SUPREME COURT VICTORIA
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GROUP PROCEEDINGS SUMMARY STATEMENT
RIVERVUE RETIREMENT VILLAGE CLASS ACTION
STANISLAW KORKLINIEWSKI v MELBOURNE WATER CORPORATION & ORS
UPDATED: 9 NOVEMBER 2026

WHAT IS A CLASS ACTION?

1 Where seven or more people have claims that arise out of similar circumstances, a class action can be brought by one plaintiff on their own behalf and representing others.

WHAT IS THE CLASS ACTION ABOUT? WHO IS THE DEFENDANT?

2 The Rivervue Retirement Village Class Action is a representative proceeding commenced by Stanislaw (Stan) Korkliniewski (**Plaintiff**) against Melbourne Water Corporation (**Defendant**). The claim is for damages as a result of the negligent conduct of the Defendant in flood modelling and development approval of finished floor height levels, which caused the inundation of the Rivervue Retirement Village (**RRV**), situated at Canning Street, Avondale Heights, Victoria, during a flood event on 14 October 2022 (the **Flood Event**). The Defendant has filed a Third Party Notice Statement of Claim against GHD Pty Ltd (ACN 008 488 373), joining it as a Third Party in the proceeding; and has joined Moonee Valley City Council as a Second Defendant in the proceeding pursuant to s 24AL(1) of the *Wrongs Act 1958* (Vic).

WHO ARE THE GROUP MEMBERS IN THE CLASS ACTION

3 The group members are any persons and/or estates of persons who:

(a) hold or held a leasehold interest in a residential property at the RRV on or after 14 October 2022;

(b) have suffered loss and damage because of the alleged conduct of the Defendant;

(c) are the legal personal representative(s) of the estate of any person who would be a group member but for their death; and

(d) are not a Justice, Registrar, District Registrar or Deputy District Registrar of the High Court of Australia or the Federal Court of Australia.

WHO IS THE LAW FIRM ACTING FOR THE LEAD PLAINTIFF

4 The law firm acting for the Plaintiff in this proceeding is Mayweathers Pty Limited t/as Mayweathers (**Mayweathers**). Mayweathers has retained William Roberts Pty Limited t/as William Roberts Lawyers (**WRL**) to act as Mayweathers' agent and the two law firms will work together to share resources and financial risk to prosecute the class action (**Lawyers**).

WHO IS THE LEAD PLAINTIFF, AND WHAT IS THEIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY?

5 The Plaintiff is the holder of a leasehold interest in a villa at the RRV who suffered loss and damage as a result of the Defendant's conduct.

6 It is the Plaintiff's role to represent the group members and to provide instructions to Mayweathers regarding the conduct of the case. The Plaintiff may also give evidence during the proceeding. In hearing the Plaintiff's case, the Court will consider questions of fact and/or law that are common to all group members.

IS THIS GROUP PROCEEDING FUNDED BY A LITIGATION FUNDER?

7 Yes. Further information can be found in the Updated Funding Information Summary Statement.

HOW ARE LEGAL FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS CHARGED?

8 The class action is being funded by LLS Australia Funding Pty Ltd (the **Funder**).

9 The Plaintiff and group members will not be asked to pay anything upfront or out of pocket. Legal costs will only be payable by the Plaintiff and group members in the event of a successful outcome and then only as approved by the Court. Legal costs and any other amounts approved by the Court and payable to the Lawyers and the Funder will be deducted from, and will not exceed, any compensation that group members are entitled to receive.

10 If a successful outcome is not achieved in the class action, the Plaintiff and group members will not be required to pay any legal costs or any other amounts to the Funder or the Lawyers.

11 Further information regarding the funding of this case can be found in the Updated Funding Information Summary Statement.

HAVE ANY OTHER GROUP PROCEEDINGS BEEN FILED, OR ARE LIKELY TO BE FILED, THAT RELATE TO THIS PROCEEDING?

12 Mayweathers is not aware of any other group proceeding that has been filed, or is likely to be filed, that relates to the same subject matter as this proceeding.

CONTACT US

13 If you are a group member you may contact Mayweathers at no cost to you by the following methods:

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