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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY

ON APPEAL FROM THE FULL COURT OF THE FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Proceeding S155/2023

BETWEEN: Toyota Motor Corporation Australia Limited (ACN 009 686 097)
Appellant
-andKenneth John Williams
First Respondent
Direct Claim Services Qld Pty Ltd (ACN 167 519 968)
Second Respondent

AND

Proceeding S157/2023 BETWEEN:

Kenneth John Williams First Appellant Direct Claim Services Qld Pty Ltd (ACN 167 519 968) Second Appellant -and-Toyota Motor Corporation Australia Limited (ACN 009 686 097) Respondent

TOYOTA'S CHRONOLOGY

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Part I: Certification

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Part II: Chronology

List of principal events leading to the litigation, with appropriate references to the appeal book in respect of findings of fact and evidence relating to those events.

	Date	Event	Reference		
	2015				
1.	1-Oct-15	Relevant Period commenced.	Initial Trial reasons		
			for judgment (J) [6]		
			(Joint Core Appeal		
			Book (JCAB) 16)		
2.	Throughout	264,170 Toyota cars in the Prado,	J [6], [15] (JCAB		
	the relevant	Fortuner and Hilux ranges and fitted with	16, 18); Agreed		
	period	a "1GD FTV" or "2GD-FTV" diesel	Facts (AF) [33]		
		combustion engine were supplied to	(Williams Book of		
		consumers in Australia (Relevant	Further Materials		
		Vehicles).	(WBFM) 105)		
		Each Relevant Vehicle was supplied with	J [6], [15], [44],		
		a diesel exhaust after-treatment system	[196] (JCAB 16,		
		(DPF System) that was not designed to	18, 20, 28, 66); AF		
		function effectively during all reasonably	[67], [69] (WBFM		
		expected conditions of normal operation	113); First Referee		
		and use in the Australian market, in	Report (Pt C tab		
		particular, regular continuous driving at	12.259) (1RR) [8],		
		approximately 100km per hour (the High	[38(a)] (WBFM 9,		
		Speed Driving Pattern) (as defined in J	16)		
		[15(7)] (JCAB 20)) (Core Defect).			
		The Core Defect was inherent in the	AF [69], [70]		
		design of the DPF system. The Core	(WBFM 113); 1RR		
		Defect was latent in vehicles which did	[9]-[10] (WBFM 9,		
		not experience symptoms and	10)		

consequences of the Core Defect, due to	
their usage patterns, but was nevertheless	
present in those vehicles. The Defect	
Consequences of the Core Defect were	
likely to manifest in relatively common	
driving conditions for many buyers,	
If a Relevant Vehicle was exposed to the	J [15], [59], [63]
High Speed Driving Pattern and/or	(JCAB 18, 20, 32,
subject to the Earlier Countermeasures (as	34); Full Court
defined in Schedule 1 to the Orders of Lee	reasons for
J dated 16 May 2022 (JCAB 168)), the	judgment (FC)
vehicle had a propensity to malfunction	[15], [55], [58]
in the manner described in J [15(8)]	(JCAB 266, 275,
(JCAB 20). The consequences of the	276); AF 275, 276);
Core Defect, when experienced, included	AF (WBFM 113
excessive white smoke and foul-smelling	114); 1RR [8], [9],
exhaust being emitted from the vehicle's	[11], [38(a)], [39],
exhaust during regeneration, components	[43] (WBFM 9, 10,
becoming blocked or damaged, warning	16, 17)
lights illuminating on the dashboard, the	
need to have the vehicle inspected,	
serviced and/or repaired more than would	
otherwise be necessary and an increase in	
fuel consumption.	
There was no suggestion that the safety	FC [308] (JCAB
of those in any of the relevant vehicles	326)
when the excessive smoke was produced	
was threatened or that the Core Defect	
might adversely affect the safe road	
handling capacity of those vehicles. They	
were not made unroadworthy by the	
Defect Consequences. In all other	
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respects the features of the vehicle were	
respects, the features of the vehicle were	
not compromised.	
The <i>"likelihood or probability that any</i>	J [64], [391] (JCAB
given Relevant Vehicle would suffer from	34, 120); 1RR [43]
one or more Defect Consequences was	(WBFM 17)
relatively high". Indeed, the	
manifestation of one or more Defect	
Consequences "was a certainty	
occasioned by the normal use of highway	
driving".	
There was no effective remedy available	J [44]-[47] (JCAB
for the Core Defect throughout the	28-29); 1RR [11]
Relevant Period. While TMCA	(WBFM 10)
attempted a number of countermeasures	
to remedy the Core Defect, none was	
effective and "in some cases caused the	
DPF System to malfunction in Relevant	
Vehicles which had not previously	
suffered from any defect consequences".	
Under certain conditions, deposits and/or	J [232] (JCAB 77);
coking of the DOC prevented the DPF	FC [13]-[14] (JCAB
System from effective automatic or	266); 1RR [21],
manual regeneration. When regeneration	[39] (WBFM 12,
does not occur, the DPF becomes	16)
partially or completely blocked.	
TMCA made (and did not correct or	J [191], [215(2)],
qualify) the Admitted DPF System	[217], [232] (JCAB
Representations and the Admitted Future	65, 73, 74, 77); AF
DPF System Representations, which were	[191]-[196]
false and misleading.	(WBFM 138)
TMCA made (and did not correct or	J [191], [215(1)],
qualify) the Admitted Vehicle	[217] (JCAB 65,

