

IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
CANBERRA REGISTRY

NO C 7 OF 2018

BETWEEN: **THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**
First Plaintiff

THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN AUTHORITY
Second Plaintiff

AND: **COMMISSIONER BRET WALKER SC**
First Defendant

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Second Defendant

CHRONOLOGY OF THE PLAINTIFFS



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PART I

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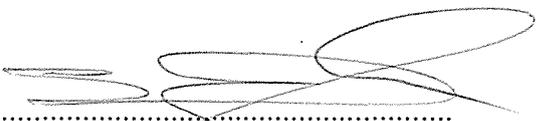
PART II

| Date | Event | Special Case book reference |
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| 23 January 2018 | The Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission (the Commission) was established by the Governor of South Australia. | SCB 255-256 |
| 10 25 May 2018 | The Commission applied to the Supreme Court of South Australia for leave to serve a summons to attend to give evidence upon Mr Phillip Glyde, Chief Executive, Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the MDBA). | SCB 303-311 |
| 30 May 2018 | The Commission applied to the Supreme Court of South Australia for leave to serve summonses to attend to give evidence upon the following current and former MDBA employees and officers: Mr Ian Burns, Mr David Bell, Dr Rhondda Dickson, 20 Mr Pradeep Sharma and Dr Tony McLeod. | SCB 313-324 |
| 30 May 2018 | The Commission applied to the Supreme Court of South Australia for leave to serve summonses to produce documents upon the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and the Proper Officer of the MDBA. | SCB 326-335 |
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| 30 May 2018 | The Hon. Justice Parker of the Supreme Court of South Australia made orders granting leave pursuant to s 76(1) of the <i>Service and Execution of Process Act 1992</i> (Cth) to serve the summons to attend to give evidence upon each of Mr Glyde, Dr Dickson, Dr McLeod, Mr Burns, Mr Bell and Mr Sharma, and summonses to produce documents upon the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and the Proper Officer of the MDBA. | SCB 337-338 SCB 340-341 SCB 343-344 | |
| 10 | 31 May 2018 | The Commission issued summonses to each of Mr Bell and Mr Burns. | SCB 398-400 SCB 402-404 |
| 1 June 2018 | The Commission issued summonses to each of the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and the Proper Officer of the MDBA, Mr Glyde, Dr McLeod, Mr Sharma and Dr Dickson. | SCB 346-349 SCB 351-355 SCB 357-359 SCB 367-369 SCB 390-396 | |
| 20 | 13 June 2018 | The plaintiffs commenced proceedings in the High Court's original jurisdiction by Writ of Summons and Statement of Claim | SCB 8 |
| 30 | 13 June 2018 | The Commissioner gave an undertaking that he would not, until determination of the current proceedings (or some other agreement), take further action on the summonses issued to the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, the Proper Officer of the MDBA, Mr Glyde, Dr McLeod, Mr Sharma, Dr Dickson, Mr Bell and Mr Burns. For this reason, the interlocutory relief was not pursued by the plaintiffs. | |

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| 19 June 2018 | The plaintiffs filed an Amended Writ of Summons | SCB 26 |
| 23 July 2018 | The plaintiffs filed an agreed Special Case. | SCB 63 |
| 30 July 2018 | Justice Keane ordered that the questions stated in the Special Case be referred to the Full Court for hearing. | |

Dated: 7 August 2018



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