

# PRIVACY POLICY Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate

Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate is committed to respecting your right to privacy and protecting your personal information.

We are bound by the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (Act) and the Australian Privacy Principles set out in the Act.

We will ensure that all management, staff and subcontractors are aware of and understand Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate's obligations as well as their own under the Act. We will achieve this through the provision of training and the implication and maintenance of internal policies and procedures in order to prevent personal information from being collected, used, disclosed, retained, accessed or disposed of improperly.

This Policy applies to all your dealings with us, whether in person, or via telephone, email, correspondence or our website.

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Give you an understanding of the kinds of personal information we collect and hold;
- Advise you how and when we collect, disclose, use, store and otherwise handle personal information;
- Inform you about the purposes for which we collect, hold, use and disclose personal information;
- Provide you with information about how you may access your personal information, and seek correction of your personal information;
- Provide you with information about how you may make a complaint, and how we will deal with any such complaint;
- Advise you of the circumstances in which we are likely to disclose personal information to overseas recipients;
- Enhance the transparency of our operations.

For the purpose of this Policy, the following terms will have the following meanings, as attributed to them by section 6 of the Act:

# **Health information** means:

- (a) Information or an opinion about:
  - 1. The health or disability (at any time) of an individual; or
  - 2. An individual's expressed wishes about the future provision of health services to him or her; or
  - 3. A health service provided, or to be provided, to an individual; that is also personal information; or
- (b) Other personal information collected to provide, or in providing, a health service; or
- (c) Other personal information about an individual collected in connection with the donation, or intended donation, by the individual of his or her body parts, organs or body substances; or
- (d) Genetic information about an individual in a form that is, or could be, predictive of the health of the individual or a genetic relative of the individual.

# **Personal information** means:

Information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable, whether the information or opinion is true or not, and whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.



# Sensitive information means:

- (a) Information or an opinion about an individual's:
  - 1. Racial or ethnic origin; or
  - 2. Political opinions; or
  - 3. Membership of a political association; or
  - 4. Religious beliefs or affiliations; or
  - 5. Philosophical beliefs; or
  - 6. Membership of a professional or trade association; or
  - 7. Membership of a trade union; or
  - 8. Sexual orientation or practices; or
  - Criminal record that is also personal information; or
- (b) Health information about an individual; or
- (c) Genetic information about an individual that is not otherwise health information; or
- (d) Biometric information that is to be used for the purpose of automated biometric verification or biometric identification; or
- (e) Biometric templates.

#### **Collection of Personal Information**

Whenever you deal with Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate, we will collect personal information in order to provide or prospectively provide services and products to you. Such services and products include:

- Act as an agent for the sale of your property.
- Act as an agent for the purchase of your property.
- Act as an agent for property management of your property.
- Updates about events, products and services which may be of interest to you.

We do not collect personal information unless it is reasonably necessary for, or directly related to, one or more of the services we provide or functions we carry out.

The types of personal information we generally collect include but is not limited to:

- Name.
- Date of birth.
- Residential address.
- Business address.
- Postal address.
- Email address.
- Home telephone number.
- Work telephone number.
- Mobile telephone number.
- Names of your employees.
- Your occupation and business address.
- Financial information including names of banks or financial institutions.
- Bankruptcy information and credit reporting information.
- Bank account information and credit card details
- Insurance related information including (but not limited to) professional indemnity insurance details.



We will not ordinarily ask you to provide sensitive information however we may collect sensitive information in circumstances where:

- It is reasonably necessary for one or more of the services we provide or functions we carry out; and
- You consent to the collection of the information; or
- We are required or authorised by law to collect the sensitive information.

We will, if it is reasonable or practicable to do so, collect your personal information directly from you. This may happen when you fill out a form or when you give us personal information in person, or via telephone, email, correspondence or our website.

Sometimes we will collect personal information from a third party or a publicly available source. For example, we may need to collect personal information from a credit reporting agency.

If we receive personal information that we did not solicit, we will determine as soon as reasonably practicable whether we could have lawfully collected that information as part of our functions or activities. If we are not satisfied that we could have lawfully collected the information, then we will (if it is lawful and reasonable) destroy the information or ensure that it is de-identified.

You may choose to deal with us anonymously or under a pseudonym where lawful and practical. Where anonymity or use of a pseudonym will render us unable to provide the relevant service or do business, we may request that you identify yourself.

# Use and Disclosure of Personal Information

Personal information collected by Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate will ordinarily be used for the following purposes:

- Processing your application for a rental property.
- Processing your application for property management.
- Acting as your agent in the sale or purchase of a property.
- Providing a relevant service or product as requested or ordered.
- Marketing of products and services to you.

In order to achieve the purposes described above, we may disclose your personal information to the persons/organisations described below:

- Your legal advisor(s) and other relevant third parties involved in or relevant to a complaint referred to us for investigation and resolution.
- Your financial institution.
- Persons or organisations involved in providing, managing or administering products or services, including
  independent contractors engaged by us to provide us with a required service or product.
- Organisations involved in maintaining, reviewing and developing our business systems, procedures and
  infrastructure including maintaining or upgrading our computer systems.
- Persons or organisations involved in commercial negotiations with our business.
- Organisations involved in payments systems including financial institutions, merchants and payment organisations.

We will only use and disclose personal information for the primary purpose for which it was initially collected, or for purposes which are directly related to one of our functions or activities.



We will not disclose your personal information to government agencies, private sector organisations or any third parties unless one of the following applies:

- You have consented.
- You would reasonably expect, or you have been told, that information of that kind is usually passed to those
  individuals, bodies or agencies.
- It is otherwise required or authorised by law.
- It is reasonably necessary for enforcement related activities conducted by, or on behalf of, an enforcement body (eg. Police).

