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# Affidavit

No. NSD 1220 of 2021

Federal Court of Australia District Registry: New South Wales **Division: Commercial and Corporations** 

## IN THE MATTER OF MALIVER PTY LIMITED (ACN 164 334 918)

# AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION

Plaintiff

## **MELISSA LOUISE CADDICK and another**

Defendants

Affidavit of: Address: Occupation:

Katherine Anne	HORN	
REDACTED		
22 March 2021		

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I, Katherine Anne HORN of

, affirm:

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- Unless otherwise stated, I make this affidavit from information within my knowledge and from an examination of records within my possession. Where I depose to matters from information and belief, I believe those matters to be true and correct.
- Exhibited to me at the time of affirming this affidavit and marked "KAH-1" is a bundle of documents described in this affidavit.

## Personal background

3. I am 50 years of age.

- 4. I have a Bachelor of REDACTED from Southern Cross University and have been a REDACTED for 25 years. I am currently a REDACTED to the provide the source of the source o
- 5. I do not have a detailed understanding of investment products or the financial industry. Prior to investing with Melissa Caddick (Melissa), I held my superannuation in an industry super fund, and had held some shares in Babcock and Brown and a mining company. I had not previously spoken to a financial adviser about my financial situation.

## Melissa Caddick

- 6. I have known Melissa since the time I went to preschool. Melissa and I went to the same preschool and later we both went to Peakhurst High School. Melissa lived three doors down from me when we were growing up in Lugarno (a suburb in Sydney).
- During my twenties, Melissa moved overseas. When she returned to Australia, we became quite good friends. I would describe Melissa as having been a long-term, close friend.

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- Many years ago, I do not remember exactly when, Melissa said to me she was studying a Masters in Finance.
- Around 2003, Melissa told me she had a company called Wise Investments. Melissa said to me words to the effect that she "restructured the company and sold it for a large profit". I recall Melissa talking about how hard it was to employ good staff.
- 10. I was under the impression I invested with Melissa from 16 October 2012.
- 11. I use the email account REDACTED and my mobile number to communicate with Melissa.

## **Maliver Pty Limited**

- 12. Melissa and I did not talk much about her business. I think I started investing with Melissa prior to Maliver Pty Limited (**Maliver**) being incorporated. I remember hearing about Maliver from Melissa sometime after I first invested with her. It was soon after Melissa got married to Representation on New Year's Eve in 2014.
- 13. I was aware that Melissa had two other people working for the company, REDACTED REDACTED . I do not know REDACTED . I had very little contact with either REFREDACTED
- 14. I do not know of any office for Maliver other than Melissa's home in Dover Heights. As far as my investments are concerned, I considered the business Maliver and Melissa to be one and the same. When referring to my investments within this affidavit, I use the words Maliver and Melissa interchangeably.
- 15. I do not know whether Melissa or Maliver held any licenses. Due to my long-term friendship with and trust in Melissa, I assumed that when I started investing with her that she held any licenses that she was required to hold.

### **Opportunity to invest**

- 16. Just after Melissa returned from overseas in around 2012, I visited her at her home. I do not remember the exact date. Both Melissa and I were single mothers. Melissa and I had a conversation during which she said to me words to the effect of:
  - a. "I am starting up a business for people in similar positions to you and me."
  - b. "Are you interested in investing your superannuation through me?"

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- c. "I will invest your superannuation in shares."
- d. "I will charge you a fee of 0.5 percent of funds under management. This is less than I charge other people, because you are my friend."
- 17. I said to Melissa "I will think about it." Over the following month, my contact with Melissa was social in nature and did not extend to business. Melissa did not bring up the opportunity to invest with her, or pressure me in any way to respond to her offer.
- 18. About a month after Melissa asked me if I was interested in investing my superannuation with her, we had another conversation about the opportunity. During this conversation Melissa said to me words to the effect of, "It is all very low risk and simple".
- 19. Melissa did not provide me with any documents, advertising material or information material during our discussion about investing. All of the information I had about what she was intending to do at this time came from our conversation.
- 20. Shortly after my second conversation with Melissa outlined above, I agreed to take her up on the offer to invest my superannuation with her. I decided to invest with Melissa because I thought that, with her experience in the finance industry, she could achieve better returns that I would get through investing my superannuation through an industry fund. The way Melissa explained how she would invest my superannuation in shares sounded very simple. Melissa and I were friends and I wanted to help her get her business kickstarted.
- 21. I did not make any additional enquiries before I invested with Melissa.

