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# Affidavit

No. VID1023/2023

Federal Court of Australia District Registry: Victoria Division: General

# Moira Deeming

Applicant

# **John Pesutto**

Respondent

| Affidavit of: | Peter Llewellyn Bartlett               |
|---------------|--|
| Address:      | 447 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 |
| Occupation:   | Solicitor                              |
| Date:         | 16 August 2024                         |

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I, **Peter Llewellyn Bartlett**, Solicitor, of 447 Collins Street Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, say an oath:

- 1. I am a partner of MinterEllison and am the lawyer for the Respondent in these proceedings. I am authorised to swear this affidavit on behalf of the Respondent.
- 2. Nothing in this affidavit or its annexures is intended to waive any client legal or legal professional privilege. To the extent that any part of this affidavit may be construed as a waiver of privilege, I withdraw and do not rely on that part of the affidavit.
- 3. This affidavit is relied upon in support of the Respondent's Interlocutory Application seek an order pursuant to section 47A(1) of the *Federal Court of Australia* Act 1976 (Cth) that the evidence of Dr Matt Bach be given by audio-visual link (**AVL**) (**Application**).
- 4. Mr Dean Levitan, a solicitor assisting me in this matter, has made enquiries with a view to ascertaining Dr Bach's capacity to give evidence in person or via AVL. Unless stated otherwise, I depose to the matters set out in this section of the affidavit based upon information provided to me by Mr Levitan, which I believe to be true.

# Inconvenience to Dr Bach

- 5. Based on my understanding of the witnesses that are likely to be cross-examined in these proceedings, the likely order of the trial, and Dr Bach's availability (as set out below), I anticipate that Dr Bach will give evidence in the third week of the hearing, being the week commencing 30 September 2024.
- On 9 August 2024, Mr Levitan enquired with Dr Bach regarding his capacity to travel to Australia for the purpose of giving evidence in this proceeding from mid-September – early October 2024.
- 7. I am informed by Mr Levitan that Dr Bach informed Mr Levitan that:
  - (a) Dr Bach is employed as Assistant Headmaster and Head of the Lower School at Brighton College, England, where he is responsible for the pastoral care of 100 pupils – 55 of whom will be entirely new to the school when the school year commences on 28 August 2024;

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- (b) He is a father to two children, aged 2 and 6 respectively, and shares caring responsibility with his wife who works part-time. In order to ensure their children will be taken care of, Dr Bach's wife would need to take time off from work should Dr Bach be required to attend Court in Australia in person;
- (c) Dr Bach's absence from the school will generate significant administrative and managerial difficulties for his employer given Dr Bach's responsibilities and role in assisting children settle into the school year, which is a significant transition period;
- (d) He teaches classes every day, and this year will teach two year 12 classes, one year 11 class, and one year 9 class, and that his absence for the purpose of this proceeding would have a significant deleterious impact upon approximately 80 students' learning;
- (e) He is scheduled to undertake a work trip to China to engage with Chinese families considering sending their children to Brighton College between 13-23 September 2024; and
- (f) Being required to attend in-person will cause significant inconvenience to Dr Bach, his employer, and his family.

## Expense of in-person attendance

- 8. On 14 August 2024, I caused a search to be conducted for flights from London, United Kingdom to Melbourne, Australia on 29 September 2024 on Skyscanner at the URL <u>https://www.skyscanner.com.au</u>. Annexed to this affidavit and marked **PLB-1** is the screenshot of these search results caused to be taken on 14 August 2024.
- 9. On 14 August 2024, Mr Levitan caused a search to be conducted for flights from Melbourne, Australia to London, United Kingdom on 5 October 2024 on Skyscanner at the URL <u>https://www.skyscanner.com.au</u>. Annexed to this affidavit and marked PLB-2 is the screenshot of these search results caused to be taken on 14 August 2024.
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### Logistical arrangements in the United Kingdom

11. In my opinion, based upon my experience in conducting litigation through AVL means, adequate technological and logistical arrangements can be made to facilitate Dr Bach giving his evidence remotely via AVL.

