EXPOSURE DRAFT

1 Inserts for 2 **Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal** 3 **Commission Response—Protecting** 4 Consumers (2020 Measures)) Bill 2020: 5 FSRC rec 2.1 (ongoing fee arrangements) 6 7 8 **Commencement information** Column 1 Column 2 Column 3

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So	chedule [2.1]—Ongoing fee arrangements
Pa	rt 1—Main amendments
Со	orporations Act 2001
1 :	Section 962CA Repeal the section.
2 3	Section 962D Repeal the section.
3 :	Subsection 962F(1) Omit "section 962G (the disclosure obligation) or".
4 :	Subsection 962F(1) After "renewal notice", insert "and fee disclosure statement".
5 3	Subsections 962F(2) and (3) Omit "section 962G or".
6	After section 962F Insert:
962	2FA Arrangement terminates if Subdivision C not complied with
	 (1) It is a condition of the ongoing fee arrangement that the arrangement terminates if any of the following provisions have not been complied with in relation to the arrangement, whether by the current or a previous fee recipient: (a) section 962R (fee recipient must not deduct ongoing fees without consent);
	(b) section 962S (fee recipient must not arrange for deduction of ongoing fees without consent or accept such deductions).
	Note: A Court may order that the fee recipient refund amounts deducted without consent (see section 1317GB).
	(2) The client is not taken to have waived the client's rights under the condition (subject to subsection (3)), or to have entered into a new ongoing fee arrangement, if the client gives consent under

1	Subdivision C, in relation to the deduction of ongoing fees relating
2	to the ongoing fee arrangement, after a failure to comply with a
3	provision referred to in subsection (1) in relation to the ongoing fee
4	arrangement.
5	(3) However, if the client gives that consent after a failure to comply
6	with a provision referred to in subsection (1) in relation to the
7	ongoing fee arrangement, the fee recipient is not obliged to refund
8	an amount deducted, or received as a result of a deduction made, in
9	accordance with the consent.
10	7 Section 962G
11	Repeal the section.
12	8 Subparagraph 962H(1)(b)(ii)
13	Repeal the subparagraph, substitute:
14	(ii) a period of 12 months (the <i>upcoming year</i>) that begins
15	at the end of the previous year.
16	9 Before subsection 962H(2)
17	Insert:
18	Information relating to the previous year
19	10 Subsection 962H(2)
20	After "following information", insert "relating to the previous year".
21	11 Paragraph 962H(2)(a)
22	Omit ", expressed in Australian dollars unless an alternative is provided
23	in the regulations".
24	12 Paragraph 962H(2)(f)
25	Omit ", including information that relates to a period that begins after
26	the previous year".
27	13 After subsection 962H(2)
28	Insert:

	Information relating to the upcoming year
	(2A) The following information relating to the upcoming year is
	required for a fee disclosure statement in relation to an ongoing fee
	arrangement, subject to subsection (3):
	(a) information about the services that the client will be entitled
	to receive under the arrangement during the upcoming year;
	(b) the amount of each ongoing fee that the client will be
	required to pay under the arrangement during the upcoming
	year; (a) if the align term in the maximum term f and f
	(c) if the client will be required to pay under the arrangement an ongoing fee after the end of the upcoming year for a service
	referred to in paragraph (a)—the amount of any such ongoing
	fee;
	(d) information about any other prescribed matters.
	(2B) If an amount of an ongoing fee that is required to be included in a
	fee disclosure statement under subsection (2A) cannot be
	determined at the time of preparing the statement, the statement
	must include a reasonable estimate of the amount of the ongoing
	fee and an explanation of the method used to work out the estimate.
	Other information requirements
14	At the end of section 962H
	Add:
	(4) Information about the amount of an ongoing fee that is required to
	be included in a fee disclosure statement under this section must be
	expressed in Australian dollars, unless an alternative is provided in
	the regulations.
15	Section 962J
	Repeal the section.
16	Section 962K (at the end of the heading)
	Add "and fee disclosure statement".
17	At the end of section 962K
	Add:

(4)	A person contravenes this subsection if the person contravenes subsection (1).
	Note: This subsection is a civil penalty provision (see section 1317E).
18 Dara	graphs 962L(1)(a) and (b)
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Om	nit "second anniversary", substitute "anniversary".
19 Subd	livision C of Division 3 of Part 7.7A
Rep	peal the Subdivision, substitute:
Subdivisi	ion C—Consent required for deduction of ongoing from accounts
962R Fee	e recipient must not deduct ongoing fees without consen
(1)) This section applies if:
	 (a) an ongoing fee is, or will be, payable to a fee recipient up an ongoing fee arrangement; and
	(b) a person (the <i>account holder</i>) holds an account with the recipient; and
	(c) the fee recipient proposes to deduct the amount of the ongoing fee from the account holder's account.
(2)) Subject to subsection (3), the fee recipient must not deduct the
	amount of the ongoing fee from the account unless all of the following are satisfied:
	(a) the account holder has given the fee recipient written cor
	for the fee recipient to deduct amounts from the account
	respect of ongoing fees under the ongoing fee arrangeme
	(b) if requirements that apply in relation to the consent are determined under section 962T—the consent complies w
	those requirements;
	(c) at the time of making the deduction:
	(i) the consent has not been withdrawn under
	paragraph 962U(1)(a); and
	(ii) if the consent has been varied under
	paragraph 962U(1)(b)—the consent as varied still
	allows for the deduction to be made; and
	(iii) the consent has not ceased to have effect under
	section 962V.

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	(3) If the account holder holds the account jointly with one or more other persons, the fee recipient must not deduct the amount of the ongoing fee from the account unless all of the paragraphs in
	subsection (2) are satisfied in relation to the account holder as well as each of those other persons as account holders.
	(4) A person contravenes this subsection if the person contravenes subsection (2) or (3).
	Note: This subsection is a civil penalty provision (see section 1317E).
962S	Fee recipient must not arrange for deduction of ongoing fees without consent or accept such deductions
	(1) This section applies if:
	(a) an ongoing fee is, or will be, payable to a fee recipient under an ongoing fee arrangement; and
	 (b) a person (the <i>account holder</i>) holds an account with another person (the <i>account provider</i>) who is not the fee recipient; and
	 (c) the fee recipient proposes to arrange with the account provider for the amount of the ongoing fee to be deducted from the account holder's account.
	Fee recipient must not arrange deductions without consent
	(2) Subject to subsection (3), the fee recipient must not arrange for the
	account provider to deduct the amount from the account unless all of the following are satisfied:
	(a) the account holder has given the fee recipient written consent for the fee recipient to arrange for amounts to be deducted
	from the account in respect of ongoing fees under the
	ongoing fee arrangement; (b) if moniments that apply in relation to the concent are
	(b) if requirements that apply in relation to the consent are determined under section 962T—the consent complies with
	those requirements;
	(c) the fee recipient has given a copy of the account holder's consent to the account provider;
	(d) at the time of giving the copy of the consent to the account
	provider:
	(i) the consent has not been withdrawn under paragraph 962U(1)(a); and

	 (ii) if the consent has been varied under paragraph 962U(1)(b)—the consent as varied still
	allows for the deduction to be made; and
	(iii) the consent has not ceased to have effect under section 962V.
(3)	If the account holder holds the account jointly with one or more
	other persons, the fee recipient must not arrange for deductions
	from the account unless all of the paragraphs in subsection (2) are
	satisfied in relation to the account holder as well as each of those other persons as account holders.
(4)	A person contravenes this subsection if the person contravenes subsection (2) or (3).
	Note: This subsection is a civil penalty provision (see section 1317E).
	Fee recipient must not accept deductions made without consent
(5)	Subject to subsection (6), if the fee recipient has arranged with the
	account provider, with the account holder's consent, for an amount
	to be deducted from the account, the fee recipient must not accept
	payment of the amount unless at the time the payment is made to the fee recipient all of the following are satisfied:
	 (a) the consent has not been withdrawn under paragraph 962U(1)(a);
	(b) if the consent has been varied under paragraph 962U(1)(b)—
	(b) If the consent has been varied under paragraph $5020(1)(0)$ the consent as varied still allows for the deduction to be
	made;
	(c) the consent has not ceased to have effect under section 962V.
(6)	If the account holder holds the account jointly with one or more
	other persons, the fee recipient must not accept the payment unless
	all of the paragraphs in subsection (5) are satisfied in relation to the
	account holder as well as each of those other persons as account holders.
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(7)	A person contravenes this subsection if the person contravenes
	subsection (5) or (6).
	Note: This subsection is a civil penalty provision (see section 1317E).
(0)	However, subsection (7) does not apply if an amount accepted in
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	holder's account within 5 business days of the day on which the payment was accepted.
962T	Requirements relating to consent
	(1) ASIC may, by legislative instrument, determine requirements for the giving of consent to deductions from an account for the purposes of this Subdivision.
	(2) Without limiting subsection (1), the instrument may require that:(a) a specified form, or specified form of words, must be used for giving consent; or
	(b) a consent must include specified information.
962U	Variation or withdrawal of consent
	 If a person (the <i>account holder</i>) who holds an account gives consent to a fee recipient for amounts to be deducted from the account for the purposes of this Subdivision, the account holder may:
	(a) withdraw the consent at any time, by notice in writing to the fee recipient; and
	(b) vary the consent at any time, by notice in writing to the fee recipient.
	(2) If the fee recipient receives a notice from the account holder under subsection (1), the fee recipient must within 5 business days of receipt:
	(a) give written confirmation to the account holder that the notice was received; and
	 (b) if the fee recipient gave a copy of the account holder's consent to an account provider under paragraph 962S(2)(c)—give the account provider a copy of the notice.
	(3) A person contravenes this subsection if the person contravenes subsection (2).
	Note: This subsection is a civil penalty provision (see section 1317E).
962V	When consent ceases to have effect
	A consent given in relation to an ongoing fee arrangement for the purposes of this Subdivision ceases to have effect:

