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# **Complaints and Dispute Resolution Procedure**

All licensed real estate agents are required to have a written in-house complaints and dispute resolution procedure. That procedure is setout below.

You can make a complaint to the Real Estate Agents Authority without first using our in-house procedures and any use of our in-house procedures does not preclude you from making a complaint to the authority if you are not satisfied with our response.

# In-house Complaints and Dispute Resolution Procedure

Our complaints and dispute resolution procedure is designed to provide a simple and personalised process for resolving any complaint you might have about the service you have received from our agency.

### Step 1

Call us and speak to the manager (or Kylie Pridham) – Phone 09 6200 467 or email kylie@blackandwhite.net.nz. Tell us who or what you are complaining about and what your concerns are. Let us know what you would like done about your complaint.

# Step 2

We may ask you to put your complaint in writing so that we can investigate it. We will need a brief period of time to talk to the team member/s involved. We promise to come back to you within 10 working days with a response to your complaint. That response may be in writing. As part of that response we might ask you to meet with the member/s of our team to discuss the complaint and try and agree on a resolution.

#### Step 3

I we are unable to come to an agreed resolution after a meeting, or if you don't wish to meet with us, then we will provide you with a written proposal to resolve your complaint.

#### Step 4

If you do not accept our proposal please try and advise us in writing within 5 working days. You can of course suggest another way of resolving your complaint.

#### Step 5

If we accept your preferred resolution we will attempt to implement that resolution as soon as possible. If we decline your preferred resolution we may invite you to mediate to dispute.

# Step 6

If we agree to mediate the complaint but don't settle the complaint at mediation, or we do not agree to mediate the dispute then that will be the end of our process.

#### Remember

You can make a complaint to the Real Estate Agents Authority at any time. You can access additional information regarding the complaints process at www.reaa.govt.nz

The Real Estate Agents Authority P O Box 25-371 Wellington New Zealand Phone – 0800 367 7322