### Setting up the

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- 22. In 2012, Melissa helped me set up a Self-Managed Super Fund so that she could invest my superannuation for me. I recall that Melissa took care of setting it up. A copy of a three page email chain dated 1 October 2012 titled 'FW: New Fund Establishment TAX FILE NUMBER' marked MAL.2004.0001.1495 is at Tab 1 of Exhibit KAH-1. I understood "Super Concepts Pty Ltd" was a company that Melissa used to establish my self-managed super fund,
- 23. On 7 October 2012, I received an email from Melissa titled 'copy of TFN & ABN'. The email contains an image of an ATO document, and it attaches two other images of ATO documents that relate to the Tax File Number and ABN for the REDACTED REDACTED The emails marked

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MAL.2004.0001.1503, MAL.2004.0001.1508, and MAL.2004.0001.1509 are at Tabs 2 to 4 of Exhibit KAH-1.

24. In early October 2012, Melissa also helped me to set up an account with Commonwealth Bank in the name

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Rolling over funds into the

25. Melissa also helped me to rollover my superannuation from First State Super to the newly set up REDACTED account.

26. I do not remember a lot of detail about this, but I do recall that the first rollover from First State Super was in October 2012. I rolled over \$101,963 from my First State Super fund to the REDACTED A bank statement for the REDACTED for the period 4 October 2012 to 31 December 2012 shows that on 12 October 2012 there was a deposit \$101,963 via cheque into the REDACTED This money came from my First State Super account. A copy of this statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0022 is at Tab 5 of Exhibit KAH-1.

27. The second rollover from First State Super to the REDACTED was the remaining superannuation I had in the First State Super fund. On 1 July 2013, I received an email from Melissa which attached three documents from First State Super: a cover letter; a rollover benefits statement; and, a cheque in the amount of \$5,227.08 payable to the REDACTED Copies of the email, cover letter, rollover benefits statement and cheque marked MAL.2004.0001.2645, MAL.2004.0001.2653, MAL.2004.0001.2654, and MAL.2004.0001.2655 are at Tabs 6 to 9 of Exhibit KAH-1.

### Investments

28. I arranged for the monthly bank statements to be provided to Melissa. From sometime in 2019 or 2020, Melissa's address was listed was listed on the account so that the monthly statements were mailed to her automatically. Prior to that, I sent a copy of every statement to her.

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29. I did not allow Melissa to access the Commonwealth Bank account of the REPACTED Instead, there were three ways I made payments from my superannuation account to Melissa or Maliver:

- a. I wrote cheques and posted them to the Maliver post box;
- b. I obtained bank cheques from the Commonwealth Bank and posted them to the Maliver post box; or
  - I logged into my online banking portal and made an online funds transfer to the account details provided to me by Melissa. I do not recall when Melissa first provided me with these account details. There were two bank account details that Melissa provided to me. The original account was It later changed to REDACTED REDACTED , account REDACTED I do not recall when the account changed. An email and attached invoices, which I received from Melissa and which contains and account number EDACTED the is marked MAL.1055.0004.0370, MAL.1055.0004.0371 and MAL.1055.0004.0372 at Tabs 10 to 12 of Exhibit KAH-1, respectively.
- 30. In total, I transferred \$135,300 from the second second second to Melissa and her company Maliver for investments. I also transferred \$14,461.26 from the REDACTED to Melissa and her company Maliver for annual management fees. A summary of the debits from this account which were paid to Melissa are below, along with the associated bank statements and cheque butts in Exhibit KAH-1:
  - a. Investments:

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- (a) On 16 October 2012, \$100,000 was debited via cheque 000002.
  The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0022.
- (b) On 21 May 2014, \$8,010 was debited via bank cheque, which I believe was inclusive of a \$10 transaction fee. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0009.
- (c) On 22 September 2016, \$10,000 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0017.
- (d) On 15 June 2018, \$17,300 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0018.

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Each of the above documents are at Tabs 5 and 13 to 15 of Exhibit KAH-1.

