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Covid 19 Vaccine Injuries Lawsuit Commenced in the Federal Court

Sydney, Australia- On 26th April, 2023, NR Barbi Solicitor Pty Ltd, filed a Class Action lawsuit on behalf of Lead Applicants Gareth O'Gradie, Antonio Derosé and Anthony Rose.

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, breach of statutory duty and misfeasance in public office. The relevant respondents are (at least) 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.

“The action will argue that the Therapeutic Goods Administration did not fulfill their duty to properly regulate the COVID-19 vaccines, resulting in considerable harm and damage to Australians.” Quote attributed to Natalie Strijland, instructing solicitor, NR Barbi Solicitor Pty Ltd.

Eligible Group Members include those who have suffered a serious adverse event either partly or wholly by reason of the COVID-19 injection.

Serious adverse events include:

- Death;
- A life threatening event;
- An event which requires in-patient hospitalisation;

- An event which resulted in persistent or significant disability or incapacity, including: permanent impairment of a body function or permanent damage to a body structure;
- An event which necessitated medical or surgical intervention to prevent permanent impairment of a body function or permanent damage to a body structure;
- Caused a congenital anomaly, birth defect or stillbirth;
- Was a medically important event;
- Was an event that made one or more of the outcomes above more likely;
- Or was an event that required intervention to prevent one or more of the above outcomes, including events that required intensive treatment in an emergency department or at home but did not result in hospitalisation.

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

Dr Melissa McCann, general practitioner at the Whitsunday Family Practice, has initiated crowdfunding and provided litigation funding for the action and says that a Class Action is needed because the compensation scheme has failed vaccine injured Australians.

“The Services Australia covid vaccine claims scheme is not fit for purpose. Australians were promised a fair and accessible compensation scheme. Many vaccine injured Australians who cannot access compensation through the Services Australia scheme now find themselves abandoned, with no support.” Quote attributed to Dr Melissa McCann

“Counsel for the action barrister Joseph Manner has prepared an extremely thorough and comprehensive pleading, and instructing solicitor Natalie Strijland has bought the case professionally and compassionately; and I am very confident that this has been filed in a manner that does justice to the scale and public importance of the action.” Quote attributed to Dr Melissa McCann

Vaccine injured Australians can still register to join the class action. Registration details are included at the end of this release.

“Australians who have experienced a serious adverse event following COVID-19 vaccination are invited to step forward and register for this Class Action.” Quote attributed to Natalie Strijland, instructing solicitor NR Barbi Solicitor Pty Ltd.

Directory:

Eligible Group Members are invited to register details at <https://hipaa.jotform.com/build/230862562109051>

Further details may be found at www.covidvaxclassaction.com.au

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