

Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney & Enduring Guardianship

Why do I need to make a...

Will

It sets out what I want to happen when I pass away and can stop potential fights and arguments between those left behind. A will can set out what I want to happen to my money, property and belongings when I pass away. A will can also say what funeral arrangements I want (for example: where I want to be buried).

Enduring Power of Attorney (EPoA)

An Enduring Power of Attorney gives authority to a person I want to make financial decisions for me whilst I am alive but have lost mental capacity to make decisions for myself.

Enduring Guardianship (EG)

An Enduring Guardianship gives authority to a person I want to make decisions about where I would live, my medical treatment and what services I receive if I lose mental capacity to make decisions for myself.

Who can help me?

Shoalcoast CLC can help you to prepare Enduring Power of Attorney and Enduring Guardian documents.

Shoalcoast CLC can refer you to a lawyer to help you prepare a Will in your local area.

Contact us: 1800 229 529 or (02) 4422 9529

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What are the benefits of having these documents?

These documents make sure that your wishes are carried out.

- While you are still alive, it means you can make sure your lifestyle and finances are looked after.
- After you pass away, it means your property goes to who you want it to go to.

It is never too early to start making these documents.

Questions to think about before making a...

Will

- Who will be my executor?
- What do I legally own?
- What do I want to give away and who do I want it to go to?
- How do I want my funeral to be held?
- If I want to be buried, is there somewhere in particular?
- Who do I want to be the guardian of any children under 18? (Note that Family Law applies)

EPoA/EG

- Who do I trust to be my enduring attorney/guardian?
- Do I want more than one attorney/guardian? If I want more than one, will they act together?
- What functions and limitations do I want my attorney/guardian to have?
- Do I want to give my attorney/guardian any specific directions? E.g. Do I want to live somewhere in particular?
- When do I want my attorney to start making decisions for me?

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