



Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: New South Wales Registry

Division: General

No: NSD 902 of 2026

TAYLOR AUERBACH

Applicant

NATIONWIDE NEWS PTY LIMITED (ACN 008 438 828) and others named in the
schedule

Respondent

ORDER

JUDGE: Justice Bromwich

DATE OF ORDER: 16 July 2026

WHERE MADE: Sydney

THE COURT NOTES THAT:

1. The applicant does not press his claim to the extent that it alleges that the respondents have contravened s 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth).

THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

2. The following parts of the Statement of Claim filed on 29 May 2026 are struck out:
 - (a) the second bullet point in paragraph 5 (being the second paragraph numbered 5);
 - (b) paragraphs 19 to 25 (being the first paragraph numbered 25);
 - (c) the words "and the contraventions" in the second paragraph numbered 25; and
 - (d) sub-paragraph (b) under the heading "Relief Claimed".
3. The respondents are relieved of their obligation under rule 16.32 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011* (Cth) to file a defence until further order.
4. By 4.00pm on 24 July 2026, the applicant file and serve any further affidavit evidence on which the applicant relies in relation to the interlocutory application filed on 29 June 2026 (**Applicant's Interlocutory Application**).



5. By 4.00pm on 14 August 2026, the respondents file and serve any affidavit evidence on which the respondents rely in relation to the Applicant's Interlocutory Application.
6. By 4.00pm on 11 September 2026, the applicant file and serve:
 - (a) An Outline of Submissions in relation to the Applicant's Interlocutory Application (limited to 5 pages, in 12-point font and 1.5 spacing).
 - (b) Any objections to any evidence in relation to the Applicant's Interlocutory Application.
7. By 4.00pm on 18 September 2026, the respondents file and serve:
 - (a) An Outline of Submissions in relation to the Applicant's Interlocutory Application (limited to 5 pages, in 12-point font and 1.5 spacing).
 - (b) Any objections to any evidence in relation to the Applicant's Interlocutory Application.
8. The Applicant's Interlocutory Application be listed for hearing at 10.15am on 26 October 2026 with a time estimate of half a day.

Date orders authenticated: 17 July 2026


Registrar

Note: Entry of orders is dealt with in Rule 39.32 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011*.



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Second Respondent	MICHAEL MILLER
Third Respondent	MICHELLE GUNN
Fourth Respondent	KELVIN HEALEY
Fifth Respondent	CLAIRE HARVEY
Sixth Respondent	STEPHEN RICE
Seventh Respondent	JAMES MADDEN
Eighth Respondent	STEVE JACKSON