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## DEFENCE

### COURT DETAILS

Court	Supreme Court of New South Wales
Division	Common law
List	Professional Negligence
Registry	Sydney
Case number	2017/279308

### TITLE OF PROCEEDINGS

First plaintiff	<b>AMY RICKHUSS</b>
Number of plaintiffs (if more than two)	12
First defendant	<b>THE COSMETIC INSTITUTE PTY LTD A.C.N. 153 061 155 (IN LIQUIDATION)</b>
Number of defendants (if more than two)	19

### FILING DETAILS

Filed for	<b>EDDY DONA</b> , Fifth Defendant
Filed in relation to	Plaintiffs' claim
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### HEARING DETAILS

If the proceedings do not already have a listing date, they are to be listed at

### PLEADINGS AND PARTICULARS

Defined terms have the meaning given to them in the ~~Second~~ Fourth Further Amended Statement of Claim filed ~~19 June 2020~~ 10 December 2020 31 May 2022 (**24FASOC**)

#### Group Members

- 1 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 1 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:
  - (a) says that:

(i) the claims of the plaintiffs and group members do not give rise to a substantial common question of law or fact as pleaded in the 24FASOC;

(ii) by reason of (i), the proceedings cannot be brought as a representative proceeding; and

(b) does not admit the allegations in paragraph 1.

2 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 2 of the 24FASOC.

2A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 2A of the 24FASOC.

3 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 3 of the 24FASOC.

### **The Plaintiffs**

4 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 4 of the 24FASOC.

5 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 5 of the 24FASOC.

6 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 6 of the 24FASOC.

7 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 7 of the 24FASOC.

8 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 8 of the 24FASOC.

8A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 8A of the 24FASOC.

8B The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 8B of the 24FASOC.

8C The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 8C of the 24FASOC.

8D The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 8D of the 24FASOC.

8E The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 8E of the 24FASOC.

8F The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 8F of the 24FASOC.

8G The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 8G of the 24FASOC.

### **The Defendants**

9 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 9 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) admits the allegations in subparagraph 9(a);

- (b) admits that the first defendant was at all material times a corporation within the meaning of s 4 of the CCA but otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 9(b);
- (c) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 9(c);
- (d) admits that BAS services were provided at the TCI Premises and otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 9(d);
- (e) says that the allegations in subparagraph 9(e) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 9(e);
- (e1) says that the allegations in subparagraph 9(e1) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in sub-paragraph 9(e1); and
- (f) denies the allegations in subparagraph 9(f).

10 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 10 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) admits the allegations in subparagraph 10(a);
- (b) admits that the second defendant was at all material times a corporation within the meaning of s 4 of the CCA but otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 10(b);
- (c) does not admit the allegations in sub-paragraph 10(c);
- (d) admits that BAS services were provided at the TCI Parramatta Premises and otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 10(d);
- (d1) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 10(d1);
- (e) denies the allegations in subparagraph 10(e);
- (f) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 10(f);
- (g) says that the allegations in subparagraph 10(g) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 10(g);
- (g1) says that the allegations in subparagraph 10(g1) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 10(g1); and
- (h) denies the allegations in subparagraph 10(h).

- 11 The fifth defendant admits the allegations in paragraph 11 of the 24FASOC.
- 12 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 12 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:
- (a) admits the allegations in subparagraph 12(a);
  - (b) admits that the third defendant was at all material times a corporation within the meaning of s 4 of the CCA but otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 12(b);
  - (c) does not admit the allegations in sub-paragraph 12(c);
  - (d) admits that BAS services were provided at the TCI Bondi Premises and otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 12(d);
  - (e) denies the allegations in subparagraph 12(e);
  - (f) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 12(f);
  - (g) says that the allegations in subparagraph 12(g) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 12(g);
  - (g1) says the allegations in subparagraph 12(g1) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 12(g1); and
  - (h) denies the allegations in subparagraph 12(h).
- 13 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 13 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:
- (a) admits the allegations in subparagraph 13(a);
  - (b) admits that the fourth defendant was at all material times a corporation within the meaning of s 4 of the CCA but otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 13(b);
  - (c) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 13(c);
  - (d) admits that BAS services were provided at the TCI Southport Premises and otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 13(d);
  - (e) denies the allegations subparagraph 13(e);
  - (f) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 13(f);
  - (g) says that the allegations in subparagraph 13(g) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 13(g);

(g1) says that the allegations in subparagraph 13(g1) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 13(g1); and

(h) denies the allegations in subparagraph 13(h).

14 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14 of the ~~24~~FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) admits the allegations in subparagraph 14(a);

(b) as to subparagraph 14(b):

(i) admits that he was a director of:

1. the second defendant from 20 July 2012 until 8 February 2016;
2. the third defendant from 28 August 2013 until 8 February 2016;
- and
3. the fourth defendant from 1 May 2015 to 8 February 2016; and

(ii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14(b);

(c) as to sub-paragraph 14(c):

(i) admits that he was a director and beneficial shareholder of Dona Family Pty Ltd;

(ii) admits that Dona Family Pty Ltd was a shareholder of The Cosmetic Institute, TCI Parramatta, TCI Bondi and TCI Southport until 28 September 2016; and

(iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14(c);

(d) as to subparagraph 14(d):

(i) admits that the fifth defendant was the surgical director of the first defendant from about late 2012 to on or about 8 February 2016;

(ii) says that from on or about 8 February 2016 he ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants; and

(iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14(d);

(e) in answer to subparagraph 14(e):

(i) says that:

1. at all material times the sixth to sixteenth defendants were registered medical practitioners and qualified to perform BAS;

2. decisions in relation to the use of anaesthetics were made by qualified specialist anaesthetists that were present during BAS; and

(ii) otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 14(e);

(f) in answer to subparagraph 14(f):

(i) says that:

1. at all material times the sixth to sixteenth defendants were registered medical practitioners and qualified to perform BAS;
2. decisions in relation to the use of anaesthetics were made by qualified specialist anaesthetists that were present during BAS; and

(ii) otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 14(f);

(g) denies the allegations in subparagraphs 14(g) to 14(o).

14A In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14A of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) as to subparagraph 14A(a):

- (i) admits that the sixth defendant was a registered medical practitioner;
- (ii) says that the sixth defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

#### **Particulars**

Prior to the sixth defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the sixth defendant had performed plastic surgeries as a registrar in the United Kingdom.

From about January 2014, the sixth defendant was registered as a trainee with the Australian College of Cosmetic Surgeons.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the sixth defendant's evidence.

(iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14A(a); and

(b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14A(b);

(c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14A(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14A(c);

(d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14A(d); and

(e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14A(e).