		Representations and the Admitted Future	72, 74); AF [187]-
		Vehicle Representations, which were	[190], [195]-[196]
		false and misleading.	(WBFM 137, 138)
		TMCA engaged in the admitted	J [244]-[250], [538]
		misleading conduct, by failing to	(JCAB 80- 81,156)
		disclose, or adequately disclose: (a) the	
		existence, nature and extent of the Core	
		Defect in the Relevant Vehicles; (b) the	
		Defect Consequences; (c) that the Core	
		Defect had not been remedied; and (d)	
		that from February 2016, TMCA knew of	
		the Core Defect and its consequences.	
		This conduct was misleading or	
		deceptive, or likely to mislead or deceive.	
		The consumer market was not apprised of	J [87], [90], [92],
		the Core Defect and the Defect	[114], [117] (JCAB
		Consequences; instead, ignorance of the	40, 41, 42, 47, 48);
		Core Defect and Defect Consequences	FC [265], [272]
		was profound and widespread.	(JCAB 318, 319)
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3.	From Feb-16	TMCA was aware that some Relevant	J [16] (JCAB 21);
		Vehicles were being presented to Dealers	AF [125] (WBFM
		by customers who reported concerns	126)
		about the emission of excessive white	
		smoke during regeneration and the	
		illumination of DPF Notifications (as	
		defined in Schedule 1 to the Orders of	
		Lee J dated 16 May 2022 (JCAB 167)).	
4.	24-Mar-16	TMCA issued the First Field Technical	AF [125]-[131]
		Report (FTR) to Toyota Motor	(WBFM 126- 127);
		Corporation (TMC) in Japan concerning	Affidavit of Martin
		TMCA's inspection of a Relevant	John Nelson
		Vehicle which had suffered repeated DPF	affirmed on 5
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		issues, together with the DPF recovered	October 2021 (Pt C
		from that vehicle.	tab 13) (Nelson
			Affidavit), [80]
			(JCAB 403)
5.	8-Apr-16	The second respondent acquired the	J [7], [128]- [129],
		Relevant Prado for \$60,315. This was	[512] (JCAB 17,
		arranged by Mr Williams, the second	50- 51, 149); AF
		respondent's sole director. There was no	[77]-[80], [90]
		disclosure of the Core Defect or Defect	(WBFM 115, 117);
		Consequences to Mr Williams (and hence	Affidavit of
		to the second respondent) before the	Kenneth John
		Relevant Prado was acquired.	Williams sworn on
			11 December 2020
			(Pt C tab 17)
			(Williams
			Affidavit), [96]
			(JCAB 404)
6.	26-Apr-16	TMCA issued a Global Registration	J [21(2)] (JCAB
		Notice (First GRN) to TMC relating to	22); AF [132]
		the Relevant Vehicles experiencing the	(WBFM 127); Pt C
		DPF issues, reflecting TMCA's view	tab 42, T84.15-25
		that the DPF issues were a serious	(JCAB 406); Pt C
		matter deserving of the urgent attention	tab 13.1.14 (JCAB
		of TMC.	403)
		The First GRN states that:	
		"- Failure strongly affects	
		reputation of new engine	
		technology in the market.	
		- There is no current repair	
		method.	
		- A quick Production	
		[countermeasure] & supply of	

