

Insurance philosophy considerations

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Helpful tips to build your insurance philosophy

Product considerations

Structure and sum insured



Life Cover

- Financial planning benefit availability and amount.
- Health and wellbeing value.
- Terminal Illness time period.

- Who is the beneficiary?
- What is the tax impact on receipt?
- How is the premium being funded?
- What amount of future income is required?
- Does all debt need to be repaid?



TPD Cover

- Waiting period to access claim.
- Additional TPD tiers beyond occupation.
- Partial TPD benefits.
- Retraining and reskilling requirements.

- Work history and current role (any vs own).
- Taxation impact of ownership upon payment.
- Is there inclusion of elements such as private school fees or replacement income not tied to compensation or loss?



Trauma Cover

- Basic vs Plus (partials).
- Ability for multiple claims (reinstatements and conditions).
- Definitions on diagnosis vs impairment.
- Client specific alignment (i.e. gender specific benefits).

- Average cost of treatment.
- Consider impact on family.
- Debt repayment timeframe.
- Recovery time.
- Potential holiday.
- Rider or stand alone.



Income Protection Cover

- Future insurability to keep up with income.
- Waiting period requirements for total disability and the impact on accessing claim.
- Ongoing income and offsets.
- Accident benefit aligned to need for immediate payment.

- What buffer exists for short term disability (waiting period)?
- What capacity through self insurance or other products is adequate for long term disability? (benefit period)?
- Consider SIS conditions of release when using superannuation.