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	(a) if the ongoing fee arrangement is terminated—at the time th
	ongoing fee arrangement terminates; or
	(b) at the end of the period of 30 days after the end of the
	renewal period for the ongoing fee arrangement that is the
	first renewal period to start after the consent is given.
62W Con	nditions requiring consent to be given are void
	Any condition of the ongoing fee arrangement, or any other
	arrangement, that requires the client to do either or both of the
	following is void:
	(a) to give consent under this Subdivision in relation to the
	deduction of ongoing fees relating to the ongoing fee
	arrangement;
	(b) not to vary or withdraw such consent.
Subdivisio	on D—Records of compliance
962X Obli	gation to keep records of compliance
(1)	A fee recipient in relation to an ongoing fee arrangement must
	keep records sufficient to enable the fee recipient's compliance
	with this Division in relation to the ongoing fee arrangement to be
	readily ascertained.
	Note 1: Failure to comply with this subsection is an offence: see
	subsection 1311(1).
	Note 2: For preservation of records, see section 1101C.
(2)	The regulations may specify records that the fee recipient must
	keep as part of the obligation in subsection (1).
20 After s	section 1317GA
Inser	rt:
1317GB R	efund orders—contraventions of section 962R or 962S
(1)	This section applies if a person (the <i>fee recipient</i>):
(1)	(a) deducts an amount of an ongoing fee payable under an
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(1)	ongoing fee arrangement from an account held by a person
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1	<i>holder</i>) with another person (the <i>account provider</i>) under an
2	arrangement the fee recipient made with the account
3	provider.
4	(2) A Court may order that the fee recipient refund the amount if the
5	Court is satisfied that:
6	(a) either:
7	(i) if paragraph (1)(a) applies—the fee recipient knowingly
8	or recklessly contravened section 962R (fee recipient
9	must not deduct ongoing fees without consent) in
10	deducting the amount; or
11	(ii) if paragraph (1)(b) applies—the fee recipient knowingly
12 13	or recklessly contravened section 962S (fee recipient must not arrange for deduction of ongoing fees without
13	consent or accept such deductions) in arranging for the
15	deduction of the amount, or accepting payment of the
16	amount; and
17	(b) it is reasonable in all the circumstances to make the order.
18 19	Note: An order may be made under this subsection whether or not a declaration of contravention has been made under section 1317E.
20	Applications for order
21	(3) The Court may make the order under this section:
22	(a) on its own initiative, during proceedings before the Court; or
23	(b) on application by ASIC; or
24	(c) on the application of the account holder.
25	When order may be made
26	(4) The Court must not make an order under this section in relation to
27	amounts paid more than 6 years before the proceedings for the
28	order are commenced.
29	Recovery of amount as a debt
30	(5) If the Court makes an order that the fee recipient refund an amount
31	specified in the order to the account holder, the account holder may
32	recover the amount as a debt due to the account holder.
33	21 In the appropriate position in Chapter 10
34	Insert:

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Part 10.45—Application and transitional provisions relating to Schedule [2.1] to the Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response—Protecting Consumers (2020 Measures)) Act 2020

6 **Division 1—Introduction**

7 **1672 Definitions**

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8 In this Part:

amending Schedule means Schedule [2.1] to the *Financial Sector Reform (Hayne Royal Commission Response—Protecting Consumers (2020 Measures)) Act 2020.*

12 **Division 2—New ongoing fee arrangements**

13 **1672A** Application provision for new ongoing fee arrangements

The amendments made by the amending Schedule apply in relation to an ongoing fee arrangement entered into on or after 1 July 2020.