- b. Annual account management fees:
  - (a) On 11 October 2013, \$1,188.73 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0023.
  - (b) On 23 October 2014, \$1,219.95 was debited via cheque 000008. The bank statement and cheque butt are marked MAL.1055.0005.0002 and MAL.1055.0005.0084 at .0091, respectively.
  - (c) On 30 October 2015, \$1,561.08 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0012.
  - (d) On 22 September 2016, \$1,967.79 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0017.
  - (e) On 26 October 2017, \$2,019.48 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0014.
  - (f) On 25 October 2018, \$2,515.71 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0006.
  - (g) On 20 October 2019, \$3,988.52 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0020.

Each of the above documents are at Tabs 14 and 16 to 22 of Exhibit KAH-1.

31. I created an excel spreadsheet which compiles the transactions referred to above. A copy of the spreadsheet titled to Maliver.xlsx' marked MAL.1055.0002.0004 is at Tab 23 of Exhibit KAH-1. The spreadsheet also records the transactions from my personal account to Melissa and Maliver as set out below.

## Melissa's involvement with my self managed super fund

32. Sometimes Melissa provided me with advice on the amount of contributions I should make to the REPARTED A copy of a one page email dated 13 May 2013 titled 'SUPER CONTRIBUTION PRE: 30 JUNE 2013' marked MAL.2004.0001.2575 is at Tab 24 of Exhibit KAH-1.

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33. From 2012 to 2020, Melissa assisted me with the administration and management of my self managed super fund. In particular, she organised for the **REDACTED** to be audited via a superannuation accounting company. I received numerous emails from Melissa which contained documents from the companies Super Concepts and Superannuation Accounting Services, which had provided services to the **REDACTED** Some examples of these emails and documents are as follows:

- a. an email from the super on behalf of Melissa to me containing an attachment of a letter from the Super Concepts Auditor for a company called Engage Super Audits. A copy of a one page email and attachment dated 24 November 2014 titled REDACTED marked MAL.2004.0001.7025 and MAL.2004.0001.7026 are at Tabs 25 and 26 of Exhibit KAH-1, respectively.
- an email from Melissa to me with self managed super fund compliance documents prepared by Superannuation Accounting Services which I was required to sign. A copy of a one-page email and attachment dated 8 July 2019 titled 'SMSF Checklist & Compliance Documentation to Sign' marked MAL.1055.0004.0017 and MAL.1055.0004.0018 are at Tabs 27 and 28 of Exhibit KAH-1, respectively.

## Investing money in my own name with Melisa and Maliver

- 34. About one month after I started investing my superannuation with Melissa, she asked me in words to the effect of "Would you like to create an investment portfolio for me to manage?" I understood this to me mean that Melissa was offering to invest the savings which I held outside of my superannuation account. I understood this investment portfolio would be separate from my superannuation investment.
- 35. I recall that Melissa told me that the dividends from my shares would go into the cash section of my investment portfolio, and that she would then reinvest those dividends. It was because of this arrangement that I did not expect to have funds transferred back into my account.
- 36. I told Melissa that I was happy for her to create and manage an investment portfolio for me. I trusted that she had my best interests at heart, and I understood she had experience in investing. My goal was to build up enough money to help my children pay for a house deposit when they were older, and I believed that Melissa may be able to help me do that.

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37. I had a Smart Access account in my name (Personal CBA Account). I transferred funds from my Personal CBA Account to Melissa and Maliver by the same methods outlined at paragraph 29 above.

- 38. A summary of the debits from this account which were paid to Melissa and Maliver are below:
  - a. Investments:
    - (a) On 15 November 2012, \$33,000 was debited.
    - (b) On 17 May 2013, \$25,010 was debited via bank cheque, which I believe was inclusive of a \$10 transaction fee. The bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0025 at .0026.
    - (c) On 26 July 2013, \$70,000 was debited. The bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0025 at.0028.
    - (d) On 21 October 2014, \$10,000 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0034 at .0036.
    - (e) On 22 October 2014, \$10,000 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0034 at .0036.
    - (f) On 23 October 2014, \$10,000 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement is marked MAL.1055.0005.0034 at .0037.
    - (g) On 30 March 2015, \$50,010 was debited via bank cheque, which I believe was inclusive of a \$10 transaction fee. The bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0038 at .0040.
    - (h) On 1 December 2015, \$25,000 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0048 at .0049.
    - On 2 December 2015, \$25,000 was debited via online funds transfer. The bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0048 at .0049;

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- On 30 August 2016, \$30,000 was debited via online funds transfer.
  The bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0053 at .0054.
- (k) On 31 August 2016, \$30,000 was debited via online funds transfer.
  The bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0053 at .0054.
- On 28 March 2019, \$170,030 was debited via bank cheque, which
  I believe was inclusive of a \$30 transaction fee. The bank
  statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0064 at .0067.

