



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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Form 3 – Order

Note: see rule 8.01.2

IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
MELBOURNE REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

PAUL HOPPER

First Plaintiff

MELISSA LOWE

Second Plaintiff

and

STATE OF VICTORIA

Defendant

ORDER

JUSTICE: Gageler CJ

DATE GIVEN: 27 October 2025

INITIATING PROCESS: Consent



BY CONSENT THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to r 27.08.1 of the *High Court Rules 2004* (Cth), the questions of law stated by the parties in the special case filed 22 September 2025 be referred for consideration by the Full Court on a date to be fixed.
2. Unless otherwise ordered or directed, Part 44 of the *High Court Rules 2004* (Cth) applies to this proceeding, with any necessary variations.
3. The plaintiffs file written submissions by 4pm on 24 October 2025.
4. Any intervenor in support of the plaintiffs file and serve written submissions of no more than 20 pages by 4pm on 7 November 2025.
5. The defendant file written submissions by 4pm on 21 November 2025.

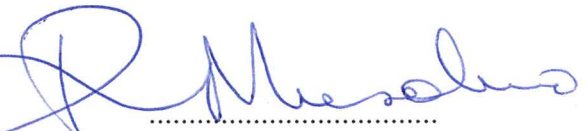
This order was taken out by the solicitors for the Plaintiffs.

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6. Any intervenor in support of the defendants and any intervenor who does not intervene in support of either party file and serve written submissions of no more than 20 pages by 4pm on 5 December 2025.
7. The plaintiffs file submissions in reply by 4pm on 12 December 2025.
8. The joint book of authorities be filed by 4pm on 19 December 2025.

DATE AUTHENTICATED 27 October 2025




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Deputy Registrar