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1	Division 3—Ongoing fee arrangements covered by former
2	Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 7.7A

1672B	Application of this Division
	This Division applies in relation to an ongoing fee arrangement that:
	(a) is in force immediately before 1 July 2020; and
	(b) is an ongoing fee arrangement to which Subdivision C of
	Division 3 of Part 7.7A, as in force before 1 July 2020,
	applied before the repeal of that Subdivision by item 19 of
	the amending Schedule.
1672C	Application—termination, disclosure and annual renewal
	requirements
	(1) Subdivision B of Division 3 of Part 7.7A, as amended by the
	amending Schedule, applies to the ongoing fee arrangement from
	1 July 2020.
	(2) However, for the period from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020
	(the 6 month transition period), subsection 962K(1) applies in
	relation to the ongoing fee arrangement as if it were replaced with subsection (3) of this section.
	(3) The current fee recipient in relation to the ongoing fee arrangement
	must, before the end of the 6 month transition period, give the
	client a renewal notice and a fee disclosure statement in relation to
	the arrangement.
	(4) Section 1350 does not apply in relation to the operation of
	Subdivision B of Division 3 of Part 7.7A, as amended by the
	amending Schedule, in respect of the ongoing fee arrangement.
1672D	Transitional—existing obligation to give a fee disclosure
	statement under section 962S
	(1) This section applies if:
	 (a) a disclosure day for the ongoing fee arrangement occurs before 1 July 2020; and
	(b) the period of 60 days beginning on the disclosure day ends on or after 1 July 2020; and

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	(c) before 1 July 2020 the current fee recipient in relation to the ongoing fee arrangement has not given a fee disclosure
	statement in relation to the ongoing fee arrangement in
	accordance with the obligation arising under section 962S (as
	in force before 1 July 2020) in relation to the disclosure day.
	(2) The obligation on the fee recipient to give the fee disclosure
	statement within the 60 day period beginning on the disclosure day ceases on 1 July 2020.
	(3) However, to the extent that the fee disclosure statement referred to
	in subsection (2) would have been required to include information
	in relation to a period that would not otherwise be required to be
	included in a fee disclosure statement given under section 1672C, the fee disclosure statement given under that section must include
	that information.
1672E	Application—consent requirements
	(1) Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 7.7A, as inserted by the
	amending Schedule, applies in relation to the ongoing fee
	arrangement on and from 1 January 2021.
	(2) However, if a person gives a fee recipient in relation to the ongoing
	fee arrangement consent for the purposes of that Subdivision before 1 January 2021:
	(a) section 962U (variation or withdrawal of consent) in that
	Subdivision applies in relation to the consent from when it is
	given; and
	(b) section 962X (obligation to keep records of compliance), as
	inserted by the amending Schedule, applies in relation to
	records relating to the consent.
	(3) Section 1350 does not apply in relation to the operation of
	Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 7.7A, as inserted by the
	amending Schedule, in respect of the ongoing fee arrangement.
1677F	Application—compliance records
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10721	Subdivision D of Division 3 of Part 7.7A, as inserted by the
10721	amending Schedule, applies on and from 1 July 2020 in relation to
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Divisi	on 4—Other ongoing fee arrangements
1672G	Application of this Division
	This Division applies in relation to an ongoing fee arrangement that:
	(a) is in force immediately before 1 July 2020; and(b) is not an ongoing fee arrangement to which Division 3 of the Part applies.
1672H	Application—annual renewal notice requirements etc.
	(1) The amendments of Subdivision B of Division 3 of Part 7.7A may by the amending Schedule apply in relation to the ongoing fee arrangement on and from 1 July 2020.
	 (2) However, for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 (the 12 month transition period) subsection 962K(1) applies in relation t the ongoing fee arrangement as if it were replaced with subsection (3) of this section.
	(3) The current fee recipient in relation to the ongoing fee arrangeme must, before the end of the 12 month transition period, give the client a renewal notice and a fee disclosure statement in relation t the arrangement.
	(4) Section 1350 does not apply in relation to the operation of Subdivision B of Division 3 of Part 7.7A, as amended by the amending Schedule, in respect of the ongoing fee arrangement.
1672J	Transitional—existing obligation to give a fee disclosure
	statement under section 962G
	(1) This section applies if:
	 (a) a disclosure day for the ongoing fee arrangement occurs before 1 July 2020; and
	(b) the period of 60 days beginning on the disclosure day ends
	or after 1 July 2020; and
	(c) before 1 July 2020 the current fee recipient in relation to th
	ongoing fee arrangement has not given a fee disclosure statement in relation to the ongoing fee arrangement in
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 (as in force before 1 July 2020) in relation to the disclosure day. (2) The obligation on the fee recipient to give the fee disclosure statement within the 60 day period beginning on the disclosure day ceases on 1 July 2020. (3) However, to the extent that the fee disclosure statement referred to in subsection (2) would have been required to include information in relation to a period that would not otherwise be required to be included in a fee disclosure statement given under section 1672H, the fee disclosure statement given under that section must include that information.
 statement within the 60 day period beginning on the disclosure day ceases on 1 July 2020. (3) However, to the extent that the fee disclosure statement referred to in subsection (2) would have been required to include information in relation to a period that would not otherwise be required to be included in a fee disclosure statement given under section 1672H, the fee disclosure statement given under that section must include
in subsection (2) would have been required to include information in relation to a period that would not otherwise be required to be included in a fee disclosure statement given under section 1672H, the fee disclosure statement given under that section must include
Transitional—existing obligation to give a renewal notice and fee disclosure statement under section 962K
(1) This section applies if:
(a) a renewal notice day for the ongoing fee arrangement occurs
before 1 July 2020; and
(b) the period of 60 days beginning on the renewal notice day ends on or after 1 July 2020; and
(c) before 1 July 2020 the current fee recipient in relation to the
ongoing fee arrangement has not given a renewal notice and
a fee disclosure statement in relation to the ongoing fee
arrangement in accordance with the obligation arising under section 962K (as in force before 1 July 2020) in relation to
the renewal notice day.
(2) The obligation on the fee recipient to give the renewal notice and
fee disclosure statement within the 60 day period beginning on the
renewal notice day ceases on 1 July 2020.
(3) However, to the extent that the fee disclosure statement referred to
in subsection (2) would have been required to include information
in relation to a period that would not otherwise be required to be
included in a fee disclosure statement given under section 1672H,
the fee disclosure statement given under that section must include that information.