		service parts is required."	
7.	22-Jun-16	A technical committee comprising	Pt C tab 12.23
		attendees from TMCA, TMC and Toyota	(JCAB 401)
		Industries Corporation (TICO) identified	
		the High Speed Driving Pattern as a root	
		cause of the DPF Issues.	
8.	28-Jun-16	TMCA issued a Global Registration	Pt C tab 12.24
		Request to TMC relating to the Relevant	(JCAB 401)
		Vehicles experiencing the DPF issues,	
		which states that: "The subject condition	
		is currently tarnishing the New Hilux	
		brand and reputation Please urgently	
		investigate the reported condition and	
		implement an effective countermeasure to	
		eliminate this condition".	
9.	31-Aug-16	TMCA issued a second GRN (Second	J [86] (JCAB 40);
		GRN) to TMC regarding the DPF	AF [134] (WBFM
		issues.	128); Pt C tab
		The Second GRN states that: "Failure	13.1.15 (JCAB
		cases is [sic] increasing and	403)
		countermeasure is urgently necessary.	
		There are several customers getting	
		stopped by the police, and also other	
		road users".	
10.	5-Sep-16	TMCA received a Technical Information	J [16] (JCAB 21);
		bulletin from TMC, which confirmed that	AF [135] (WBFM
		"the root cause of clogging is due to auto	128); Pt C tab
		regeneration being too difficult to	13.1.16 (JCAB
		complete when driving in 5th gear, at	403)
		100km/h" and that a countermeasure was	
		awaiting implementation (First	
		Countermeasure) (as defined in AF	
		[135(b)] (WBFM 128)).	

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CAB 21,
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		Prado with Oldmac Toyota when he	54);Williams
		dropped the vehicle off for servicing. At	Affidavit [114],
		around this time, the Relevant Prado was	[131]-[135]
		emitting excessive, foul smelling white	(JCAB 404)
		smoke almost daily.	
16. 2	21-Apr-17	By way of a "Field Action Proposal",	J [64] (JCAB 34);
		TMCA sought permission from TMC to	AF [140] (WBFM
		implement a "Customer Service	129); Nelson
		Campaign" (CSC) to address the DPF	Affidavit [91]-[95]
		issues experienced by Relevant	(JCAB 403); Pt C
		Vehicles. The purpose of the Field	tab 13.1.20 (JCAB
		Action Proposal was "to demonstrate to	404); Pt C tab 42,
		TMC the level of importance, severity	T89.30- 91.13
		and potential impact upon guests" of	(JCAB 406)
		the DPF issues being experienced by the	
		Relevant Vehicles.	
		The Field Action Proposal forecast that	
		50% of Relevant Vehicles would be the	
		subject of a DPF-related complaint within	
		5 years of service and 94% within 10	
		years.	
17. 2	24-Apr-17	TMC approved the implementation of the	AF [140] (WBFM
	1	First Countermeasure as a CSC in the	129)
		Australian market.	12))
18. J [.]	Jun-17	Relevant Vehicles started to present to	AF [143] (WBFM
10. 5	uii-1 /	Dealers exhibiting DPF Issues after	130)
		C C	150)
10 1	10 June 17	having received the First Field Fix.	L[140] (ICAD 54)
19. 1	19-Jun-17	The First Countermeasure was applied to	J [149] (JCAB 54);
		the Relevant Prado, but was ineffective	Williams Affidavit
		and the Relevant Prado continued to emit	[114], [136]-[139]
20. 1	10-Jul-17	white smoke approximately every day. The DPF was replaced in the Relevant	(JCAB 404) J [138], [149]

