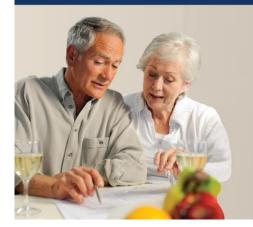
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## **Wills and Powers of Attorneys**

#### Do you have a Will?

#### A Will is one of the most important documents you will ever prepare in your life.

All too often we see the distress and frustration families suffer when somebody dies without a Will, or without a properly drafted Will which fails to give effect to the real intentions of the deceased.

Unfortunately, it is of course too late to remedy this once a family member has died. Often what is left is a myriad of problems for the executor and beneficiaries to deal with, often made worse by costly delays that could easily have been prevented.

When making a Will, the advice of an experienced solicitor often makes all the difference. Our experienced solicitors are ably to assist you in recognising and taking advantage of opportunities that will benefit your family in the future.

#### What about a Power of Attorney?

### There are a wide range of advantages to making a Power of Attorney, no matter what your age or circumstances.

Making a Power of Attorney in favour of a trustworthy person to take care of your financial affairs if you are not able to do so is always advisable.

You can make the authority given to your Attorney as wide or as restrictive as you like. We can advise you on the likely consequences of the operation of your Power of Attorney, and the way in which it will assist you.

It is crucial to make a Power of Attorney while you have the mental capacity to do so. It is of course too later to make a Power of Attorney if you lost mental capacity through an accident, illness etc. In these circumstances it would be necessary for a relative or friend to apply to the Guardianship Tribunal which will then appoint a 'Financial Manager' for you. Unfortunately, you have little control over this process, and it could result in an appointment which you certainly did not intend.



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(The above prices are subject to increase if your instructions require a more complex Will or Power of Attorney).

#### Who should I contact for more information?

Please feel free to contact either <u>Lisa Delalis</u> or <u>John Bateman</u> at Bateman Battersby on (02) 4731 5899 or email to <u>willsestates@batemanbattersby.com.au</u> to enquire about making a Will or Power of Attorney.

