



AAI & MTA CLASS ACTION
Zoey Anderson-Vaughan v AAI Limited and others
Supreme Court of Victoria

Case: S ECI 2021 00930

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FUNDING INFORMATION SUMMARY STATEMENT

1. How is the AAI & MTA Class Action funded?

There is no litigation funder. All costs associated with the class action will be borne by Maurice Blackburn, unless and until there is a successful outcome to the class action (such as a settlement that is approved by the Court or a judgment of the Court awarding damages to group members). If the class action is successful, legal costs payable to Maurice Blackburn are subject to the “group costs order”, discussed below.

If the class action is unsuccessful, Group Members will not be liable to pay any legal costs at all.

2. How are legal fees and disbursements charged?

If there is a successful outcome in the class action, the legal costs payable to Maurice Blackburn will be calculated as 25% of any settlement or judgment sum recovered for Group Members, rather than using time-based billing. This arrangement is called a “group costs order” (**GCO**).

Important points to note:

- The GCO arrangement, and the rate of 25%, were approved by the Court in August 2023.
- The Court can adjust the GCO rate at any time in the proceeding. If this occurs, the Court will take into account the interests of group members.
- If there are any costs payable to the defendants in the class action, the law requires Maurice Blackburn to pay these.

Therefore, **the Plaintiff and group members will not be liable to pay any ‘out of pocket’ costs, whether or not the case is successful.**

A copy of the GCO ruling dated 8 August 2023, and the orders dated 11 August 2023 can be found on the websites of Maurice Blackburn and the Supreme Court of Victoria.

3. Who can group members contact for further information about the funding or costs of the class action?

Group members may contact Maurice Blackburn, at no out of pocket cost, via:

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