

**RAYMOND TERRENCE HOSER**

**AND**

**NEVILLE WILLIAM BURNS**

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**DEED OF SETTLEMENT**

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Ref: IR: 25/5827

## DEED OF SETTLEMENT

THIS DEED dated 27 day of February 2026

**BETWEEN: Raymond Terrence Hoser** of 488 Park Road, Park Orchards, Victoria (**'the Applicant'**)

**AND Neville William Burns** of 45 Henry Street, Lawson, New South Wales (**'the First Respondent'**)

### Recitals

1. The **Applicant** initiated proceeding MLG2657/2024 on **8 August 2024** in the Federal Circuit Family Court of Australia Division 2 (General Division) for alleged trademark infringements and defamation by the **First Respondent**.
2. On a personal and commercial basis, the parties have agreed to resolve all matters arising between them in respect of the subject matter of the Proceeding MLG2657/2024 (**the "Proceeding"**) in the terms set out in this Deed of Settlement.

### Operative provisions

A. Agreement as between **the Applicant** and the **First Respondent**

By 4:00PM Friday 27 February 2026 the parties will do the following:

1. The **First Respondent** undertakes to have all matters of concern removed from all relevant platforms including but not limited to Facebook and YouTube that the **First Respondent** has control of.
2. The **First Respondent** undertakes not to reinstate them in any way, shape or form all matters of concern.
3. The **First Respondent** will publish on his Facebook page the following apology to:  
<https://www.facebook.com/CrocBurns>

"APOLOGY TO SNAKE MAN RAYMOND HOSER

Dear All,

I, Neville Burns, have posted a number of false and defamatory claims against wildlife conservation icon Raymond Hoser, better known as the Snake Man.

I accept that my false and defamatory claims about Raymond Hoser further damaged not just the reputation of Raymond Hoser and his wildlife education business, but that it seriously harmed the cause of wildlife conservation in Australia.

If anyone sees such false claims made by me or like them, repeated elsewhere on the internet, they should be ignored as false and corrected as soon as possible to avoid further damage to Raymond Hoser and the wildlife conservation cause.

It should be simply said that anyone against Snake Man Raymond Hoser is anti-wildlife and anti-wildlife conservation.

Thank you, Neville Burns"

3. The **First Respondent** undertakes to not publish anything false or defamatory about **Raymond Hoser** or his associated business and/or trademarks.
4. The **First Respondent** undertakes not to use any trademarks owned or controlled by **Raymond Hoser, Adelyn Hoser** or any other relatives of **Raymon Hoser** as listed at [www.ipaustralia.gov.au](http://www.ipaustralia.gov.au) under any circumstance or in any way tarnish the intellectual property of **Raymond Hoser** (including by using junior synonym names for reptile taxa named by **Raymond Hoser** in the first instance, viz the ICZN Rule of Priority)
5. The **First Respondent** undertakes to not instigate anyone else to do what is forbidden herein either on his behalf, nor to encourage them to do anything herein.
6. The **First Respondent** will pay into the nominated bank account below **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) ("the settlement sum")** as full and final damages for the publication of the matters of concern as identified in MLG2657/2024. This payment is the full and final settlement of all matters between the **Applicant** and the **First Respondent**.

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ACCOUNT NAME: REPTILE PARTY

7. The **Applicant** will discontinue proceedings upon receipt of the full payment of the **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)**, with no order for costs against either party.
8. Upon payment by the **First Respondent** of the **Settlement Sum** in accordance with paragraph [7] herein to this Deed, the Parties shall release and forever discharge each other from and against all claims, causes of action, suits, liabilities or demands of every description whatsoever which they now have or, but for these terms, may have had against each other for, or in respect of, or arising out of, or related to, the subject matter of the Proceeding, including any claim for interest and costs.

#### **Minutes of Consent**

9. Each of the parties agree to execute Minutes of Consent Orders at **Annexure A** to this Deed seeking that the proceeding be dismissed with no order as to costs; and agree to the filing of the Minutes of Consent Orders forthwith.

#### **General**

10. The terms of this Deed are NOT confidential to the Parties.

Execution page

**EXECUTED AS A DEED**

**SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED BY**  
**Raymond Terrence Hoser** in the presence of:

*Raymond and Hoser*

*D. M. M.*  
Signature of witness

*David Mank.*  
Print name of witness

*[Signature]*  
Signature

**SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED BY**  
**Neville William Burns** in the presence of:

*[Signature]*  
Signature of witness

*Kathleen Sheean*  
Print name of witness

*Neville Burns*  
Signature

**ANNEXURE A**

FAMILY LAW ACT 1975

FEDERAL CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURT OF  
AUSTRALIA  
(DIVISION 2)

AT MELBOURNE

No. (P)MLG2657/2024

BETWEEN

**RAYMOND HOSER**

**Applicant**

AND

**NEVILLE BURNS**

**First Respondent**

**Raymond Terence Hoser**  
488 Park Road,  
PARK ORCHARDS VIC 3114

**Robertson Legal & Conveyancing Lawyers**  
60 Broadgully Road  
DIAMOND CREEK VIC 3089

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**PROPOSED MINUTES OF CONSENT ORDER**

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PREPARED BY THE PARTIES JOINTLY

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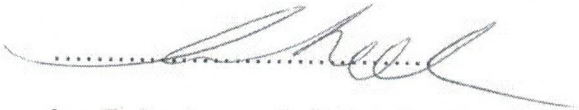
**Respondent**

**PROPOSED MINUTE OF CONSENT ORDER**

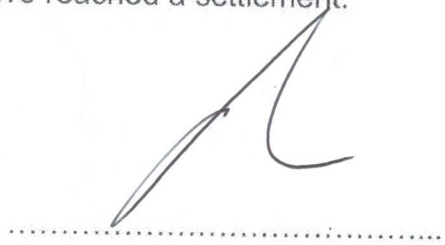
**BEFORE:** Judge Riley  
**DATE OF ORDER:**  
**MADE AT:** MELBOURNE

**THE COURT ORDERS THAT:**

1. The proceeding be dismissed as the parties have reached a settlement.
2. There is no order as to costs.



**Ian Robertson - Solicitor for the Respondent**



**Raymond Hoser- Applicant**