14B In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14B of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) as to subparagraph 14B(a):

- (i) admits that the seventh defendant was a registered medical practitioner;
- (ii) says that the seventh defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

#### **Particulars**

Prior to the seventh defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the seventh defendant had general surgical experience working as a surgical registrar including in plastic surgery and performing BAS in private clinics.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the seventh defendant's evidence.

(iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14B(a); and

(b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14B(b);

(c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14B(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14B(c);

(d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14B(d); and

(e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14B(e).

14C In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14C of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) as to subparagraph 14C(a):

- (i) admits that the eighth defendant was a registered medical practitioner;
- (ii) says that the eighth defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

### Particulars

Prior to the eighth defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the eighth defendant was an Advanced General Surgical Trainee and had general surgical experience.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the eighth defendant's evidence.

(iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14C(a); and

(b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14C(b);

(c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14C(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14C(c);

(d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14C(d); and

(e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14C(e).

14D In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14D of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) as to subparagraph 14D(a):

(i) admits that the ninth defendant was a registered medical practitioner;

(ii) says that the ninth defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

### Particulars

Prior to the ninth defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the ninth defendant had general surgical experience including as an Advanced Trainee in Plastic Surgery.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the ninth defendant's evidence.

(iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14D(a); and

(b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14D(b);

(c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14D(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14D(c);

(d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14D(d); and

(e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14D(e).



14E In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14E of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) as to subparagraph 14E(a):

- (i) admits that the tenth defendant was a registered medical practitioner;
- (ii) says that the tenth defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

**Particulars**

Prior to the tenth defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the tenth defendant had general surgical experience, including 2 years as a Surgical Registrar.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the tenth defendant's evidence.

(iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14E(a); and

(b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14E(b);

(c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14E(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14E(c);

(d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14E(d); and

(e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14E(e).

14F In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14F of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) as to subparagraph 14F(a):

- (i) admits that the eleventh defendant was a registered medical practitioner;
- (ii) says that the eleventh defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

**Particulars**

Prior to the eleventh defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the eleventh defendant had general surgical experience, including 3 years as a Surgical Registrar.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the eleventh defendant's evidence.

- (iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14F(a); and
- (b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14F(b);
- (c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14F(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14F(c);
- (d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14F(d); and
- (e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14F(e).

14G In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14G of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) as to subparagraph 14G(a):
  - (i) admits that the twelfth defendant was a registered medical practitioner;
  - (ii) says that the twelfth defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

#### **Particulars**

Prior to the twelfth defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the twelfth defendant had general surgical experience, including as a General Surgical Registrar.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the twelfth defendant's evidence.

- (iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14G(a); and
- (b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14G(b);
- (c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14G(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14G(c);
- (d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14G(d); and
- (e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14G(e).

14H In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14H of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) as to subparagraph 14H(a):
  - (i) admits that the thirteenth defendant was a registered medical practitioner;

- (ii) says that the thirteenth defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

**Particulars**

Prior to the thirteenth defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the thirteenth defendant was an Advanced Trainee in Plastic Surgery and had experience assisting on plastic surgeries.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the thirteenth defendant's evidence.

- (iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14H(a); and
- (b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14H(b);
- (c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14H(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14H(c);
- (d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14H(d); and
- (e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14H(e).

14I In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14I of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) as to subparagraph 14I(a):
  - (i) admits that the fourteenth defendant was a registered medical practitioner;
  - (ii) says that the fourteenth defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

**Particulars**

Prior to the fourteenth defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the fourteenth defendant had 2 years of surgical experience and worked as a Surgical Senior Resident.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the fourteenth defendant's evidence.

- (iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14I(a); and
- (b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14I(b);

(c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14I(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14I(c);

(d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14I(d); and

(e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14I(e).

14J In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14J of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) as to subparagraph 14J(a):

(i) admits that the fifteenth defendant was a registered medical practitioner;

(ii) says that the fifteenth defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

#### **Particulars**

Prior to the fifteenth defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the fifteenth defendant was a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and had practised as a surgeon since 1991.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the fifteenth defendant's evidence.

(iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14J(a); and

(b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14J(b);

(c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14J(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14J(c);

(d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14J(d); and

(e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14J(e).

14K In answer to the allegations in paragraph 14K of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) as to subparagraph 14K(a):

(i) admits that the sixteenth defendant was a registered medical practitioner;

(ii) says that the sixteenth defendant had specialised qualifications, training and experience; and

### Particulars

Prior to the sixteenth defendant's association with the first to fourth defendants, the sixteenth defendant had general surgical experience, including 3 years as a Plastic Surgical Registrar in England and Australia.

Further particulars may be provided following service of the sixteenth defendant's evidence.

- (iii) otherwise denies the allegations in subparagraph 14K(a); and
- (b) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14K(b);
- (c) says that the allegations in subparagraph 14K(c) are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in subparagraph 14K(c);
- (d) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14K(d); and
- (e) does not admit the allegations in subparagraph 14K(e).

14L-14N The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraphs 14L to 14N of the 24FASOC as they contain no allegations against him.

### TCI Facilities

15 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 15 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) admits that BAS was performed by TCI Surgeons at the TCI Parramatta Premises, TCI Bondi Premises, TCI Southport Premises, Concord Private Hospital and Holroyd Private Hospital at a cost of \$5,990; and
- (b) otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 15.

16 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 16 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) denies the allegations in subparagraph 16(a);
- (b) denies the allegations in subparagraph 16(b);
- (c) admits the allegations in subparagraph 16(c); and
- (d) denies the allegations in subparagraph 16(d).

17 The fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 17 of the 24FASOC.

### TCI Surgeons

18 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 18 of the 24FASOC.

19 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 19 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) relies upon each of the accreditation deeds and the training deeds to which the TCI Surgeons were a party for their full terms, meaning and effect; and
- (b) does not admit the allegations in paragraph 19.

#### **TCI Anaesthetists**

20 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 20 of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant admits the allegations in paragraph 20 of the 24FASOC.

(a) says:

- (i) the TCI Anaesthetists were fully qualified medical doctors with specialty training in anaesthetics, supervised and accredited by the Australian and New Zealand college of Anaesthetists, entitled to practise as specialist anaesthetists in Australia; and
- (ii) TCI had an Anaesthetic Director, Dr Erez Ben, who was responsible for recruiting and supervising the TCI Anaesthetists; and

(b) otherwise admits the allegations in paragraph 20 of the 4FASOC.

