# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA AT MELBOURNE COMMON LAW DIVISION

S CI 2012 04538

**BETWEEN:** 

KATHERINE ROWE

Plaintiff

and

AUSNET ELECTRICITY SERVICES PTY LTD (ACN 064 651 118) (and others in accordance with the attached Schedule)

**Defendants** 

#### **ORDER**

JUDGE:

The Honourable Justice John Dixon

DATE MADE:

20 March 2018

ORIGINATING PROCESS:

Writ

**HOW OBTAINED** 

At the case management conference on 20 March 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Mr A J Watson, Scheme Administrator of the

Settlement Distribution Scheme (SDS)

#### OTHER MATTERS:

### The court notes:

- (a) on 22 June 2017, it approved settlement administration costs in the amount of \$2,628,921.28, or the amount showing on Maurice Blackburn's finalised settlement administration invoices for the period 1 January 2017 to 30 June 2017;
- (b) any amount referred to in (a) was only to be payable to Maurice Blackburn on adoption by the Court of the Special Referee's report that such amount was reasonable;
- (c) the Special Referee has reported that Maurice Blackburn's settlement administration costs in the sum of \$1,727,455.29 for the period 1 January 2017 to 30 November 2017 are reasonable; and
- (d) the Affidavit of Mr A Watson, Scheme Administrator, sworn 1 March 2018.

# THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. The Court adopts the Special Referee's report on costs dated 2 March 2018.

2. Pursuant to sections 33V and 33ZF of the *Supreme Court Act* and in accordance with section I1.1 of the SDS the sum of \$1,727,455.29 be paid to Maurice Blackburn for settlement administration costs and disbursements incurred for the period 1 January 2017 to 30 November 2017.

3. Liberty to apply.

DATE AUTHENTICATED:

21 March 2018

The Honourable Justice John Dixon

#### SCHEDULE OF PARTIES

# **BETWEEN:**

KATHERINE ROWE

and

AUSNET ELECTRICITY SERVICES PTY LTD (ACN 064 651 118)

First Defendant

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Second

Defendant

Plaintiff

SECRETARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, LAND,

Third

Defendant

WATER AND PLANNING (FORMALLY SECRETARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES)

COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY

Fourth

Defendant

STATE OF VICTORIA

Fifth

Defendant

**AND** 

AUSNET ELECTRICITY SERVICES PTY LTD

ACN 060 674 580 PTY LTD (ACN 060 674 580)

Plaintiff by

Counterclaim

(ACN 064 651 118)

and

ACN 060 674 580 PTY LTD (ACN 060 674 580)

First Defendant by

Counterclaim

SECRETARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

Second Defendant by

Counterclaim

ENVIRONMENT, LAND, WATER AND PLANNING (FORMALLY SECRETARY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES)

COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY

Third Defendant by

Counterclaim

STATE OF VICTORIA

Fourth Defendant by

Counterclaim

KATHERINE ROWE

Fifth Defendant by Counterclaim