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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
 SYDNEY REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd
 ACN 003 357 720
 Appellant (S236 of 2020)

Nationwide News Pty Limited
 ACN 008 438 828

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Appellant (S237 of 2020)

Australian News Channel Pty Ltd
 ABN 28 068 954 478

Appellant (S238 of 2020)

and

Dylan Voller
 Respondent

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APPELLANTS' CHRONOLOGY

Part I: CERTIFICATION

The Appellants certify that this chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

Part II: CHRONOLOGY

| Date | Event | JCAB ref |
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| Between July 2016 and April 2017 | Alleged publication of the matters complained of in the proceedings against Fairfax Media Publications. | |
| Between December 2016 and June 2017 | Alleged publication of the matters complained of in the proceedings against Australian News Channel. | |

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| Between December 2016 and July 2017 | Alleged publication of the matters complained of in the proceedings against Nationwide News. | |
| Around 19 July 2017 | Respondent commences proceedings in the Supreme Court of New South Wales against the appellants claiming damages for defamation based on the content of third party posts of their Facebook pages. | 92 [1] |
| 27-28 July 2017 | Respondent files and serves Amended Statements of Claim which contain, for the first time, particulars of the third party posts the subject of his claims. | |
| 13 December 2017 | McCallum J makes orders for determination of a separate question. | 92 [2], 140 |
| 6 February 2019 – 8 February 2019 | Separate question hearing before the primary judge (Rothman J). On the first day of the hearing, the parties informally agree on the question to be asked of the Court. | 8, 11–12 [4]–[5], 92 [3] |
| 24 June 2019 | The primary judge delivers judgment and answers the separate question in the affirmative, in the respondent’s favour. | 7–66, 67–69 |
| 22 July 2019 | Appellants file Summonses seeking Leave to Appeal to the Court of Appeal and draft Notices of Appeal. | 140, 143, 146 |
| 17 December 2019 | Hearing before the Court of Appeal (Basten and Meagher JJA and Simpson AJA). | 86 |

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| 1 June 2020 | Court of Appeal delivers judgment granting the appellants leave to appeal but dismissing the appeal. | 85–129, 130–132 |
| 3 June 2020 | Notices of Appeal filed by appellants in the Court of Appeal. | 70–74, 75–79, 80–84 |
| 26 June 2020 | Applications for Special Leave filed by the appellants in the High Court of Australia | |
| 8 December 2020 | Special leave to appeal granted by Gageler and Edelman JJ. | 148–150, 151– 153, 154–156 |
| 21 December 2020 | Notices of Appeal filed in the High Court of Australia. | 157–160, 161– 164, 165 – 168 |

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