#### **The One Size Fits All Approach**

21 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 21 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that:

(i) the plaintiffs [REDACTED] and the twelfth plaintiff [REDACTED]

(ii) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

(iii) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED];

(iv) [REDACTED] and

(v) by reason of (i) to (iv) above, there were no 'one size fits all' approach to BAS; and

(b) further says that the surgeries were overwhelmingly performed by the TCI Surgeons, not Dr Eddy Dona;

- (c) further says the use of local anaesthetic and twilight sedation in BAS is widely accepted in Australia and internationally by peer professional opinion as competent professional practice;
- (d) further says the first to fourth defendants and/or the TCI Surgeons declined to perform BAS where it was appropriate do to so;
- (e) admits sub-paragraphs (b) and (b1); and
- (f) otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 21.

22 The fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 22 of the 24FASOC.

### **The Representations**

23 ~~[Not used] The allegations in paragraph 23 of the 2FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 23.~~

23A ~~[Not used] The allegations in paragraph 23A of the 2FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 23A.~~

### **Pre-Surgery Consultations**

24 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 24 of the 24FASOC.

### **Post-Surgery Consultations**

24A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 24A of the 24FASOC.

24B In answer to the allegations in paragraph 24B of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) admits that he was available to consult with, and from time to time, consulted with the TCI Surgeons; and
- (b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 24B.

24C In answer to the allegations in paragraph 24C of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) admits that from time to time he treated, or assisted the TCI Surgeons in the treatment of, complications arising from initial BAS performed by TCI Surgeons on patients; and
- (b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 24C.

**Representations made to the public**

24D In answer to the allegations in paragraph 24D of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations therein.

24E In answer to the allegations in paragraph 24E of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) repeats paragraph 24D above; and
- (b) admits that if the Representations were made, the Representations were made in trade or commerce.

24F In answer to the allegations in paragraph 24F of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) says that the allegations in paragraph 24F are embarrassing and liable to be struck out;
- (b) further says that the alleged conduct pleaded in sub-paragraphs (a) to (f) is incapable of conveying or communicating the Representations to the public; and
- (c) otherwise denies the allegations therein.

24G In answer to the allegations in paragraph 24G of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) repeats paragraph 24F above; and
- (b) admits that if the Representations were made, the Representations were made in trade or commerce.

24H-I The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraphs 24H to 24I of the 4FASOC as they contain no allegations against him.

**Representations made to individual group members**

24J The allegations in paragraph 24J of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 24J.

24K In answer to the allegations in paragraph 24K of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) repeats paragraph 24J; and
- (b) admits that if the Representations were made, the Representations were made in trade or commerce.

24L-24AG The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraphs 24L to 24AG of the 4FASOC as they contain no allegations against him.



### Questions Common to Claims of Group Members

25 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 25 of the 24FASOC and the List of common questions dated 30 April 2021 (List of Common Questions), the fifth defendant:

(a) says that:

- (i) subparagraphs 25(a) to 25(f) 1 to 41 of the List of Common Questions are not substantial questions of law or fact common to the claims of group members; and
- (ii) by reason of (i) the proceedings cannot be brought as representative proceedings; and
- (iii) in respect of paragraph 41 of the List of Common Questions, there is no pleaded alleged contravention of section 29(1)(m) of the ACL; and

(b) denies the allegations in paragraph 25 of the 24FASOC.

### Amy Rickhuss

26 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 26 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 26 are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 26.

26A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 26A of the 4FASOC.

26B The allegations in paragraph 26B of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 26B.

26C The allegations in paragraph 26C of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 26C.

27 The fifth defendant admits Ms Rickhuss consulted with Dr Sivathasan on 29 January 2015 and otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 27 of the 24FASOC.

28 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 28 of the 24FASOC.

28A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 28A of the 4FASOC.

28B The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 28B of the 4FASOC.

28C The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 28C of the 4FASOC.

- 29 The fifth defendant admits the allegations in paragraph 29 of the 24FASOC.
- 30 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 30 of the 24FASOC.
- 31 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 31 of the 24FASOC.
- 32 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 32 of the 24FASOC.
- 33 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 33 of the 24FASOC.
- 34 The fifth defendant ~~does not~~ admits the allegations in paragraph 34 of the 24FASOC.
- 35 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 35 of the 24FASOC.
- 36 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 36 of the 24FASOC.

**Kylie Pollock**

- 37 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 37 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 37 are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 37.
- 37A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 37A of the 4FASOC.
- 38 The fifth defendant admits Ms Pollock consulted with Dr Nguyen on 7 May 2014 and otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 38 of the 24FASOC.
- 39 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 39 of the 24FASOC.
- 39A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 39A of the 4FASOC.
- 39B The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 39B of the 4FASOC.
- 39C The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 39C of the 4FASOC.
- 40 The fifth defendant admits the allegations in paragraph 40 of the 24FASOC.
- 41 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 41 of the 24FASOC.
- 42 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 42 of the 24FASOC.
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- 44 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 44 of the 24FASOC.
- 45 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 45 of the 24FASOC.
- 46 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 46 of the 24FASOC.
- 47 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 47 of the 24FASOC.

**Jessica Bruen**

48 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 48 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 48 are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 48.

48A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 48A of the 4FASOC.

48B The allegations in paragraph 48B of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 48B.

49 The fifth defendant admits Ms Bruen consulted with Dr Lee on 29 July 2014 and otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 49 of the 24FASOC.

50 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 50 of the 24FASOC.

50A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 50A of the 4FASOC.

50B The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 50B of the 4FASOC.

50C The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 50C of the 4FASOC.

51 The fifth defendant admits the allegations in paragraph 51 of the 24FASOC.

52 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 52 of the 24FASOC.

53 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 53 of the 24FASOC.

54 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 54 of the 24FASOC.

55 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 55 of the 24FASOC.

56 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 56 of the 24FASOC.

**Kirsty-Anne Rowlands**

57 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 57 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 57 are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 57.

57A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 57A of the 4FASOC.

57B The allegations in paragraph 57B of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 57B.

57C The allegations in paragraph 57B of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 57B.

58 The fifth defendant admits Ms Rowlands consulted with Dr Duong on 12 December 2014 and otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 58 of the 24FASOC.

59 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 59 of the 24FASOC.

59A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 59A of the 4FASOC.

59B The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 59B of the 4FASOC.

59C The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 59C of the 4FASOC.

60 The fifth defendant admits the allegations in paragraph 60 of the 24FASOC.

61 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 61 of the 24FASOC.

62 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 62 of the 24FASOC.

63 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 63 of the 24FASOC.

64 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 64 of the 24FASOC.

#### **Lily Knowland**

65 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 65 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 65 are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 65.

65A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 65A of the 4FASOC.

65B The allegations in paragraph 65B of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 65B.

65C The allegations in paragraph 65C of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 65C.

65D The allegations in paragraph 65D of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 65D.

66 The fifth defendant admits Ms Knowland consulted with Dr Nguyen on 20 November 2015 and otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 66 of the 24FASOC.