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- 12. I consider that MinterEllison's office in London is a suitable location from which Dr Bach can give his evidence remotely. MinterEllison's London office is located at 6 Dowgate Hill, London EC4 2SU, United Kingdom.
- I have visited MinterEllison's office in London on numerous occasions, and accordingly, I am very familiar with its facilities.
- 14. I believe that the MinterEllison office in London has suitable facilities to enable Dr Bach to give evidence via AVL which will guarantee the following conditions in accordance with the Court's requirements:
  - i. A stable internet connection;
  - ii. An IP address;
  - iii. Compatibility with Microsoft Teams;
  - iv. Private and secure conference rooms;
  - v. Audio-visual equipment suitable for cross-examination including television, webcam, backup speakerphone and uninterruptible power supply; and
  - vi. Religious text upon which an oath may be sworn.
- 15. A solicitor in the employ of MinterEllison can attend and ensure the logistical and technical requirements are satisfied, including access to an information technology contact within the firm that can provide further assistance if required.
- 16. On 15 August 2024, I received an email from the solicitors for the applicant stating that the applicant opposes the Application. Annexed to this affidavit and marked PLB-4 is a copy of that email.

Sworn by the deponent at Melbourne in Victoria on 16 August 2024 Before me:

Signature of witness

Benjamin Reid 447 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000 An Australian Legal Practitioner within the meaning of the Legal Profession Uniform Law (Victoria)

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This is the annexure marked '**PLB-1**' referred to in the Affidavit of **Peter Liewellyn Bartlett** sworn on 16 August 2024.

A copy of a screenshot of search results for flights from London, United Kingdom to Melbourne, Australia on 29 September on the Skyscanner website at URL <u>https://www.skyscanner.com.au</u> taken on 16 August 2024