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		Prado at an unscheduled service after Mr	(JCAB 52, 54); AF
		Williams complained to Oldmac Toyota.	[89] (WBFM 116);
		The tax invoice for this service states:	Williams Affidavit
		<i>"VEHICLE STILL BLOWING</i>	[115], [139]-[144]
		EXCESSIVE WHITE SMOKE	(JCAB 404)
		CONCERN DIAGNOSED AS A FAULTY	
		DPF ASSEMBLY". Replacing the DPF	
		did not resolve the issue.	
21.	15-Sep-17	TMCA issued a Global Registration	AF [144] (WBFM
		Request (GRR) to TMC outlining its	130); Pt C tab 12.38
		concerns that Relevant Vehicles were	(JCAB 401); Pt C
		presenting with DPF Issues after having	tab 13.1.21 (JCAB
		received the First Countermeasure,	404)
		including Relevant Vehicles which had	
		had no previous DPF concerns. TMCA	
		requested that TMC urgently investigate	
		and implement an effective	
		countermeasure to eliminate the DPF	
		issues.	
22.	26-Oct-17	TMCA issued a third GRN (Third	AF [145] (WBFM
		GRN) to TMC regarding the DPF	130); Nelson
		issues.	Affidavit [99]
		The reason for the Third GRN was that:	(JCAB 403); Pt C
		"Vehicles without any prior DPF issue	tab 12.44 (JCAB
		have started to experience this problem	401)
		have started to experience this problem soon after the ECU reprogram (part of	401)
			401)
		soon after the ECU reprogram (part of	401)
		soon after the ECU reprogram (part of CSE campaign) was installed. As the	401)
		soon after the ECU reprogram (part of CSE campaign) was installed. As the number of occurrences is increasing and	401)
23.	16-Nov-17	soon after the ECU reprogram (part of CSE campaign) was installed. As the number of occurrences is increasing and a large number of vehicles is [affected],	401) J [149] (JCAB 54);
23.	16-Nov-17	soon after the ECU reprogram (part of CSE campaign) was installed. As the number of occurrences is increasing and a large number of vehicles is [affected], an urgent root cause is necessary."	

			(JCAB 404)
		2018	
24.	14-Mar-18	The Relevant Prado was serviced to seek	J [149] (JCAB 54);
		to address continuing DPF issues. The	Williams Affidavit
		tax invoice for the service states:	[150]- [151] (JCAB
		"INSPECT DPF OPERATION VEHICLE	404)
		IS STARTING TO BLOW EXCESSIVE	
		SMOKE AGAIN AND USING ALOT OF	
		FUEL".	
25.	Around 19-	Mr Williams and his family experienced	J [139] (JCAB 52);
	Apr-18	a particularly bad instance of the	Williams Affidavit
		Relevant Prado emitting white smoke. On	[153]- [156] (JCAB
		this occasion, a substantial amount of	404)
		white smoke started to blow from the	
		exhaust causing the smoke and its	
		chemical smell to surround the family.	
		Mr Williams felt sick from the amount of	
		smoke and its chemical smell, and	
		recalls, "we were all coughing from the	
		smoke and from their facial	
		expressions, it looked as though the	
		smoke was also making my wife and	
		children feel sick".	
26.	19-Apr-18	Mr Williams sent complaints to Oldmac	J [140]-[141]
		Toyota and TMCA about the DPF Issues	(JCAB 52-53);
		affecting the Relevant Prado.	Williams Affidavit
			[157]- [159] (JCAB
			404); Pt C tab
			17.1.23 (JCAB
			404); Pt C tab
			17.1.24 (JCAB
			404)
27.	27-Apr-18	The Relevant Prado was serviced to	Williams

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		seek to address continuing DPF Issues.	Affidavit [114],
		The tax invoice for this service states:	[161]-[167],
		"COMPLETE FORCED BURN	[232] (JCAB
		WITH CLEANER AND CHECK 5 TH	404); J [149]
		INJECTOR" and "BLOCKED DPF	(JCAB 54)
		REMOVED AND CLEANED 5 TH	
		INJECTORCARRIEDE [sic] OUT A	
		FORCED BURN & USED ADDITIVE.	
		WILL REQUIRE REPLACEMENT DPF	
		TO BE ORDERED VIA ROBO. CALL	
		GUEST WHEN PARTS ARRIVE TO	
		HAVE FITTED". The Relevant Prado	
		continued to experience the same issues	
		following the 27 April 2018 service as it	
		had been leading up to the service.	
28.	Jun-18	By June 2018, TMCA had received at	AF [149] (WBFM
		least 3,411 Dealer Product Reports	131)
		(DPRs) and 90,926 warranty claims from	
		Dealers in relation to Relevant Vehicles	
		presenting with DPF Issues.	
29.	By no later	TMC developed the Second	AF [148] (WBFM
	than 1-Jun-18	Countermeasure (as defined in AF	131)
		[148] (WBFM 131)).	
		The Second Countermeasure was	J [16], [46] (JCAB
		ineffective and, in some cases, caused the	21, 28)
		DPF System to malfunction in Relevant	
		Vehicles which had not previously	
		1 2	
		suffered any Defect Consequences.	
30.	11-Jun-18		Williams
30.	11-Jun-18	suffered any Defect Consequences.	Williams Affidavit [115],
30.	11-Jun-18	suffered any Defect Consequences. The DPF in the Relevant Prado was	