67 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 67 of the 24FASOC.

67A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 67A of the 4FASOC.

67B The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 67B of the 4FASOC.

67C The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 67C of the 4FASOC.

68 The fifth defendant admits the allegations in paragraph 68 of the 24FASOC.

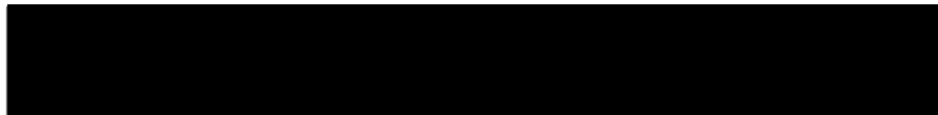
69 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 69 of the 24FASOC.

70 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 70 of the 24FASOC.

71 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 71 of the 24FASOC.

72 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 72 of the 4FASOC, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 72 of the 24FASOC.:

(a)



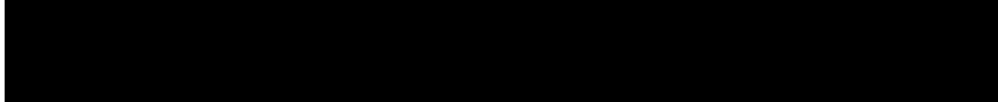
(b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 72.

73 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 73 of the 24FASOC.

74 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 74 of the 24FASOC.

75 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 75 of the 4FASOC, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 75 of the 24FASOC.:

(a)



(b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 75.

76 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 76 of the 24FASOC.

77 The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77 of the 24FASOC.

**Tiffany Rutherford**

77FA In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77FA of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that:

- (i) on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the sixth plaintiff is alleged to have accessed unspecified material “published or otherwise disseminated by the defendants at [www.thecosmeticinstitute.com.au](http://www.thecosmeticinstitute.com.au) and [www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com)” the fifth defendant:

- 1. had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and

2. had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants;  
and

(ii) the allegations in paragraph 77FA are embarrassing and liable to be struck out; and

(b) under the cover of that objection, denies the allegations in paragraph 77FA.

77FAA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FAA of the 4FASOC.

77FAB The allegations in paragraph 77FAB of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77FAB.

77FB In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77FB of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the sixth plaintiff is alleged to have attended at TCI Bondi Premises for her first pre-surgery consultation) the fifth defendant:

(i) had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and

(ii) had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants; and

(b) admits the sixth plaintiff consulted the tenth defendant on 15 June 2017; and

(c) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FB.

77FC In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77FC of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the sixth plaintiff is alleged to have attended at TCI Bondi Premises for her first pre-surgery consultation) the fifth defendant:

(i) had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and

(ii) had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants; and

(b) does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FC.

77FCA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FCA of the 4FASOC.

77FCB The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FCB of the 4FASOC.

77FCC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FCC of the 4FASOC.

77FD In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77FD of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the sixth plaintiff is alleged to have undergone surgery) the fifth defendant:

(i) had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and

(ii) has ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants; and

(b) otherwise admits the allegations in paragraph 77FD, ~~does not otherwise admit the allegations in paragraph 77FD~~.

77FE The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FE of the 24FASOC.

77FF The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FF of the 24FASOC.

77FG The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FG of the 24FASOC.

77FH The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FH of the 24FASOC.

77FI The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FI of the 24FASOC.

77FJ The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FJ of the 24FASOC.

77FK The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FK of the 24FASOC.

77FL The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FL of the 24FASOC.

77FM The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FM of the 24FASOC.

77FN The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FN of the 24FASOC.

77FO The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77FO of the 24FASOC.

**Alysha Axen**

77GA In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77GA of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that:

(i) on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the seventh plaintiff is alleged to have completed accessing unspecified material “published or otherwise disseminated by the defendants at [www.thecosmeticinstitute.com.au](http://www.thecosmeticinstitute.com.au), [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and [www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com)” the fifth defendant:

1. had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and
2. had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants;  
and

(b) the allegations in paragraph 77GA are embarrassing and liable to be struck out; and

(c) under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 77GA.

77GAA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GAA of the 4FASOC.

77GAB The allegations in paragraph 77GAB of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77GAB.

77GAC The allegations in paragraph 77GAC of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77GAC.

77GAD The allegations in paragraph 77GAD of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77GAD.

77GAE The allegations in paragraph 77GAE of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77GAE.



77GB In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77GB of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the seventh plaintiff is alleged to have attended at TCI Parramatta Premises for her first pre-surgery consultation) the fifth defendant:

(i) had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and

(ii) had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants; and

(b) admits the seventh plaintiff consulted the eleventh defendant on 2 April 2016;  
and

(c) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GB.

77GC In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77GC of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the seventh plaintiff is alleged to have attended at TCI Parramatta Premises for her first pre-surgery consultation) the fifth defendant:

(i) had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and

(ii) had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants; and

(b) does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GC.

77GCA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GCA of the 4FASOC.

77GCB The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GCB of the 4FASOC.

77GCC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GCC of the 4FASOC.

77GD In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77GD of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the seventh plaintiff is alleged to have undergone surgery) the fifth defendant:

(i) had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and

(ii) had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants; and

(b) ~~does not~~ admits the allegations in paragraph 77GD.

- 77GE The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GE of the 24FASOC.
- 77GF The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GF of the 24FASOC.
- 77GG The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GG of the 24FASOC.
- 77GH The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GH of the 24FASOC.
- 77GI The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77GI of the 24FASOC.
- 77GJ In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77GJ of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:
- (a) says that the seventh plaintiff consulted with him for the first time as a private patient in his private consulting rooms; and
  - (b) otherwise admits the allegations in paragraph 77GJ.

**Sherine Zahr**

- 77HA In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77HA of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 77HA are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 77HA.
- 77HAA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HAA of the 4FASOC.
- 77HAB The allegations in paragraph 77HAB of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77HAB.
- 77HB The fifth defendant admits Ms Zahr consulted with Dr Darshn on 11 April 2015 and otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HB of the 24FASOC.
- 77HC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HC of the 24FASOC.
- 77HD The fifth defendant admits the allegations in paragraph 77HD of the 24FASOC.
- 77HE The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HE of the 24FASOC.

77HF The fifth defendant admits Ms Zahr consulted with Dr Kwok on 15 May 2015 and otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HF of the 24FASOC.

77HG The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HG of the 24FASOC.

77HGA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HGA of the 4FASOC.

77HGB The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HGB of the 4FASOC.

77HGC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HGC of the 4FASOC.

77HH The fifth defendant ~~does not~~ admits the allegations in paragraph 77HH of the 24FASOC.

77HI The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HI of the 24FASOC.

77HJ The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HJ of the 24FASOC.