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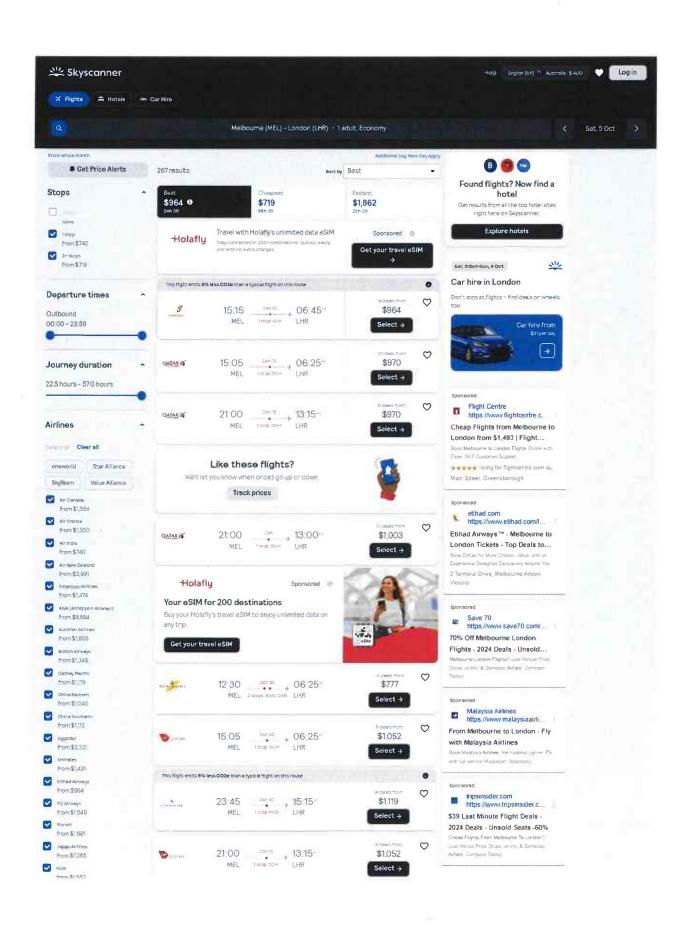
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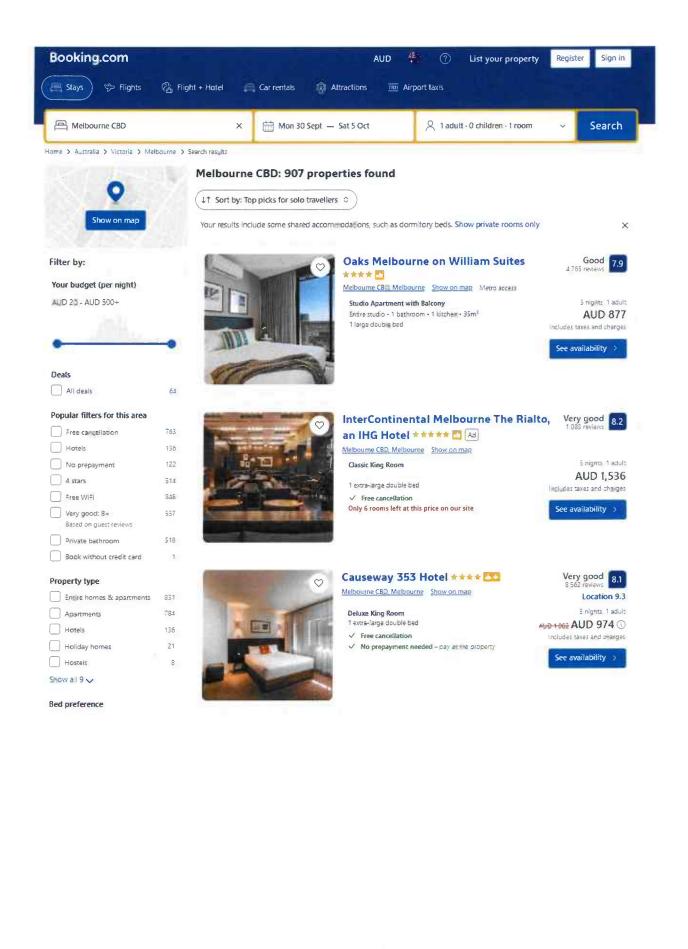
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### Certifications

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| Superb: 9+    | 263  |
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| Very good: 8- | 537  |
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### Fun things to do

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### Bedrooms and bathrooms

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| Southbank              | 233 |
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| Docklands              | 83  |
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Vibe Hotel Melbourne Docklands

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# PLB-4

This is the annexure marked '**PLB-4**' referred to in the Affidavit of **Peter Llewellyn Bartlett** sworn on 16 August 2024.

A copy of an email from the solicitors for the applicant to the solicitors for the respondent dated 15 August 2024

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| Subject: | RE: VID1023/2023 MOIRA DEEMING v JOHN PESUTTO<br>[SEC=OFFICIAL]                  | [ME-ME.FID7676918] |

Dear Colleagues,

We refer to order 15 of the proposed orders which had been provided to Justice O'Callaghan on 8 August - as follows:

15. Should the applicant require Dr Matt Bach's attendance for cross-examination, in accordance with section 47A(1) of the Federal Court of Australia Act 1976 (Cth), Dr Bach is permitted to give evidence at the hearing of these proceedings via audio-visual link.

Given that we think there will be a real dispute about Dr Bach's evidence, particularly in relation to his evidence as to what occurred at the meetings on 19 March 2023 referred to at [19]-[37] of his affidavit, and that his credit will likely be the subject of challenge, and in light of his Honour's comments at the case management hearing (at T3.21-28), we do not consent to leave being granted under s 47A(1) of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976* (Cth) for Dr Bach to give evidence remotely.

Kind regards,

Jeremy Marel Special Counsel

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Dear Associate,

We act for the Applicant, Moira Deeming.

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