Each of the above documents are at Tabs 29 to 34 of Exhibit KAH-1.

- b. Annual account management fees:
  - (a) On 11 October 2013, \$662.51 was debited via online funds transfer. Bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0030 at .0032;
  - (b) On 20 October 2014, \$580.85 was debited via online funds transfer. Bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0034 at .0036;
  - (c) On 30 October 2015, \$1,287.55 was debited via online funds transfer. Bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0044 at .0047;
  - (d) On 22 September 2016, \$2,312.49 was debited via online funds transfer. Bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0053 at .0055;
  - (e) On 26 October 2017, \$2,579 was debited via online funds transfer.
    Bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0057 at .0059;
  - On 25 October 2018, \$2,805.92 was debited via online funds transfer. Bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0060 at .0062; and
  - (g) On 20 October 2019, \$6,409.65 was debited via online funds
    transfer. Bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0071 at .0076.

Each of the above documents are at Tabs 30, 33 and 35 to 39 of Exhibit KAH-1.

 It is possible I made other investment related payments to Melissa which I have not yet identified.

My term deposit

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- 40. Melissa only asked me to invest more money with her once. Around March 2019, I told Melissa about a term deposit I had and she said to me words to the effect of "The interest rate isn't very good. I can invest this for you."
- 41. After this conversation, I withdrew from the term deposit and sent a bank cheque to Melissa for \$170,000, which relates to the payment I describe in paragraph [38, a. (I)]. The bank statement marked MAL.1055.0005.0064 at .0067 is at Tab 34 of Exhibit KAH-1 and shows this \$170,000 being drawn from my Smart Access account. This was the last investment payment I made to Melissa because I was happy with the amount I thought my investment was worth based on Melissa's guarterly updates.
- 42. I did make other payments to Melissa after this as noted in paragraphs [38, b (g) and 30, b (g)], but they were for annual fees and were relatively small in comparison.

#### Payments to my investment portfolio from my family

- 43. In 2019 and 2020, I was aware of payments my family were making into my investment portfolio with Melissa. These payments did not go into my personal account, but were paid from my family directly to Melissa for the purpose of being invested in my investment portfolio.
- 44. Before my father passed away, he had a collection of old bank notes. After he passed away, my mother took possession of these. I understood based on conversations with my family that after my father passed away, my mother react decided to divide the proceeds of the sale of my father's bank note collection between her, me and my brothers reported in the sale of the temperature. I do not remember the exact details of the conversations I had, however I understood that some of the proceeds from the bank notes sale were going to be transferred from my mother's account to my investment portfolio with Melissa.
- I believe the first transaction was 23 September 2019 for \$100,000 and the second was
  6 December 2019 for \$100,000.
- 46. In a quarterly report I received from Melissa, marked MAL.1055.0004.0236 at .0240 at Tab 40 of Exhibit KAH-1, I saw the first corresponding credit being received in the portfolio valuation.
- 47. In another quarterly report I received from Melissa, marked MAL.1055.0004.0243 at .0247 at Tab 41 of Exhibit KAH-1, I saw the second corresponding credit being received in the portfolio valuation.

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- 48. Sometime before 6 May 2020, I spoke to my brother, about an amount of \$500,000 that my mother was going to transfer to my investment portfolio with Melissa. I do not remember the exact details of this conversation, however I understood that the investment of these funds on my behalf had been arranged between Melissa, and my mother. On 29 May 2020, I received an email from Melissa that attached a portfolio statement. A copy of the email and portfolio statement marked MAL.1055.0004.0281 and MAL.1055.0004.0282 are at Tabs 42 and 43 of Exhibit KAH-1. At page .0286 of MAL.1055.0004.0282, there is an entry described as "6/5/20 Interbank Transfer" and under the column 'Credit' there is a corresponding amount of \$500,000. I understood this to be confirmation that my mother had transferred \$500,000 to Melissa to manage my investment portfolio.
- 49. The spreadsheet referred to at paragraph 31 above (MAL.1055.0002.0004) also compiles the transactions between by Personal CBA Account to Melissa and Maliver.