77HK The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HK of the 24FASOC.

77HL The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HL of the 24FASOC.

77HM The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HM of the 24FASOC.


77HN The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HN of the 24FASOC.

77HO The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77HO of the 24FASOC.

#### **Emma Love**

77IA In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77IA of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 77IA are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 77IA.

77IAA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77IAA of the 4FASOC.

- 77IAB ~~The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77IAB of the 4FASOC~~ The allegations in paragraph 77IAB of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77IAB.
- 77IB The fifth defendant admits Ms Love consulted with Dr Valente on 12 July 2013 and otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77IB of the 24FASOC.
- 77IC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77IC of the 24FASOC.
- 77ICA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77ICA of the 4FASOC.
- 77ICB The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77ICB of the 4FASOC.
- 77ICC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77ICC of the 4FASOC.
- 77ID ~~The fifth defendant does not admit~~ the allegations in paragraph 77ID of the 24FASOC.
- 77IE The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77IE of the 24FASOC.
- 77IF In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77IF, the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77IF of the 24FASOC.;
- (a) 
- (b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77IF.
- 77IG The fifth defendant admits the allegations in paragraph 77IG of the 24FASOC.
- 77IH The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77IH of the 24FASOC.
- 77II The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77II of the 24FASOC.
- 77IJ The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77IJ of the 24FASOC.

**Candice Gielisse**

77JA In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77JA of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 77JA are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 77JA.

77JAA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JAA of the 4FASOC.

77JAB The allegations in paragraph 77JAB of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77JAB.

77JB In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77JB of the 4FASOC, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JB of the 24FASOC.;

(a) admits the tenth plaintiff consulted the fourteenth defendant on about 11 March 2013; and

(b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JB.

77JC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JC of the 24FASOC.

77JD The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JD of the 24FASOC.

77JDA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JDA of the 4FASOC.

77JDB The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JDB of the 4FASOC.

77JDC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JDC of the 4FASOC. 77JE The fifth defendant ~~does not~~ admits the allegations in paragraph 77JE of the 24FASOC.

77JF In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77JF, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JF of the 2FASOC.;

(c)

(d) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JF.

77JG ~~In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77JG, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JG of the 2FASOC.;~~

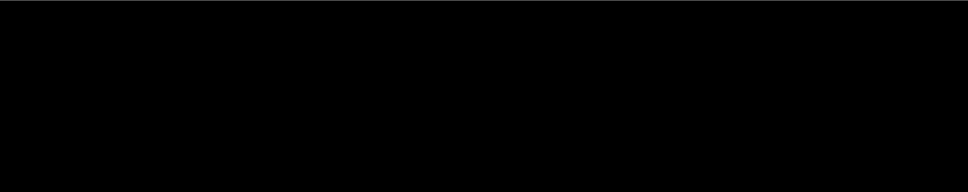
(a)



(b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JG.

77JH ~~In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77JH, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JH of the 2FASOC.;~~

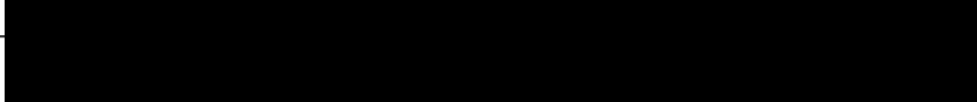
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(b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JH.

77JI ~~In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77JI, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JI of the 2FASOC.;~~

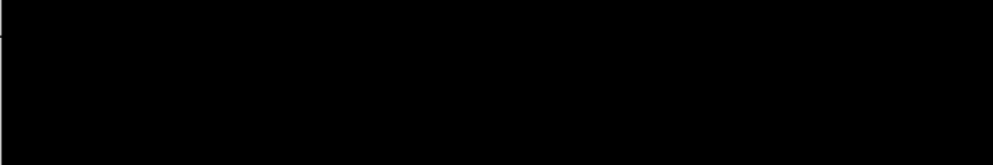
(a)



(b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JI.

77JJ ~~In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77JJ, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JJ of the 2FASOC.;~~

(a)



(b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JJ.

77JK The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JK of the 24FASOC.

77JL The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JL of the 24FASOC.

77JM The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JM of the 24FASOC.

77JN The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JN of the 24FASOC.

77JO The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77JO of the 24FASOC.

**Ali Turner**

77KA In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77KA of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 77KA are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 77KA.

77KAA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KAA of the 4FASOC.

77KAB The allegations in paragraph 77KAB of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77KAB.

77KB In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77KB of the 4FASOC, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KB of the 24FASOC.;

(a) admits the eleventh plaintiff consulted the fifteenth defendant on 18 June 2015;  
and

(b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KB.

77KC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KC of the 24FASOC.

77KCA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KCA of the 4FASOC.

77KCB The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KCB of the 4FASOC.

77KCC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KCC of the 4FASOC.

77KD The fifth defendant ~~does not~~ admits the allegations in paragraph 77KD of the 24FASOC.

77KE The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KE of the 24FASOC.

77KF In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77KF, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KF of the 24FASOC.;

(a) says that on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the eleventh plaintiff is alleged to have undergone surgery) the fifth defendant:

- (i) had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and
- (ii) had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants;

(a)



(b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KF.

77KG The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KG of the 24FASOC.

77KH The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KH of the 24FASOC.

77KI The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77KI of the 24FASOC.

**Stefanie Sanchez**

77LA In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77LA of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that:

(i) on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the twelfth plaintiff is alleged to have accessed unspecified material "published or otherwise disseminated by the defendants at [www.thecosmeticinstitute.com.au](http://www.thecosmeticinstitute.com.au), [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and [www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com)" the fifth defendant:

- 1. had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and
- 2. had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants;  
and

(b) the allegations in paragraph 77LA are embarrassing and liable to be struck out;  
and

(c) under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 77GA.

77LAA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LAA of the 4FASOC.



77LAB The allegations in paragraph 77LAB of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77LAB.

77LAC The allegations in paragraph 77LAC of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77LAC.

77LAD The allegations in paragraph 77LAD of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77LAD.

77LAE The allegations in paragraph 77LAE of the 4FASOC are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection the fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 77LAE.

77LB In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77LB of the 4FASOC, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LB of the 24FASOC.:

(a) says that on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the twelfth plaintiff consulted with the fifteenth defendant) the fifth defendant:

(i) had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and

(ii) had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants;

(b) admits the twelfth plaintiff consulted the fifteen defendant on 25 October 2016; and

(c) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LB.

77LC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LC of the 24FASOC.

77LD The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LD of the 24FASOC.

77LE In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77LE, ¶the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LE of the 24FASOC.:

(b) says that on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the twelfth plaintiff consulted with the sixteenth defendant) the fifth defendant:

(iii) had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and

(iv) had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants;

(c) admits the twelfth plaintiff consulted the sixteenth defendant on about 11 January 2017; and

(d) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LE.

77LF The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LF of the 24FASOC.

77LFA The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LFA of the 4FASOC.

77LFB The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LFB of the 4FASOC.

77LFC The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LFC of the 4FASOC.

77LG In answer to the allegations in paragraph 77LG, ~~the fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LG of the 2FASOC;~~

(e) says that on or about 8 February 2016 (being before the date that the twelfth plaintiff is alleged to have undergone surgery) the fifth defendant:

(v) had resigned as a director of the first to fourth defendants; and

(vi) had ceased providing services to the first to fourth defendants;

(f) says that the surgery was performed at the Southport Day Hospital; and

(g) otherwise admits the allegations in paragraph 77LG.

77LH The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LH of the 24FASOC.

77LI The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LI of the 24FASOC.

77LJ The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LJ of the 24FASOC.

77LK The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LK of the 24FASOC.

77LL The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 77LL of the 24FASOC.

#### **Negligence-A. Duty of Care**

78 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 78 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) says that he did not, nor is it alleged that he:
- (i) provided the plaintiffs with pre-surgery advice about initial BAS; or
  - (ii) performed initial BAS on the plaintiffs;
  - (iii) managed the plaintiffs after the performance of initial BAS; and
- (b) denies the allegations in paragraph 78.

78A The fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 78A of the 4FASOC.

78B-78L The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraphs 78B-78L of the 4FASOC as it does not contain allegations against him.

### **B. Breach of Duty**

79 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 79 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) admits that complications of the nature pleaded in paragraph 22(a) to (m) of the 4FASOC are known complications of BAS; and
- (b) otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 79.
- ~~(a) says that he did not, nor is it alleged that he:~~
  - ~~(i) provided the plaintiffs with pre-surgery advice about initial BAS; or~~
  - ~~(ii) performed initial BAS on the plaintiffs;~~
  - ~~(iii) managed the plaintiffs after the performance of initial BAS;~~
- ~~(b) denies the allegations in paragraph 79.~~

79A In answer to the allegations in paragraph 79A of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) does not plead to paragraph 79A(a) as it does not contain allegations against him;
- (b) says that he did not, nor is it alleged that he:
  - i. provided the plaintiffs with pre-surgery advice about initial BAS;
  - ii. performed initial BAS on the plaintiffs; or
  - iii. managed the plaintiffs after the performance of initial BAS; and
- (c) admits that complications of the nature pleaded in paragraph 22(a) to (m) of the 4FASOC are known complications of BAS;
- (d) admits that he was, and is, a qualified plastic surgeon with experience performing BAS;

(e) otherwise denies the allegations in paragraph 79A(b); and

(f) does not plead to paragraph 79A(c) as it does not contain allegations against him.

79B The fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 79B of the 4FASOC.

80 [Not used]. In answer to the allegations in paragraph 80 of the 2FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that he did not, nor is it alleged that he:

(i) ~~provided the plaintiffs with pre-surgery advice about initial BAS; or~~

(ii) ~~performed initial BAS on the plaintiffs; and~~

(b) ~~denies the allegations in paragraph 80.~~

81 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81A The fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 81A of the 4FASFOC. In answer to the allegations in paragraph 81A of the 2FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) as to subparagraph 81A(a):

(i) ~~repeats paragraph 21 above; and~~

(ii) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(a);~~

(b) as to subparagraph 81A(b):

(i) ~~repeats paragraph 21 above;~~

(ii) ~~says that none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them in performing their BAS; and~~

(iii) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(b);~~

(c) as to subparagraph 81A(c):

(i) ~~repeats paragraphs 14A(a), 14B(a), 14C(a), 14D(a), 14E(a), 14F(a), 14G(a), 14H(a), 14I(a), 14J(a) and 14K(a) above;~~

(ii) ~~says that none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by failing to inform them of the risks of BAS Complication; and~~

(iii) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(c);~~

(d) as to subparagraph 81A(d):

~~(i) repeats subparagraph 81A(c)(i) above;~~

~~(ii) says that none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by failing to inform them that they were at an increased risk of requiring revision surgery in the future; and~~

~~(iii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(d);~~

~~(e) as to subparagraph 81A(e):~~

~~(i) repeats subparagraph 81A(c)(i) above; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(e);~~

~~(f) as to subparagraph 81A(f):~~

~~(i) repeats paragraph 21 above;~~

~~(ii) says that there is no allegation of a "System of BAS"; and~~

~~(iii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(f);~~

~~(g) as to subparagraph 81A(g):~~

~~(i) says that:~~

~~1. the TCI Anaesthetists were fully qualified medical doctors with specialty training in anaesthetics, supervised and accredited by the Australian and New Zealand college of Anaesthetists, entitled to practise as a specialist anaesthetists in Australia;~~

~~2. TCI had an Anaesthetic Director, Dr Erez Ben, who was responsible for recruiting and supervising the TCI Anaesthetists; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(g);~~

~~(h) as to subparagraph 81A(h):~~

~~(i) says that there is no allegation of a "System of BAS"; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(h);~~

~~(i) as to subparagraph 81A(i):~~

~~(i) says that TCI had a Director of Nursing who was responsible for equipment sterilisation; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(i);~~

~~(j) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(j);~~

~~(k) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(k);~~

~~(l) as to subparagraph 81A(l):~~

~~(i) repeats subparagraph 81A(c)(i) above;~~

~~(ii) says that none of the plaintiffs have alleged the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by failing in the planning and performance of BAS to consider the differences in anatomy of the plaintiffs; and~~

~~(iii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(l);~~

~~(m) as to subparagraph 81A(m):~~

~~(i) repeats subparagraph 81A(c)(i) above;~~

~~(ii) says that none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by failing to provide adequate review and follow up following their BAS; and~~

~~(iii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(m);~~

~~(n) as to subparagraph 81A(n):~~

~~(i) repeats subparagraph 81A(c)(i) above;~~

~~(ii) says that:~~

~~1. none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by failing to decline to perform their BAS where it was considered technically difficult; and~~

~~2. the first to fourth defendants and/or the TCI Surgeons declined to perform BAS where it was appropriate do to so; and~~

~~(iii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(n);~~

~~(o) as to subparagraph 81A(o):~~

~~(i) repeats subparagraph 81A(c)(i) above;~~

~~(ii) says that:~~

~~1. none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by failing to decline to perform their BAS where BAS in the absence of mastopexy or~~

~~other different or additional surgical techniques were not indicated; and~~

~~2.—the first to fourth defendants and/or the TCI Surgeons declined to perform BAS where it was appropriate do to so; and~~

