



INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

Section 1317DAM of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)

Date of giving this notice: 25 February 2025

Unique identification code: 029608476

TO: Australian Advice Network Pty Ltd (ACN 602 917 297)

- 1. ASIC gives this infringement notice under section 1317DAM of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) (the **Corporations Act**).
- 2. ASIC believes on reasonable grounds that Australian Advice Network Pty Ltd (ACN 602 917 297) (**Australian Advice Network**) has contravened s921Z(1) of the Corporations Act (a provision that is subject to an infringement notice) as follows:
 - a. On 16 April 2024, Australian Advice Network gave a written notice to an individual (the **Relevant Provider**) authorising them to provide personal advice to retail clients, on Australian Advice Network's behalf, in relation to relevant financial products.
 - b. In a statement of advice dated 16 May 2024, the Relevant Provider gave personal advice in relation to relevant financial products including insurance, which was presented to a retail client on 16 May 2024.
 - c. Between 16 April 2024 and 16 May 2024, the Relevant Provider:
 - i. was unregistered as there was no registration pursuant to s921ZC(1A) of the Corporations Act in force; and
 - ii. remained an authorised financial advisor because Australian Advice Network did not revoke their authorisation under subsection 916A(4) of the Corporations Act.
- 3. The maximum penalty that a court could impose for the contravention, if the provision was contravened is \$62,600.

Amount payable under this notice

- 4. The amount payable under this notice in relation to the alleged contravention is \$31,300. This amount can be paid using the method detailed in the covering letter accompanying this notice.
- 5. The payment period for the notice will be 28 days, beginning after the day on which the notice is given, unless the period is extended, an arrangement is made for payment by instalments or the notice is withdrawn.

Consequences of paying the amount payable under this notice

6. If you pay the amount stated in this notice within the payment period then (unless the notice is withdrawn) you are not liable to be prosecuted in a court, and proceedings seeking a pecuniary penalty order will not be brought, in relation to the alleged contravention.

- 7. The payment of the amount is not an admission of guilt or liability.
- 8. You may, in writing, apply to ASIC to have the period in which to pay the amount extended or for an arrangement to pay the amount by instalments.

Consequences of not paying the amount payable under this notice

9. You may choose not to pay the amount and, if you do, you may be prosecuted in a court, or proceedings seeking a pecuniary penalty order may be brought, in relation to the alleged contravention.

Withdrawal of the notice

- 10. You may, within 28 days after the infringement notice is given to you, make written representations to ASIC seeking the withdrawal of the notice. In deciding whether or not to withdraw the notice, ASIC must take into account your written representations. If ASIC decides to withdraw the notice, ASIC will give you a withdrawal notice. ASIC may also withdraw the notice on ASIC's own initiative.
- 11. If the notice is withdrawn, you may be prosecuted in a court, or proceedings seeking a pecuniary penalty order may be brought, in relation to the alleged contravention.

Signature of delegate giving the notice

Tom O'Shea

as a delegate of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission