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Covid 19 Vaccine Injuries Lawsuit First Case Management Hearing

Sydney, Australia (12th April 2024) -- Support for the injured as Class Action continues. Photos, interviews available

COVID-19 vaccine injured group members gathered in Sydney on Friday (April 12) with Queensland doctor Melissa McCann, to appear at the Federal Court before Justice Katzmann and were represented by instructing solicitor Natalie Strijland and barrister Alexander White for a case management hearing in their ongoing class action for compensation.

The action is seeking compensation on behalf of COVID-19 vaccine injured Australians for damages and losses sustained.

The courtroom overflowed with interested parties and their supporters, many of whom also viewed via a livestream.

"Though this was just an administrative hearing to timetable the matter from here, it was a moving opportunity for these injured and bereaved persons to connect with each other and feel less alone in their suffering," said Dr McCann.

"It was amazing to feel so much love and support, and to make those vital connections in our journey to recovery," said vaccine injured person, Mr Ro.

"For me this isn't a for or against vaccines case, this is about an intervention that was mandated, that ended up hurting a lot of people. I want to live in a society that helps and compensates the fallen, not ignore or dismisses them", said vaccine injured person, Ms Michelle Hunder.

Supporters gathered in nearby Hyde Park where they set up a Forest of the Fallen display to acknowledge the suffering of people injured by the COVID-19 vaccines.

NR Barbi Solicitor Pty Ltd, represented Lead Applicants Gareth O'Gradie, Antonio Derosé and Anthony Rose and the open class of Group Members at the first Case Management Hearing (NSD 349/2023) before her Honour Justice Katzmann.

The Lead Applicants are representing the class of persons across Australian jurisdictions who have suffered loss and damage as a result of being injected with one or more of the COVID-19 vaccines. The action relates to the conduct of the Therapeutic Goods Administration in approving and monitoring the COVID-19 vaccines, including alleged negligence and misfeasance. The relevant respondents include the Australian Government, the Department of Health and Aged Care Secretary Dr Brendan Murphy and the Former Deputy Secretary of Health Products Regulation Group Adjunct Professor John Skerritt.

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“Australians who experienced a serious adverse event following COVID-19 vaccination are invited to step forward and register their interest for this class action,” said Natalie Strijland, instructing solicitor NR Barbi Solicitor Pty Ltd

The hearing was adjourned with the instructions for both legal parties to provide an agreed set of orders for her Honour to review. Orders will be published once made.

Directory:

Eligible Group Members can find information on the class action including link to join at www.covidvaxclassaction.com.au

Case listing can be found at <https://www.comcourts.gov.au/file/Federal/P/NSD349/2023/actions>

Class action practice note can be found at <https://www.fedcourt.gov.au/law-and-practice/practice-documents/practice-notes/gpn-ca>

To contribute to the Crowdfunding please visit <https://www.nomoresilenceau.com/campaigns/covid-vaccine-class-action-injuries/>

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Group Members available for media contact:

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Katie Lees died 4th August 2021 from VITTS caused by the COVID AstraZeneca Vaccine.
Katie's story has previously appeared in media outlets.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-07-01/arts-fellowship-after-covid-19-vaccine-death/101199786>
<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/she-wanted-to-do-her-bit-parents-call-for-covid-inquiry-after-death-of-daughter-20220516-p5aloj.html>
<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/jul/01/not-just-a-number-families-of-five-australian-pandemic-victims-reflect-on-loss-during-covid>

For information about Katie and the Katie Lees Foundation
<https://katieleesfoundation.com.au/home>

2. Michelle Grace Hunder

Michelle is an Aria award winning music photographer who was diagnosed with vaccine induced pericarditis. Michelle is both media trained and experienced and has done several podcasts on the topic of vaccine injury which she is very passionate about and can be contacted for comment-
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3. Roman Savesk

Ro was diagnosed with myopericarditis in addition to several neurological, nerve, joint and skin conditions. Despite multiple specialist letters his workers compensation claim was declined and Senator Rennick raised his case in a recent Senate hearing. He was also referred to by Senator Malcom Roberts in a senate hearing, as well as mention by name by Russell Broadbent in chambers.
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Pic: Ian Lees, father of Katie Lees, one of the bereaved litigants at Hyde Park on Friday, with his daughter's story. Photo courtesy Alison Bevege.



Pic: Vaccine injured, bereaved and supporters gather in Hyde Park after the hearing. Ro Savesk, centre front. Photo- supplied.



Pic: Michelle Grace Hunder, Aria award winning music photographer and vaccine injured person. Photo: Courtesy Michelle Hunder



Pic: Vaccine injured woman Ellie being pushed in wheelchair through the display. Photo- supplied.



Pic: Bereaved woman Sue pays tribute to her late brother Douglas. Photo- supplied.



Pic: Display of stories of injuries and deaths, Forest of the Fallen. Photo- supplied.