~~(iii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(o);~~

~~(p) as to subparagraph 81A(p):~~

~~(i) repeats subparagraphs 81A(c)(i) and 81A(g)(i) above;~~

~~(ii) says that:~~

~~1.—none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by performing their BAS without general anaesthetic and under twilight sedation and local anaesthetic; and~~

~~2.—the use of local anaesthetic and twilight sedation in BAS is widely accepted in Australia and internationally by peer professional opinion as competent professional practice; and~~

~~(iii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(p);~~

~~(q) as to subparagraph 81A(q):~~

~~(i) repeats subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(q);~~

~~(r) as to subparagraph 81A(r):~~

~~(i) repeats subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(r);~~

~~(s) as to subparagraph 81A(s):~~

~~(i) repeats subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above;~~

~~(ii) says that none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by failing to inform them that performing surgery without general anaesthetic and under twilight sedation and local anaesthetic would result in some patients experience pain and moving during surgery which would, in turn, require the administration of increasing cumulative doses of local anaesthetic, thereby increasing the risk of BAS Complications; and~~

~~(iii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(s);~~

~~(t) as to subparagraph 81A(t):~~

~~(i) repeats paragraph 21 and subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(t);~~

~~(u) as to subparagraph 81A(u):~~

~~(i) repeats paragraph 21 and subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(u);~~

~~(v) as to subparagraph 81A(v):~~

~~(i) says that there is no allegation of a "System of BAS"; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(u);~~

~~(w) as to subparagraph 81A(w):~~

~~(i) repeats paragraph 21 above;~~

~~(ii) says that there is no allegation of a "System of BAS"; and~~

~~(iii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(w);~~

~~(x) as to subparagraph 81A(x):~~

~~(i) repeats paragraph 21 and subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(x);~~

~~(y) as to subparagraph 81A(y):~~

~~(i) repeats paragraph 21 and subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above;~~

~~(ii) says that none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by failing to adequately monitor their alleged BAS Complications; and~~

~~(iii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(y);~~

~~(z) as to subparagraph 81A(z):~~

~~(i) repeats paragraph 21 and subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above;~~



- (ii) ~~says that none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by failing to adequately treat or assist in the treatment their alleged BAS Complications; and~~
- (iii) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(z);~~
- (aa) ~~as to subparagraph 81A(aa):~~
  - (i) ~~repeats paragraph 21 and subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above; and~~
  - (ii) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(aa);~~
- (bb) ~~as to subparagraph 81A(bb):~~
  - (i) ~~repeats paragraph 21 and subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above; and~~
  - (ii) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(bb);~~
- (cc) ~~as to subparagraph 81A(cc):~~
  - (i) ~~repeats paragraph 21 and subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above; and~~
  - (ii) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(cc);~~
- (dd) ~~as to subparagraph 81A(dd):~~
  - (i) ~~repeats paragraph 21 and subparagraphs 81A(p)(i) and 81A(p)(ii)(2) above;~~
  - (ii) ~~says that there is no allegation of a "System of BAS"; and~~
  - (iii) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(dd);~~
- (ee) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(ee);~~
- (ff) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(ff);~~
- (gg) ~~as to subparagraph 81A(gg):~~
  - (i) ~~says that:~~
    1. ~~the allegations are embarrassing and liable to be struck out;~~
    2. ~~none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care by making the Representations to them; and~~
  - (ii) ~~denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(gg); and~~

~~(hh) as to subparagraph 81A(hh):~~

~~(i) says that none of the plaintiffs have alleged that the fifth defendant breached his duty of care to them by allegedly providing them an ASPS brochure via the TCI Surgeons; and~~

~~(ii) denies the allegations in subparagraph 81A(hh); and~~

~~(ii) in further answer, says that the allegations in paragraph 81A are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 81A.~~

81B The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81B of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81C The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81C of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81D The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81D of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81E The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81E of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81F The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81F of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81G The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81G of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81H The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81H of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81I The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81I of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81J The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81J of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81K The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81K of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

81L The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 81L of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

### **C. Causation**

81M The fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 81M of the 4FASOC.

81N-81X The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraphs 81N to 81X of the 4FASOC as they contain no allegations against him.

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82 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 86 82 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) admits the allegations in respect of the plaintiffs; and
- (b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 86 82.

83 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 87 83 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) admits the allegations in respect of the plaintiffs; and
- (b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 87 83.

83A In answer to the allegations in paragraph 83A of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) does not plead to paragraphs 83A(a) and 83A(c) to 83A(m) as they contain no allegations against him;
- (b) says he did not supply services within the meaning of ss 60 and 61 of the ACL to the plaintiffs; and
- (c) denies the allegations in subparagraph 83A(b).

84 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 88 84 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) admits the allegations in respect of the plaintiffs; and
- (b) otherwise does not admit the allegations in paragraph 88 84.

85 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 89 85 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) says that the purpose of BAS varies from patient to patient; and
- (b) does not admit the allegations in paragraph 89 85.

86 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 90 86 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) says that:
  - (i) the purpose of BAS varies from patient to patient;
  - (ii) the fifth defendant did not attend, nor is it alleged that the fifth defendant attended, initial pre-surgery consultations with any of the plaintiffs;
- (b) denies the allegations in paragraph 90 86.

87 In answer to the allegations in paragraph ~~94~~ 87 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) says that the reasonable expectation of patients undergoing BAS varies from patient to patient; and
- (b) does not admit the allegations in paragraph ~~94~~ 87.

88 In answer to the allegations in paragraph ~~92~~ 88 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) says that:
  - (i) the reasonable expectation of patients undergoing BAS varies from patient to patient;
  - (ii) the fifth defendant did not attend, nor is it alleged that the fifth defendant attended, initial pre-surgery consultations with any of the plaintiffs; and
- (b) denies the allegations in paragraph ~~92~~ 88.

89 In answer to the allegations in paragraph ~~93~~ 89 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) says that:
  - ~~(i) there is no allegation of a "System of BAS";~~
  - (ii) he did not "supply" services within the meaning of ss 60 and 61 of the ACL to the plaintiffs;
  - (iii) the plaintiffs did not make known to the fifth defendant the particular purpose for which they were acquiring BAS; and
  - (iv) the plaintiffs did not make known to the fifth defendant the result that the plaintiffs wished their BAS to achieve; and
- (b) denies the allegations in paragraph ~~93~~ 89 of the 24FASOC.

89A In answer to the allegations in paragraph 89A of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant:

- (a) says that he did not supply services within the meaning of ss 267 and 268 of the ACL to the plaintiffs and group members; and
- (b) denies the allegations in paragraph 89A.

89B – 89L The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraphs 89B to 89L as they contain no allegations against him.