### **Conversations with Melissa**

- 50. During the Relevant Period, I would talk to Melissa about once a fortnight however our conversations were mostly personal in nature. It was uncommon for us to talk about business.
- 51. A few years ago, I think around 2015, I had a conversation with Melissa about wills. Melissa said to me that she was leaving her business Maliver to This conversation led me to believe that Melissa really cared about her friends and their financial wellbeing and contributed to my trust in her.

#### **Quarterly reports**

- 52. After I began investing money with Melissa, I received approximately quarterly emails from her with updates on my investments. I would receive two separate documents which I refer to as 'portfolio valuations'. One was in respect of the CommSec that Melissa had purportedly set up for the REDACTED The other was in respect of my own name and which received funds from my Personal CBA Account. I did not pay a lot of attention to these emails. Below are some examples of the quarterly update emails and attachments which I received from Melissa:
  - A copy of a one-page email dated 30 July 2013 titled
    Valuation' and its attachment marked MAL.2011.0001.0095 and
    MAL.2011.0001.0096 are at Tabs 44 and 45 of Exhibit KAH-1, respectively.
    In the email, Melissa states that she has invested \$70,000 on my behalf,

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which relates to the payment I describe in paragraph [38, a. (c)]. I also note that the account number listed on the portfolio statement is 573114.

The most recent quarterly report I received was attached to an email I received from Melissa on 30 September 2020. The email marked **MAL.1055.0004.0340** is at Tab 46 of Exhibit KAH-1. The attachments are marked **MAL.1055.0004.0341** and **MAL.1055.0004.0347** and are at Tabs 47 and 48 of Exhibit KAH-1, respectively. The account number listed on the portfolio statement is

#### **CommSec Accounts**

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53. When I received the quarterly reports from Melissa such as those in paragraph [52], I saw that there were CommSec account numbers **REPARED**. I understood that Melissa had established these CommSec accounts in order to use my superannuation funds to invest in shares.

#### Annual reviews

- 54. Every year around October, Melissa and I would meet for an annual review of my investments. We would usually meet for lunch in the Sydney suburb of Brighton Le Sands, halfway between Melissa's house and my house. During these annual reviews Melissa would tell me what shares she invested in. Sometimes she would tell me why she invested in particular shares, but not always. I do not remember these conversations in detail, however she said such things as "JB Hi Fi are really good, they are low maintenance".
- 55. Through our ongoing conversations between 2012 and 2020, I had told Melissa that my goal from the investments was to set my children up for the future. From our conversations I believe Melissa was aware that I intended to give my children a deposit for their own home, but that I thought my children needed time to mature first.
- 56. During my last annual review with Melissa in October 2020, Melissa said, "I know you wanted to help your children. Where are you up to with that?" I said words effect of, "They are now 21 and 23, so I would like to wait a little bit longer for my children to mature." Melissa spoke about the potential to withdraw money from my investment for my kids. She said words to the effect of, "You should give them small amounts to start off and let them work towards it."

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#### **Fees to Melissa**

57. As I mentioned in paragraph [16, d], Melissa charged me a fee of 0.5 percent of funds under management. Melissa sent invoices to me for these fees around the same time as our annual reviews in October. I would receive two invoices, one for my superannuation investments and one for my separate investment portfolio. I paid these invoices by making funds transfers to Melissa's account. The payments I made for these fees are reflected in paragraphs [30, b] and [38, b]. Some example of these invoices marked MAL.1055.0004.0363 and MAL.1055.0004.0364 are in Tabs 49 and 50 of Exhibit KAH-1. I paid these invoices with payments described in paragraph [38, b (g)] and paragraph [30, b (g)], respectively.

