



### **Overview**

- Background
- Top 10 mistakes made by SME
- ► Q&A





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### Clients

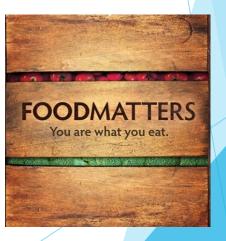
















# 1. Business planning

- Formal business plan
- Marketing strategy
- Cashflow projections





## 2. Inappropriate business structure

- Asset protection
- Effective tax planning
- Capital funding for growth
- Seek professional advice



## 3. Intellectual property protection

- Trademarks
- Copyright
- Employees v Contractors
- Asset protection





# 4. Partnership agreement

- Corporate governance
- Process for dealing with disputes
- Buy / sell arrangements
- Valuation





# 5. Employment issues

- Employee or contractor?
- Formal employment contract
- Salary inclusive or exclusive of super
- Restraints of trade
- Workplace health and safety
- Bullying and harassment
- Unfair dismissal





# 6.Commercial contracts

- Failure to read or get advice
- Standard terms of trade
- Supply contracts





### 7.Business premises lease

- Registration if three years or more
- Make good / redecorate obligations
- Defaults and cost recovery



#### **8.** Tax

- GST registration threshold \$75,000
- Income tax bill first year of trade
- ATO and payment arrangement
- Director's personal liability





#### 9. Insurance



- Property damage
- Product liability
- Professional indemnity
- Business interruption
- Coverage and exclusions





### 10. Compliance with the law

- Food safety
- Food labelling
- Advertising and trade practices





### Questions





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