Managed IT for Property, Strata and Construction

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What makes this sector different

- **Document volume is the workload.** Plans, drawings, contracts, compliance certificates, meeting minutes and correspondence — the estate is dominated by file access and storage growth rather than transaction processing. - **File sizes are large.** Drawings and models are not spreadsheets. Bandwidth that is adequate for email is inadequate for the actual work. - **Deadlines are contractual.** Settlement dates, tender submissions and statutory strata meeting timeframes do not move because a system is slow. - **Staff are split between office and site.** Field access to current documents is a practical requirement, not a convenience. - **Strata carries statutory obligations.** Record-keeping, meeting documentation and owner communications are governed by legislation and audited by owners' committees.

Evidence: Archers

Bandwidth uplift from 20/20Mbps to 400/400Mbps, delivered under a fixed-price IT-as-a-Service model.

A twentyfold increase in symmetric bandwidth is the kind of number that reads as a technical statistic and functions as an operational transformation. At 20/20Mbps, a document-heavy business spends measurable staff time waiting on file access — and the cost of that is invisible because it never appears on an invoice.

The commercial structure is as relevant as the bandwidth: **fixed-price IT-as-a-Service** converted an unpredictable expense into a budgetable one, which for a business managing to project margins is often the deciding factor.

What this sector typically buys

- **Connectivity** — usually the first and most impactful change, and usually badly under-specified in the existing estate - **emPOWER Cloud** — hosting document management and practice systems on infrastructure that scales with the archive rather than requiring periodic capital refresh - **Managed services under a fixed-price model** — predictable cost, and a support path for staff who are not technical - **Data protection** — document archives are the business asset, and their loss is unrecoverable in a way that most business data is not - **Unified communications** — office-to-site and client-facing, with call handling that matches statutory communication obligations

The commercial shape that suits this sector

An opex, consumption-based model with a **36-month default minimum service period** works well where revenue is project-based and capital is deployed into developments or acquisitions rather than IT refresh cycles. Removing IT capital investment is the specific mechanism, and it is why IT-as-a-Service positioning resonates here more strongly than in sectors with steadier capital planning.

Where to start

A bandwidth and document-access assessment. In this sector it is common to find that the network was specified for a headcount and file-size profile the business passed several years ago, and that the productivity cost has simply been absorbed.

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