Owning the work AI helped you do

Whoever hands it in owns it. Six checks to run before you submit.

AI made output cheap. Judgement is still scarce.

A model can draft a report, a deck and a reply to every email in minutes. Reading time has not moved. Every extra page you pass on is a cost to the next person.

19%

longer to finish tasks with AI

Experienced developers, 246 tasks on their own projects, randomised trial by METR (2025).

20%

saving they believed they had gained

The same developers, asked after the trial. Feeling fast and being fast are different things.

Nobody got far blaming the software

1 **Mata v. Avianca, 2023**
Lawyers filed chatbot-invented citations and were sanctioned.

2 **Moffatt v. Air Canada, 2024**
The tribunal held the airline responsible for its chatbot.

3 **Deloitte Australia, 2025**
14 of 141 citations removed. Part of the fee refunded.

Accountability changes shape, not size

1 **Analyst**
Every fact and figure. If you cannot explain a line, cut it.

2 **Manager**
The review. Signing off a skim is a decision.

3 **Leader**
The standard. Optional checks get skipped.

4 **Board**
Which assurances rest on checked work.

Know what and why before you prompt

1 **What decision will this support?**
If you cannot say, you are not ready to ask.

2 **Who reads it?**
And what do they already know?

3 **What would make it wrong?**
In a way that matters.

Six checks

1 State the purpose in one sentence

2 Read all of it

3 Trace every number to the source

4 Test it on someone not in the room

5 Cut it to what the reader needs

6 Put your name to it knowingly

Small, visible and led from the top

1 **Put the checklist in the template**
Six lines at the bottom of the report.

2 **Attach one sentence**
I checked the figures and read the whole document.

3 **Leaders ask how do you know**
And model the answer themselves.

Pick one thing you sent this week with AI help. Run the six checks on it.



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