		"ENGINE BLOWING EXCESSIVE	404); J [149]
		AMOUNTS OF SMOKE AT IDLE	(JCAB 54); AF
		CONCERN DUE TO BLOCKED DPF	[89] (WBF 116)
		ASSEMBLY REMOVED AND	
		REPLACED DPF".	
		Within approximately 2 or 3 months of	
		this unscheduled service, the Relevant	
		Prado again began to suffer the Defect	
		Consequences.	
31.	21-Jun-18	TMCA directed Dealers to offer	AF [151], [153]
		customers with Pre- MY2018 Relevant	(WBFM 131, 132);
		Vehicles that presented with DPF issues	Pt C tab 12.112
		the 2018 Software Change which	(JCAB 402); J [16],
		comprised part of the Second	[44], [109(3)]
		Countermeasure and, if the vehicle	(JCAB 21, 28, 46)
		failed two tests, a replacement DPF	
		Assembly (Second Field Fix).	
		The Second Field Fix was ineffective.	
32.	12-Jul-18	News.com.au published a news article	Pt C tab 12.91
		titled 'Secret documents reveal true	(JCAB 401); AF
		extent of mechanical faults with some of	[123] (WBFM
		Australia's top selling Utes' which stated:	123); J [91(4)]
		"In a statement to News Corp, Toyota	(JCAB 41)
		Australia apologised for the	
		inconvenience to affected customers and	
		confirmed the above technical issues are	
		being addressed."	
33.	20 and 24 Jul-	TMCA advised Dealers that until further	AF [154] (WBFM
	18	notice Relevant Vehicles presenting with	132); Pt C tab
		DPF issues out of warranty will be	13.1.25 (JCAB
		considered for out of warranty support	404); Pt B tab 12,
		regardless of the age of the Relevant	item 94 (JCAB

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		Vehicle or the amount of kilometres it	392)
		had travelled.	
34.	30-Jul-18	Caradvice.com.au published a news	Pt C tab 12.97
		article titled 'Toyota Hilux, Landcruiser	(JCAB 402); AF
		Prado gain diesel particulate filer	[123] (WBFM
		regeneration switch – Update'.	123); J [91(4)]
			(JCAB 41)
35.	By Sep-18	By September 2018, TMCA had received	AF [149], [155]
		at least 4,000 DPRs and more than	(WBFM 131, 132);
		100,000 warranty claims from Dealers in	J [91(1)] (JCAB 41)
		relation to Relevant Vehicles presenting	
		with DPF Issues.	
36.	Oct-18	TMCA commenced implementing the	AF [156], [158]-
		Second Field Fix as a second CSC (CSC	[159], [161], [163]
		2). After the release of CSC 2, Relevant	(WBFM 132, 133);
		Vehicles continued to present to Dealers	Pt B tab 12, items
		with DPF Issues.	106, 109 (JCAB
			392); Pt C tab
			12.114, 12.122
			(JCAB 402)
37.	15-Nov-18	Mr Williams lodged another complaint	J [143] (JCAB 53);
		with TMCA, which stated: "Please call	Williams Affidavit
		me, I have ongoing problems with my	[173] (JCAB 404);
		2016 Prado, blowing smoke, this will be	Pt C tab 17.1.25
		9 times, three DPF have been changed.	(JCAB 404)
		This Vehicle is affected [sic] my family	
		health, it smells of Diesel, smoke comes	
		in the cabin when it does a burn while	
		sitting in traffic, it is dangerous."	
38.	17-Nov-18	Mr Williams lodged a complaint with	J [144] (JCAB 53);
		Toyota Australia Finance Limited	Williams Affidavit
		concerning the DPF problems with the	[174] (JCAB 404);
		Relevant Prado.	Pt C tab 17.1.26

