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Interlocutory application

No. VID 1454 of 2025

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: Victoria
Division: General

RYAN LUKE MEULEMAN

Applicant

DANIEL MICHAEL ANDREWS and another

Respondents

To the Respondents

The Applicant applies for the interlocutory orders 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.

Time and date for hearing: [Registry will insert time and date] on 15 May 2026

Place: Owen Dixon Commonwealth Law Court Building, 305 William St, Melbourne VIC 3000

The Court ordered that the time for serving this application be abridged to [Registry will insert date, if applicable]

Date:

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Interlocutory orders sought

1. Pursuant to rule 30.01 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011* (Cth), the questions set out at Annexure A of these Orders (**the Separate Questions**) be determined separately from and in advance of all other questions in this proceeding.
2. The Separate Questions are set down for hearing on a day to be fixed in July 2026 on an estimate of 1 to 2 days (**the Hearing**).
3. By **4.00pm** on **22 May 2025**, following conferral between the parties' lawyers, the parties are to file with the Court a list of the facts that are agreed (whether by reason of admissions in the pleadings, or other agreement) that are relevant to the determination of the Separate Questions.
4. Liberty to apply on 48 hours' notice.
5. The costs of this application be reserved for determination on the hearing of the Separate Questions, or at the conclusion of the trial in this proceeding if the Separate Questions are not ordered.
6. Such further or other directions as the Court considers necessary.

Service on the Respondents

It is intended to serve this application on all the Respondents.

Date: 2 April 2026

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'N. Nikolic'.

Signed by Natalija Nikolić
Lawyer for the Applicant



Annexure A – the Separate Questions

1. Did the matters complained of (see [13]-[15] of the Statement of Claim (**SOC**), [13] of the Defence, and [3(b)-(c)] of the Reply) convey, in their natural and ordinary meaning, the following imputations (or meanings not different in substance):
 - a. Mr Meuleman has lied about and is lying about the facts and circumstances of the collision which occurred on 7 January 2013.
 - b. Mr Meuleman has sought to use legal proceedings to obtain money based on his false claims about the collision.
 - c. Mr Meuleman has sought to rely on a specious report from Dr Shuey in order to gain a financial advantage to which he is not entitled.

(the Meanings)
2. Did the matters complained of convey, by way of innuendo to persons with knowledge of either or both of the Herald Sun Articles or the other pleaded and agreed facts (being those admitted in [4] to [10] of the Defence; and those pleaded in [19E(a)] of the Defence and admitted and further relied upon [6(a)] of the Reply), the Meanings?
3. Did the matters complained of identify the Applicant?
4. Has the Applicant established that the publication of the defamatory matter complained of has caused, or is likely to cause, serious harm to the reputation of the Applicant?