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“Bundled” purchases

Sometimes suppliers bundle together products and services from different sources and try to make purchasers buy them together. For example, a car dealer might say you have to obtain your finance from a particular company. Or you might be offered a discount on the car if you obtain particular insurance as well, or buy a particular brand of tyres. Or it might be a condition of a lease that you use a particular cleaning company.

This is called “third line forcing” and it is illegal unless the supplier has obtained special permission from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

If you are aware of any of these arrangements or if you need further advice, please contact Legal Services on Extn 2495.