### Tax obligation payment

58. Other than a \$15,000 transaction I received back from Melissa in order to pay a tax obligation, on 12 October 2020, I do not recall receiving any funds back. I did not expect for the investment returns to be paid back to me because of the conversation I had with Melissa in paragraph 35. Bank statement for account REDACTED showing funds transfer credit of \$15,000 on 20 October 2020 marked MAL.1055.0005.0015 is at Tab 51 of Exhibit KAH-1

#### Melissa's other clients

- 59. I never encouraged anyone to invest with Melissa, however my family were aware of my investments with her through conversations I had with them over the years. My brothers brothers asked me about Melissa's business. I heard in conversations I had with my family and Melissa that in June 2015, REDACTED and my mother REDACTED had started investing with Melissa and Maliver.
- 60. Around June 2015, Melissa began speaking to me more about her clients. She said to me words to the effect of "I had to let some clients go because they were not diligent with their paperwork," "I am blessed to have you as a client," and "Don't tell your friend about your investments in case they want to invest with me too. I can't take on any additional clients." Due to what Melissa said, I was convinced I was part of an exclusive group of investors, lucky to have my financial interests looked after by someone so successful.

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- 61. In early 2020, before 10 April 2020, Melissa sent me a text message. She asked me words to the effect of "Can I use you as a contact for a new client as a referee of my business?" I said to Melissa "Yes that's fine, tell them to give me a call. I can sing your praises." I was surprised to get this request from Melissa because she had given me the impression of being very selective about her clients. I never received a call from a prospective investor.

### Last contact with Melissa

- 62. The last time I saw Melissa was on the 16 October 2020, for my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. The last time I was in contact with Melissa was 11 November 2020. I sent Melissa a text message about a lunch we were organising with my mother and Melissa's mother Control On the day Melissa was raided by the Australian Federal Police, Melissa texted me in reply, saying she was all good for the lunch. She did not say what was happening at the time.
- 63. On 13 November 2020, I received a phone call from the Bondi Beach Police Station in which I was told that Melissa was missing. The day after this, Reparent Melissa's brother, called me and said that Melissa's house had been raided by the Australian Federal Police. Initially, I was not concerned about my investments as I could not believe Melissa had done anything wrong. As more media releases came out, I became more worried. On Saturday morning, 4 December 2020, I saw a Sydney Morning Herald article which outlined Melissa had created fake CommSec accounts.

## **Personal impact**

- 64. Since 2012, I paid \$149,761.26 from the account of and \$504,637.97 from my Personal CBA Account to Melissa and Maliver. These are inclusive of \$31,099.23 in annual management fees, which I mentioned in paragraphs [30] and [38].
- 65. Of the total \$579,518.60 I paid to Melissa, I only recall receiving \$15,000 back which was to pay a tax liability. The money I paid to Melissa represents my life savings, and the majority of my superannuation.
- 66. I was under the impression that as of 30 September 2020 my superannuation investments were valued at \$831,688.06, and my separate investment portfolio was valued at \$1,960,976.72. I drew this conclusion based on the quarterly update I received from Melissa, marked MAL.1055.0004.0347 at .0349 and MAL.1055.0004.0341 at .0343 at Tabs 48 and 47 of Exhibit KAH-1, respectively.

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- I had been working as a REDACTED however changed careers to a REDACTED REDACTED about 14 months ago. As a REDACTED I earn less than I did as a REDACTED I only made this career change because I felt financially secure from the apparent success of my investment portfolio with Melissa. I had planned to pass on some of my accumulated wealth to my children, and so I believe the money I have lost from Melissa will even impact their futures. I have suffered emotional distress over the past few months because I am worried that I will not have enough superannuation to live on after I retire.
- 68. In addition to the emotional pain and betrayal I feel resulting from Melissa's actions, I feel guilty towards my family since they came to know Melissa through my friendship with her and they invested money with her. It has been difficult watching my family go through the same thing I am, particularly my mother who is elderly.
- 69. Another aspect of how Melissa's actions have affected me is sentimental in nature. Due to the loss of wealth which my father accumulated over his life, such as the bank notes I mentioned in paragraph [44], there are times when I feel like I betrayed the sacrifices he made to provide for my family by allowing myself to be deceived.

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Affirmed by the deponent at Level 5, 100 Market Street, Sydney in the State of New South Wales on 22 March 2021 Before me:

Signature of deponent

Signature of witness Stephen Johnson Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales