

Annexure A

SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA

GARVOC FIRE CLASS ACTION

FRANCIS

v

POWERCOR AUSTRALIA LIMITED and ELECTRIX PTY LIMITED
(S CI 2018 01113)

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT APPROVAL

This notice relates to a class action commenced in the Supreme Court of Victoria as a result of the Garvoc Fire which started on 17 March 2018 at 974 Sisters-Garvoc Road, The Sisters in the State of Victoria (**Garvoc Fire**).

The Supreme Court has ordered that this notice be provided to inform group members that a settlement of the class action on behalf of victims of the Garvoc Fire has now been approved by the Court.

Settlement of the Class Action

The defendants to the class action are Powercor Australia Limited and Electrix Pty Limited.

The parties have agreed to a settlement of the class action, under which the defendants have agreed to pay \$5,000,000.00 (\$5 million) (**Settlement Sum**) inclusive of the plaintiff's legal costs, without any admission of liability by the first or second defendant. The terms of the settlement of the proceeding are set out in a settlement agreement that has been signed on behalf of the plaintiff and the defendants.

On 20 December 2019, the Supreme Court approved the settlement. The Court approval means that the settlement becomes binding on you and all other persons who fall under the definition of group member in the proceeding.

Distribution of the Settlement Sum

The plaintiff is making application to the Supreme Court for the approval of a scheme for the distribution of the Settlement Sum between group members. On 16 December 2019 the plaintiff's solicitors were directed to file further material with the Court in relation to the plaintiff's proposed settlement distribution scheme. The Court has not yet approved a distribution scheme. Once a scheme has been approved, registered group members' individual entitlements to compensation will be assessed and the Settlement Sum will be distributed.

You do not need to do anything at this time. You will be given further notice once a settlement distribution scheme has been approved.

Address for questions

If you have any questions about the settlement or this notice, you can contact Maddens Lawyers at any time, or seek your own independent legal advice.

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