

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE A SOLICITOR RATHER THAN A CONVEYANCER ?

The simplest answer to the above frequently asked question is that it is safer and you will receive expert advice throughout your conveyancing transaction.

A solicitor is a qualified legal practitioner whose role is to take responsibility, not only for completion of the conveyancing process, but also for providing legal advice and drawing legal documentation. Legal advice is required to prevent problems arising, both pre-purchase and throughout the conveyancing transaction.

Whilst a conveyancer can complete a conveyance, they are not qualified to do the legal work. The Legal Profession Act allows conveyancers to perform conveyancing work which means they can perform the clerical aspects of a conveyancing matter, but are not permitted to provide legal advice, or to perform any legal work associated with conveyancing transactions.

Whilst conveyancers often advertise that they are “legally supervised”, this does not provide you with any direct contact with the solicitor as the conveyancer is the solicitor’s client. You cannot obtain advice from the solicitor on a direct solicitor/client basis.

Further, only a solicitor carries professional indemnity insurance to cover legal advice and legal work associated with your conveyancing. Other forms of professional indemnity insurance covers conveyancers for processing errors only.

At R & G Lawyers, our solicitors are legally qualified and experienced in all areas of property law. We keep you informed regarding your transaction whilst taking control of your conveyance from commencement to completion.

For further information please contact Barry Northfield in Lilydale on 9739 7377 and Frank Lamari in Carlton on 9344 1700.

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