			(JCAB 404)
39.	13-Dec-18	The Second Field Fix was implemented	Williams
		on the Relevant Prado at an unscheduled	Affidavit [115],
		service after Mr Williams again	[179]-[181]
		complained to Oldmac Toyota. The tax	(JCAB 404); J
		invoice for this service states: "Carry out	[149] (JCAB 54)
		DPF field fix – vehicle blowing smoke".	
40.	21-Dec-18	Drive.com.au published a news article	J [91(5)] (JCAB
		titled 'Class action against Toyota over	42); AF [123]
		DPF issues being considered' which	(WBFM 123); Pt C
		stated: "In a statement, Toyota Australia	tab 12.134 (JCAB
		said it "launched the latest in a series of	402)
		initiatives, a customer service campaign,	
		to resolve the potential DPF Issue" in	
		October."	
		The Courier Mail published a news	Pt C tab 12.132
		article titled 'Oh what a failing, Toyota'	(JCAB 402); AF
		relating to the DPF issues which states:	[123] (WBFM
		"Toyota has written to customers offering	123); J [91(5)
		to clean the filters and replace any that	(JCAB 42)
		may be damaged. It is also retrofitting a	
		switch to perform a manual burn-off in	
		the filter."	
41.	4-Jan-19	Drive.com.au published a news article	Pt C tab 12.141, p
		titled 'Toyota Hilux DPF drama update'	2 (JCAB 402); AF
		which stated (emphasis added): "When	[123] (WBFM
		asked what advice he would give to	123); J [91(5)]
		owners of affected vehicles Mr Hanley	(JCAB 42)
		[Vice President, National Sales and	
		Marketing Operations, TMCA] said: "I	
		would say to people having a problem	
		with DPF we have a very clear and	
		precise fix in place, and they know that	

		they can come in and get those vehicles	
		repaired". He added that all affected	
		customers had been "contacted	
		directly"."	
42.	7-Jan-19	Mr Hanley (Vice President, National	Pt C tab 12.142
		Sales and Marketing Operations, TMCA)	(JCAB 402)
		stated in an internal email (emphasis	
		added): "Class action potential – DPF –	
		Based on long term condition – No clear	
		<i>fix</i> ".	
43.	24-Jan-19	TMCA issued a fourth GRN (Fourth	AF [164] (WBFM
		GRN) to TMC regarding the DPF issues.	133); Pt C tab
		The Fourth GRN states: "Vehicles which	13.1.33 (JCAB
		have received the latest CSC (ECU	404)
		reprogram) continue to fail post repair.	
		As the number of occurrences is	
		increasing and a large number of vehicles	
		are effected an urgent Field Fix and root	
		cause investigation is necessary."	
44.	30-Jan-19	Drive.com.au published a news	Pt C tab 12.148
		article titled 'Toyota Hilux and	(JCAB 402); AF
		Fortuner Diesel Particulate Filter	[123] (WBFM
		(DPF) fix begins' which states:	123); J [91(5)]
		"Toyota Australia will provide a	(JCAB 42)
		fix free of charge to customers,	
		which will take between 1 to 2.5	
		hours to complete and will	
		include an ECM update, the	
		introduction of a 'DPF custom	
		mode' and a manual inspection	
		of the DPF for built up residual	
		particulate matter	
		Toyota Australia said that it has	

