference to:

- (a) the Deed of Cross Guarantee, made on 14 September 2021, as amended or varied from time to time in accordance with its terms, to which the following were parties at the date of execution:
  - (i) Ron Finemore Transport Pty Ltd  
ACN 106 495 087
  - (ii) Ron Finemore Liquid Haulage Pty Ltd  
ACN 092 122 097
  - (iii) Ron Finemore Bulk Haulage Pty Ltd  
ACN 092 122 104
  - (iv) Ron Finemore General Haulage Pty Ltd  
ACN 092 122 079
  - (v) Ron Finemore Transport Orange Pty Ltd  
ACN 115 263 842
  - (vi) Ron Finemore Transport Equipment Pty Ltd  
ACN 113 264 449
  - (vii) Ron Finemore Transport Infrastructure Pty Ltd  
ACN 120 036 633
  - (viii) Idorone Pty Ltd  
ACN 006 252 768
  - (ix) Ron Finemore Livestock Pty Ltd

ACN 092 122 024

- (x) Ron Finemore Transport (Investments) Pty Ltd

ACN 625 609 485

- (xi) RFT MCL (Investments) Pty Ltd

ACN 625 618 617

- (xii) Safe Driving Concepts Pty Ltd

ACN 632 436 232

- (xiii) Ron Finemore Transport Services Pty Ltd

ACN 005 471036

- (xiv) RFT Orange Property Pty Ltd

ACN 119 368 982; or

- (b) where the Commission, in its absolute discretion, notifies the Licensee in writing that another, alternative, Deed of Guarantee will satisfy the requirements of conditions 51 to 53 of this Licence, that Deed.

53. In relation to the Deed of Cross Guarantee referred to in condition 52 above the Licensee must:

- (a) be a party to that Deed for at least seven (7) years following the Licence Period, as varied from time to time;
- (b) if that Deed is amended or varied, including if:
  - (i) another entity becomes a party to that Deed; or
  - (ii) a party to that Deed ceases to be a party,provide a copy of the document amending or varying that Deed to the Commission within 30 days of the amendment or variation; and
- (c) notify the Commission within 7 days if:
  - (i) the Australian Securities and Investments Commission informally or formally raises any issues in relation to that Deed; or
  - (ii) the Licensee becomes aware of any reason why a creditor of the Licensee may not be able to enforce that Deed.

Dated the 21st day of March 2025.

David Oliver  
Chairperson  
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission