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# Reply



No. VID 1661 of 2018

Federal Court of Australia District Registry: Victoria

Division: Fair Work

#### Lawrence Ridge

Applicant

## Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd

Respondent

To the Respondent's Defence dated 28 October 2022, the Applicant says:

#### Casual status

- 1. As to paragraph 7(f)(i), the Applicant admits that he was a casual employee within the meaning of s.15A of the FW Act.
- 2. As to paragraphs 12 and 12A(b), the Applicant admits that all Group Members (save for those employed on a non-casual basis after 1 April 2019) were casual employees.

#### Contractual 'set off'

3. As to paragraph 54(d), insofar as it is alleged that clause 3.6 of the Agreement constituted an agreement that the Respondent need not pay the Annual Leave Entitlement, the agreement is void because it is contrary to s.45 of the FW Act, and is also void as contrary to public policy prohibiting the cashing out of annual leave (which policy is reflected in ss.92-94 of the FW Act).

#### Joinder of issue

4. Save for the express admissions in this Reply, the Applicant joins issue with the Respondent.

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Date: 18 November 2022

Signed by Rory Markham Lawyer for the Applicant

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I Rory Markham certify to the Court that, in relation to the reply filed on behalf of the Applicant, the factual and legal material available to me at present provides a proper basis for:

- (a) each allegation in the pleading; and
- (b) each denial in the pleading; and
- (c) each non admission in the pleading.

Date: 18 November 2022

Signed by Rory Michael Markham

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