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		actively worked to mitigate any	
		ongoing issues with the release	
		of this customer service	
		notification."	
45.	25-Mar-19	TMCA issued a fifth GRN (Fifth GRN)	AF [165] (WBFM
		to TMC regarding the DPF issues.	134); Pt C tab 42,
		The Fifth GRN states: "As the number	T84.15-25 (JCAB
		of occurrences is increasing and a large	406)
		number of vehicles are effected [sic] an	
		urgent Field Fix and root cause	
		investigation is necessary."	
46.	12-Apr-19	A DPF Switch was installed in the	Williams
		Relevant Prado during an unscheduled	Affidavit [115],
		service, after Mr Williams took the	[182]-[189]
		vehicle to Oldmac Toyota in response to a	(JCAB 404); J
		letter he received from TMCA referring	[149] (JCAB 54)
		to a customer service exercise being	
		undertaken by Toyota.	
47.	7-Jun-19	Carsguide.com.au published a news	Pt C tab 12.168, pp
		article titled 'Toyota Australia says DPF	1-2 (JCAB 402);
		issues fixed' which stated:	AF [123] (WBFM
		"Toyota's [DPF] issues are over	123); J [91(5)]
		according to the company	(JCAB 42)
		[A]ccording to Toyota Australia	
		head of marketing and sales,	
		Sean Hanley – the DPF issue is	
		behind the brand. "Through all	
		our learnings of previous-	
		generation diesel technology, we	
		believe that with the new vehicles	
		and the manual burn-off switch,	
		the communication with our	
		customers – what DPF	
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		represents, how it works, what to	
		look for, the support that we	
		provide – we believe it is fixed",	
		he said."	
48.	11-Jun-19	An internal TMCA email from Jason	Pt C tab 12.170
		Gillard (Senior Technical Operations	(JCAB 402)
		Manager, TMCA) expressed frustration	
		on behalf of his team with the statement	
		<i>"the DPF issue is behind the brand"</i>	
		attributed to Mr Hanley in the 7 June	
		2019 Carsguide.com.au article, stating:	
		<i>"It would indicate in our mind from this"</i>	
		and previous comments that management	
		are sheltered from this ongoing issue."	
49.	Jun-19	TMCA commenced offering refunds or	J [21(3)], [185]
		replacement vehicles to hundreds of	(JCAB 22, 64);
		customers under the "DPF Consumer	Nelson Affidavit
		Redress Program" in recognition of a	[153]-[158]
		<i>"major failure"</i> of the subject vehicles to	(JCAB 403); Pt C
		comply with statutory guarantees.	tab 42, T103.39
			40 (JCAB 406)
50.	1-Aug-19	Proceedings commenced.	Originating
			application dated 1
			August 2019 (Pt C
			tab 50 (JCAB 407))
51.	Sep-19	Mr Williams "became so frustrated with	William
		the Prado that" he ceased using the	Affidavit [110],
		vehicle for work purposes.	[190] (JCAB
			404)
52.	5-Sep-19	TMCA launched a webpage which was	J [91(6)], [113]
		dedicated to the DPF System and this	(JCAB 42, 47)
		litigation (DPF Webpage). Between	
		September 2019 and April 2020, the DPF	

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		Webpage was viewed between 2,713 to	
		4,544 times per month. The DPF	
		Webpage did not disclose any defect in	
		the Relevant Vehicles nor any of the	
		consequences of the Core Defect.	
53.	20-Nov-19	The DPF Switch in the Relevant Prado,	Williams
		which was faulty, was repaired during a	Affidavit [114],
		service by Oldmac Toyota.	[191]-[194]
			(JCAB 404)
54.	17-Dec-19	Drive.com.au published a news article	Pt C tab 12.230
		titled "Toyota HiLux DPF fault fixed,	(JCAB 403); J
		company claims, as it urges more	[47], [246], [250]
		customers to come forward" in which it	(JCAB 29, 80, 81);
		was stated that TMCA insists it has	1RR [11] (WBFM
		solved the DPF issues and in which Mr	10)
		Hanley is quoted as saying "We have a	
		customer service action in play, and	
		anybody that's got any concerns with	
		Hilux in relation to DPF – or any Toyota	
		(with a DPF complaint) – should contact	
		their Toyota dealerWe believe we can	
		address the issues at hand and we urge	
		(customers) to contact their Toyota	
		dealer".	
		2020	
55.	20-Mar-20	Oldmac Toyota carried out a superburn	Williams
		and additional injector cleaning on the	Affidavit [115],
		Relevant Prado during an unscheduled	[204]-[211]
		service.	(JCAB 404); J
			[149] (JCAB 54)
56.	23-Apr-20	Relevant Period ends.	J [6] (JCAB 16)
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57.	From May-20	TMCA began offering the 2020 Field Fix	J [15(10)] (JCAB
		to existing Relevant Vehicles at no cost	20); FC [70],[81].
		to owners.	[134] (JCAB 278,
			280, 293-924); AF
		The 2020 Field Fix was effective and will	[171]-[174], [176]-
		continue to be effective in remedying the	[177], [180]
		Core Defect and the symptoms and the	(WBFM 135-
		Defect Consequences.	136,137)
		The date by which the 2020 field fix "in	
		fact became practically available" to	
		consumers has been remitted to the	
		primary judge, however, by the time of	
		the initial trial, it was known that the	
		2020 field fix was available.	
58.	From Jun-20	All new vehicles of the relevant types	FC[17] (JCAB
		were supplied with the countermeasure	267); J[15(11)]
		which prevented the Core Defect from	(JCAB 20)
		manifesting.	
59.	22-Oct-20	During a service of the Relevant Prado by	J [151] (JCAB 55);
		Oldmac Toyota, Mr Williams was told:	Williams Affidavit
		"We will need to replace to DPF again.	[114], [212]-[213]
		You'll have to book it for another service	(JCAB 404)
		once we have the replacement parts".	
60.	23-Oct-20	The First Referee Report (defined earlier	J [14], [41] (JCAB
		as "1RR"), delivered on 15 October 2020,	18, 27); 1RR
		was adopted save for two notations in	(WBFM 5)
		Annexure F to the report.	
		Carsales.com.au published a news article	Pt C tab 12.262
		titled 'Toyota DPF savaged by expert	(JCAB 403); AF [123] (WBFM 123)
		technical report'. In a statement to	
		Carsales, TMCA said that "we are	
		confident that the most recent	

		countermeasure will remedy the DPF	
		issue"	
		2021	
61.	31-Jul-21	By this date, at least 154,916 Relevant	J [65] (JCAB 34)
		Vehicles had received servicing related to	
		issues with the DPF System.	
		By this date, around 30,875 Relevant	[179] (WBFM
		Vehicles had received the 2020 Field Fix.	136)
62.	7-Sep-21	The Supplementary Referee Report,	J [14], [41] (JCAB
		delivered on 31 August 2021, was	18, 27); Pt C tab
		adopted.	12.463 (JCAB 403)
63.	28-Sep-21	By this date, TMCA had provided 438	Nelson Affidavit
		consumers with refunds and replacement	[164] (JCAB 403);
		vehicles under the DPF Consumer	J [21(3)], [185]
		Redress Program at a cost of	(JCAB 22, 64)
		\$21,413,138.23.	
64.	As at 29-Nov-	Mr Williams continued to use the	Index Part B, item
	21	Relevant Prado.	41 at T60.10
			(JCAB 387)
65.	29-Nov-21 –	Initial Trial before Lee J.	JCAB 5
	24-Dec-21		
		2022	
66.	7-Apr-22	Reasons for judgment delivered	JCAB 5
		following Initial Trial (Williams v Toyota	
		Motor Corporation Australia Limited	
		(Initial Trial) [2022] FCA 344).	
67.	16-May-22	Orders giving effect to the reasons for	JCAB 158
		judgment made by Lee J.	
68.	10-Jun-22	Notice of Appeal filed by TMCA.	JCAB 198
69.	20-Jun-22	TMCA's Notice of Appeal served on the	JCAB 198
		respondents.	
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70.	14-Nov-22-	Hearing of TMCA's appeal before Full	JCAB 263
,	16-Nov-22	Court comprised of Moshinsky, Colvin	
	10110122	and Stewart JJ.	
		2023	
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71.	16-Feb-23	The Full Court sends a letter to the parties	WBFM 230
		setting out a possible approach to the	
		assessment of damages awarded under s	
		272(1)(a) and granting leave to the	
		parties to file and serve supplementary	
		written submissions concerning that	
		possible approach (FFC's Letter).	
72.	3-Mar-23	The parties file supplementary written	Williams Parties'
		submissions in response to the FCC's	Supplementary
		Letter.	Submissions
			(WBFM 232)
			TMCA
			Supplementary
			Submissions
			(Toyota's Book of
			Further Materials)
			(TBFM) (TBFM
			25)
73.	14-Mar-23	The parties file supplementary written	TMCA
		submissions in reply to each other's	Supplementary
		submissions responding to the FCC's	Submissions in
		Letter.	Reply (TBFM 30)
74.	27-Mar-23	Reasons for judgment delivered by the	JCAB 261
		Full Court (Toyota Motor Corporation	
		Australia Limited v Williams [2023]	
		FCAFC 50).	
		Orders giving effect to the reasons of the	JCAB 329
		Full Court.	

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75.	12-May-23	Reasons for judgment (regarding	JCAB 332
		consequential orders) delivered by the	
		Full Court (Toyota Motor Corporation	
		Australia Limited v Williams (No 2)	
		[2023] FCAFC 70).	
		Orders giving effect to the reasons of the	JCAB 348
		Full Court (regarding consequential	
		orders).	
76.	17-Nov-23	High Court of Australia grants special	JCAB 410, 417
		leave to appeal in S37/2023 and	
		S38/2023.	
77.	30-Nov-23	TMCA files a notice of appeal in	JCAB 412
		\$37/2023.	
78.	1-Dec-23	Williams Parties file a notice of appeal in	JCAB 419
		\$38/2023.	

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