Like many other businesses in Australia, Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate may rely on third party suppliers or contractors to provide specialised services such as web hosting, cloud computing technology and data storage services. If personal information is provided to these suppliers and contractors in order to enable them to perform the agreed tasks, we will make every effort to ensure that the supplier or contractor handles the personal information in accordance with the Act and the Australian Privacy Principles. We will also require all suppliers and contractors to provide privacy undertakings and enter into confidentiality agreements.

There may be limited circumstances in which it is necessary for us to collect a government related identifier such as your tax file number or Centrelink reference number. We will not use or disclose your government related identifiers unless we are required or authorized to do so by law or by a court or tribunal order, or in order to fulfil our obligations to a State or Territory authority.

## Marketing our products and services

Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate may use or disclose your personal information to let you know about products and services in which you may be interested. You can contact us at any time if you no longer wish us to market our products and services to you.

We may disclose your personal information to sponsors and supporters of the Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate and other third parties in order to facilitate direct marketing by those parties. You may contact us at any time to request that we refrain from providing your personal information to such.

# **Accuracy of Personal Information**

Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate will take reasonable steps to ensure that all personal information it collects uses or discloses is accurate, complete and up-to-date.

If you believe your personal information is not accurate, complete or up-to-date, please contact us.

# **Security**

Your personal information may be stored in hard copy documents or electronically. Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate is committed to keeping your personal information secure and safe. Some of the ways we do this are:

- Requiring employees and contractors to enter into confidentiality agreements.
- Secure hard copy document storage (i.e. storing hard copy documents in locked filing cabinets).
- Security measures for access to our computer systems.
- Providing a discreet environment for confidential discussions.
- · Access control for our buildings.
- Security measures for our websites.
- Anti-spam, anti-virus and anti-malware software
- Secure server room with access limited to authorised personnel



We will review and update our security measures from time to time.

In addition, we will review the personal information and sensitive information held by us from time to time; ensuring that information which is no longer needed for a purpose for which it was initially collected is destroyed or de-identified.

## Your Privacy on the Internet

Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate takes care to ensure that the information you provide to us via our website is protected. For example, our website has electronic security systems in place, including the use of firewalls and data encryption in relation to shopping cart functions.

You may be able to access external websites by clicking on links we have provided. Those other websites are not subject to our privacy standards, policies and procedures. You will need to contact or review those websites directly to ascertain their privacy standards, policies and procedures.

### Access to Personal Information

You may request access to personal information that Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate holds about you.

We will acknowledge your request within 7 business days of the request being made. You will need to verify your identity before access to your personal information is granted.

Once your request has been processed by Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate, you may be forwarded the information by mail or email or you may personally inspect it at the location where the information is held or another appropriate place. Whenever possible, we will endeavour to make the information available to you in the manner requested by you unless it is unreasonable for us to do so (eg. if you have asked for the information to be emailed to you, we will endeavour to email the information to you. If the file size would be too large, we may send you the information by hard copy instead of email).

If you are aware that we hold personal information about you that is no longer accurate, complete or up-to-date, please contact.

If you request access to your personal information, or if you request that we correct your personal information, we will allow access or make the correction unless we consider that there is a sound reason to withhold the information, or not make the correction.

Under the Act, we may refuse to grant access to personal information if:

- We believe that granting access would pose a serious threat to the life, health or safety of any individual, or to public health or public safety.
- Granting access would have an unreasonable impact upon the privacy of other individuals.
- Denial of access is required or authorised by law or by a Court or Tribunal order.
- Giving access would be unlawful.
- The request for access is frivolous or vexatious.
- Legal proceedings are underway or anticipated and the information would not be accessible by way of the discovery process in those proceedings.
- Giving access would reveal our intentions in relation to negotiations between us and you in such a way as to
  prejudice those negotiations.
- Giving access is likely to prejudice enforcement related activities conducted by, or on behalf of, an enforcement body
- Giving access is likely to prejudice action being taken or to be taken with respect to suspected unlawful activity or serious misconduct relating to our functions or activities.
- Giving access would reveal information in connection with a commercially sensitive decision making process.



If we do not agree to make a correction to your personal information, you may provide a statement about the requested corrections, and we will ensure that the statement is apparent to any users of the relevant personal information.

If we do not agree to provide access to your personal information or to correct your personal information, we will provide written reasons for the refusal and the mechanisms available to complain about the refusal.

# Contacting us

You may contact us by mail, email or telephone as follows:

Mail:

PO Box 2392 Strathpine Central, QLD 4500

Email:

info@mbrrestate.com.au

Phone:

(07) 3245 1822

## **Complaints**

If you consider that there has been a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles, you are entitled to complain to Moreton Bay Regional Real Estate.

We will acknowledge receipt of a complaint within 2 business days.

We will investigate the complaint and attempt to resolve it within 5 business days after the complaint was received. Where it is anticipated that this timeframe is not achievable, we will contact you to provide an estimate of how long it will take to investigate and respond to the complaint.

If you consider that we have not adequately dealt with a complaint, you may complain to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner on the below details:

Mail:

Officer of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) GPO Box 5218 Sydeny, NSW 2001

Email:

enquiries@oaic.gov.au

Phone:

1300 363 992



# Review

This policy is to be reviewed as follows:

- Annually as a minimum.
- Following an information security incident.
- Following significant changes to our systems.
- Following changes to the relevant State and Commonwealth legislation

Reviews are to examine the appropriateness of the policy taking into consideration corporate, system and compliance requirement changes since the last review was undertaken.