1	1672L Application—consent requirements for deductions of ongoing
2	fees
3	(1) Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 7.7A, as inserted by the
4	amending Schedule, applies in relation to the ongoing fee
5	arrangement on and from 1 July 2021.
6	(2) However, if a person gives a fee recipient in relation to the ongoing
7	fee arrangement consent for the purposes of that Subdivision
8	before 1 July 2021:
9	(a) section 962U (variation or withdrawal of consent) in that
10	Subdivision applies in relation to the consent from when it is
11	given; and
12	(b) section 962X (obligation to keep records of compliance), as
13	inserted by the amending Schedule, applies in relation to
14	records relating to the consent.
15	(3) Section 1350 does not apply in relation to the operation of
16	Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 7.7A, as inserted by the
17	amending Schedule, in respect of the ongoing fee arrangement.
18	1672M Application—compliance records
19	Subdivision D of Division 3 of Part 7.7A, as inserted by the
20	amending Schedule, applies on and from 1 July 2020 in relation to
21	a fee recipient's compliance with Division 3 of Part 7.7A on and
22	from that date in relation to the ongoing fee arrangement.

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22	Section 9 (parag order)	raph (ba) of the definition o	of civil penalt
	After "section 13	17GA", insert "or 1317GB".	
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		tion 962K(4) (fee recipient must gi e disclosure statement);	ve renewal notic
24	Section 9 (parag penalty provis	raph (e) of the definition of s <i>ion</i>)	Part 7.7A civ
	Repeal the paragr	aph, substitute:	
		tion 962R(4) (fee recipient must no ithout consent);	ot deduct ongoing
		tion 962S(4) or (7) (fee recipient m ion of ongoing fees without consen- ions);	
		tion 962U(3) (fee recipient must co on or withdrawal of consent for dec	
25	Section 960 (def	inition of disclosure day)	
	Repeal the definit	tion.	
26	In the appropriat	te position in subsection 13	317E(3)
	Insert:		
subs	section 962K(4)	fee recipient must give client a renewal notice and fee disclosure statement	uncategorised

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27 Subsection 1317E(3) (table item dealing with subsection 962S(1))

Repeal the item, substitute:

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subsection 962R(4)	fee recipient must obtain consent to uncategorised deduct ongoing fees from an account
subsection 962S(4)	fee recipient must obtain consent to uncategorised arrange for deductions of ongoing fees from an account
subsection 962S(7)	fee recipient must not accept uncategorised payment of ongoing fees resulting from a deduction from an account without consent
subsection 962U(3)	fee recipient to confirm receipt of uncategorised variation or withdrawal of consent for deductions of ongoing fees
28 Subparagraph After "section	
After "section	1317QF(2)(a)(ii) 1317GA", insert "or 1317GB". paragraph 1317QF(3)(b)
After "section 29 At the end of Add "or 13170	1317GA", insert "or 1317GB". paragraph 1317QF(3)(b) GB".
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