

## STATUTORY DECLARATION – Top rope climbing

I, \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

in the State / Territory of \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly and sincerely declare

[read and initial each paragraph]

\_\_\_\_\_ that I am applying for full Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) of my personal Top Rope Climbing Skills in the context of natural cliff environments.

\_\_\_\_\_ that I am able to interpret a climbing guide book and correlate the description in the guide with the features/topography on the cliff (features could include; horizontal breaks, hand cracks, seams, corners, roofs, chimneys, slabs, off-widths, etc..).

\_\_\_\_\_ that I make this application on the basis of my proven capability in climbing routes up to Australian (Ewbank) grade sixteen (16) without falls on a top-rope system.

\_\_\_\_\_ that I have proven ability in applying a range of climbing techniques including; locating no-hands rests, jamming, bridging, chimneying, laybacking, mantleshelfing, underclimbing, using side pulls and generally maintaining balance and control during movement.

\_\_\_\_\_ that I am knowledgeable in, and can interpret climbing safety calls in common use in Australia (eg on-belay, off-belay, watch me, is that you?, that's me, take-in, slack, safe, etc...).

\_\_\_\_\_ that I am competent in establishing a solid and reliable anchor system accurately over the intended route. I am able to install anchors and rig a belay at the top of routes so that the force of a fall is transmitted directly to the anchors and not through my body/harness.

\_\_\_\_\_ that I have proven capability in safeguarding a climber from falls without warning using a single-rope belay system.

\_\_\_\_\_ that I am competent in belaying a climber from the top of a route in situations where the height of the cliff exceeds half the length of the available climbing rope.

\_\_\_\_\_ that I am capable of escaping from a belay system under load and without the aid of others in order to provide assistance to an injured climber. I am able to escape from a belay system positioned either at the top of a route or from the bottom of a route.

\_\_\_\_\_ that I have proven capability in applying complex judgement required to conduct/supervise top rope climbing activities involving students/clients to the standard required by industry.

\_\_\_\_\_ that it is my responsibility to remain up-to-date with current best practice in the conduct and supervision of top rope climbing activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ that I have an obligation to ensure the health and safety of my students/clients and that if I fail to fulfil that obligation, my students/clients could be placed in considerable danger. I have proven capability in conducting a risk assessment which identifies the hazards and associated risks for the intended activity. I am able to implement control measures to reduce/mitigate those risks identified in my risk assessments.

\_\_\_\_\_ that I will provide my students/clients with adequate and sufficient equipment that meets UIAA/CEN/AS standards (or equivalent) whenever conducting and/or supervising abseiling/climbing activities in my professional capacity whether paid or unpaid.

\_\_\_\_\_ that my professional (whether paid or unpaid) climbing activities will be measured against standards established by the outdoor recreation industry and PACI.

\_\_\_\_\_ that my professional activities will be monitored and any verified deviations from established industry and/or PACI standards may result in the cancellation of my lead climbing instructional qualification.

\_\_\_\_\_ I further acknowledge that this document may be relied upon in any proceedings instituted in any Court by me or my heirs, executors and assigns or any other natural person.

**I acknowledge that this declaration is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.**

Signature of person making declaration	
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Declared at \_\_\_\_\_ in the State/Territory of \_\_\_\_\_

on the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Before me,

Signature	
Print Name	
Address	
Status†	

† Justice of the Peace or person authorised under Section 107A (1) of the evidence Act 1958 to witness the signing of a Statutory Declaration

\*Strike out paragraphs that do not apply