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Form 15
Rules 8.01(1); 8.04(1)

Originating application

No. of 2026

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: Victoria
Division: General

THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Applicant

3M COMPANY (DELAWARE COMPANY NUMBER 262413)

First Respondent

3M AUSTRALIA PTY LTD (ACN 000 100 096)

Second Respondent

To the Respondents

The Applicant applies for the relief set out in this application.

The Court will hear this application, or make orders for the conduct of the proceeding, at the time and place stated below. If you or your lawyer do not attend, then the Court may make orders in your absence.

You must file a notice of address for service (Form 10) in the Registry before attending Court or taking any other steps in the proceeding.

Time and date for hearing:

Place: Federal Court of Australia
Owen Dixon Commonwealth Law Courts Building
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Date: 28 May 2026

Signed by an officer acting with the authority of
the District Registrar



Details of claim

On the grounds stated in the statement of claim (SOC) (and using the same defined terms as in the SOC), the Applicant claims:

1. Damages.
2. A declaration that 3M and 3M Australia have committed and continue to commit nuisance against the Commonwealth in respect of pollution at, and migration from, each of the Bases.
3. Alternatively to (1), an order requiring 3M and 3M Australia to reimburse the Commonwealth for its reasonable efforts to abate the nuisance.
4. Further to (1) or (3), equitable damages for future losses arising from the Commonwealth's reasonable efforts to abate the continuing nuisance, including by:
 - (a) removing and safely disposing of the PFAS contamination of each of the Bases;
 - (b) removing and safely disposing of the PFAS contamination affecting properties and waterways in the areas surrounding each of the Bases;
 - (c) securing areas most at risk from the potential migration of PFAS contamination from the Bases.
5. Further or alternatively to (1), pursuant to section 39(3) of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (Vic), the sum of \$56,182,934.96.
6. Further to (5), a declaration that pursuant to section 39(3) of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (Vic), the Commonwealth is entitled to recover its reasonable future costs incurred in complying with the duty under section 39(1) in relation to the Victorian Bases.
7. Damages pursuant to:
 - (a) section 82 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth) in respect of the contraventions of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth); and
 - (b) further or alternatively, section 236 of Schedule 2 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) in respect of the contraventions of Schedule 2 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth).
8. Exemplary damages.
9. Interest, including pursuant to statute.
10. Costs.
11. Such further or other relief as the Court considers just or necessary.

**Applicant's address**

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Service on the Respondent

It is intended to serve this application on all Respondents.

Date: 28 May 2026

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Signed by Joanne Jary
Lawyer for the Applicant