90 In answer to the allegations in paragraph ~~94~~ 90 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) says that he did not “supply” services within the meaning of ss 267 and 268 of the ACL to the plaintiffs;

(b) denies the allegations in paragraph 94 90.

91 The fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 95 91 of the 24FASOC.

92 The fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 96 92 of the 24FASOC.

**B. Misleading or deceptive conduct and/or false or misleading representations**

93 ~~[Not used] In answer to the allegations in paragraph 97 93 of the 2FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 97 93 are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 97 93.~~

94 The fifth defendant does not plead to the allegations in paragraph 94 of the 4FASOC as it contains no allegations against him. In answer to the allegations in paragraph 98 94 of the 2FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 98 94 are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 98 94.

94A In answer to the allegations in paragraph 94A of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 94A are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 94A.

94B-L The fifth defendant does not plead to the allegations in paragraphs 94B to 94L of the 4FASOC as they contain no allegations against him.

**C. Reliance and Causation**

95 The fifth defendant does not plead to the allegations in paragraph 95 of the 4FASOC as they contain no allegations against him. In answer to the allegations in paragraph 99 95 of the 2FASOC, the fifth defendant says that the allegations in paragraph 99 95 are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 99 95.

95A In answer to the allegations in paragraph 95A of the 4FASOC, the fifth defendant:

(a) repeats paragraph 24F above; and

(b) denies the allegations in paragraph 95A.

95B-95L The fifth defendant does not plead to the allegations in paragraphs 95B to 95L as they do not contain allegations against him.

### **Injury loss and damage**

96 In answer to the allegations in paragraph 400 96 of the 24FASOC, the fifth defendant says that:

- (a) says that he did not provide services within the meaning of ss 267 and 268 of the ACL to the plaintiffs or group members;
- (b) the allegations in paragraph 400 96 are embarrassing and liable to be struck out and under the cover of that objection denies the allegations in paragraph 400 96.

96A The fifth defendant does not admit the allegations in paragraph 96A of the 4FASOC.

96B The fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 96B of the 4FASOC.

96C The fifth defendant denies the allegations in paragraph 96C of the 4FASOC.

96D-96AJ The fifth defendant does not plead to the allegations in paragraphs 96D to 96AJ as they do not contain any allegations against him.

### **Claims against Insurers**

97 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 97 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

98 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 98 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

99 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 99 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

100 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 100 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

101 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 101 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

102 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 102 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

103 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 103 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

104 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 104 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

- 105 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 105 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 106 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 106 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 107 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 107 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 108 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 108 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 109 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 109 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 110 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 110 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 111 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 111 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 112 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 112 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 113 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 113 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 114 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 114 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 115 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 115 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 116 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 116 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 117 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 117 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 118 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 118 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 119 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 119 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 120 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 120 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

- 121 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 121 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 122 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 122 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 123 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 123 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 124 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 124 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 125 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 125 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 126 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 126 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 127 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 127 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 128 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 128 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 129 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 129 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 130 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 130 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.
- 131 The fifth defendant does not plead to paragraph 131 of the 24FASOC as it contains no allegations against him.

#### **Limitations defence for negligence**

- 132 If, which is denied, the fifth defendant is found to have breached his duty of care as alleged, and the breach or breaches are found to have caused loss or damage as alleged (which is further denied) then in further answer to the claims for negligence, the fifth defendant pleads as follows.
- 133 These proceedings were commenced on 14 September 2017.
- 134 The claims of:
- (a) second plaintiff;
  - (b) third plaintiff;



(c) ninth plaintiff; and

(d) tenth plaintiff,

were discoverable (as defined by section 50D *Limitation Act 1969* (NSW) three or more years before 14 September 2017.

135 In the premises of paragraph 402 133 and 403 134 above, the claims of the second plaintiff, the third plaintiff, the ninth plaintiff and the tenth plaintiff and any other group member whose claim was discoverable three or more years before 14 September 2017 is statute barred.

**Particulars**

Section 50C *Limitation Act 1969* (NSW).

136 Further and in addition, any of the plaintiffs or group members' claims in negligence which occurred in Queensland which accrued three or more years before 14 September 2017 are statute barred.

**Particulars**

Section 11 *Limitation Act 1974* (Qld).

**Limitations defence for ACL claims**

137 If, which is denied, the fifth defendant is found to have contravened the ACL, and his contravention of the ACL is found to have caused loss or damage as alleged (which is further denied) then in further answer to the claims for contravening the ACL, the fifth defendant pleads as follows.

138 These proceedings were commenced on 14 September 2017.

139 The date of discoverability as defined in s 87G of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) for the second plaintiff, the third plaintiff, the ninth plaintiff and/or the tenth plaintiff was three or more years before 14 September 2017.

140 In the premises of paragraphs 407 138 and 408 139 above, the claims of the second plaintiff, the third plaintiff, the ninth plaintiff, the tenth plaintiff and/or any group member whose date of discoverability was three or more years before 14 September 2017 are statute barred.

**Particulars**

Section 87F of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth).

**SIGNATURE OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE**

I certify under clause 4 of Schedule 2 to the Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014 that there are reasonable grounds for believing on the basis of provable facts and a reasonably arguable view of the law that the defence to the claim for damages in these proceedings has reasonable prospects of success.

Signature



Capacity

Solicitor on the record, by his partner

Date of signature

28 October 2022

**AFFIDAVIT VERIFYING**

Name Dr Eddy Dona  
 Address Unit 413, 29-31 Lexington Drive, Bella Vista NSW 2153  
 Occupation Plastic surgeon  
 Date 28 October 2022

I say on oath/~~affirm~~:

- 1 I am the fifth defendant.
- 2 I believe that the allegations of fact contained in the defence are true.
- 3 I believe that the allegations of fact that are denied in the defence are untrue.
- 4 After reasonable inquiry, I do not know whether or not the allegations of fact that are not admitted in the defence are true.

SWORN /AFFIRMED at

Sydney

Signature of deponent

Name of witness

Samantha Anne Peterson

Address of witness

Level 19, 1 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Capacity of witness

Solicitor with a current practising certificate

And as a witness, I certify the following matters concerning the person who made this affidavit (the deponent) and the making of this affidavit, which was affirmed before me via audio visual link in accordance with section 14G of the *Electronic Transactions Act 2000*:

1. I saw the face of the deponent via audio visual link.
2. The deponent swore before me via audio visual link that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief and I witnessed the deponent sign a copy of this affidavit via audio visual link in real time.
3. I am reasonably satisfied that this document is a copy of the affidavit signed by the deponent, which was scanned and sent to me electronically, and I have countersigned.
4. I have known the deponent for at least 12 months.

Signature of witness

Note: The deponent and witness must sign each page of the affidavit. See UCPR 35.7B.