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FINES ENFORCEMENT CLASS ACTION UPDATE

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ROE AND FERREIRA AS CO-ADMINISTRATORS OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MS JULIEKA DHU & KEENAN DICKIE v THE STATE OF WA & THE REGISTRAR OF THE FINES ENFORCEMENT REGISTRY

Dear Group Member,

We are writing to provide you with an update on the Fines Enforcement Class Action because you have registered your details with us and you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander who was imprisoned for unpaid fines between 1 January 2014 and 30 September 2020.

Why does my race matter?

Your race matters because the Class Action claims that the fines enforcement legislation in WA, and the practice of locking people up to 'pay off' their unpaid fines, impacted Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people more than it did people of other races.

Procedure for unpaid fines under Fines Enforcement Legislation

The Class Action claims that the Registrar of the Fines Enforcement Registry should have considered your individual circumstances **before** issuing a warrant for your arrest for unpaid fines.

That is, the Class Action claims that the Registrar did not consider a number of things, including:

1. why you had not paid the fine, and/or
2. whether you could pay the fine in another way, or at all, and/or
3. the impact that being locked up would have on you, and/or your dependents (people who rely on you for financial and/or other support – for example your children).

The Class Action claims that by failing to consider these things the Registrar's decision to issue a warrant for your arrest was invalid, and the period you spent locked up to pay the fine off was unlawful.

What is the point of the Fines Enforcement Class Action?

The Fines Enforcement Class Action aims to get you, and other group members, compensation for the time you spent locked up for unpaid fines.

Current status

On 25 June 2026 - after our review of all the documents produced by the FER - we filed an application with the Court to:

- amend the claim to add an additional basis for our allegation that your imprisonment for unpaid fines was unlawful. This will have the effect of strengthening the claims we make; and
- have the claims of a number of group members be heard by the Court as "sample group members" in addition to the claim of the representative applicants. This would mean that the Court would have more evidence before it of the impact on group members of imprisonment for unpaid fines.

By 17 August 2026 the State and the FER are to advise us whether they agree to all or part of our application or not and if not, to explain why. If they do not agree, our application will be heard by the Court on 9 September 2026 and, hopefully decided on that day or soon after.

The matter will continue even if the State and FER; or the Court do not agree with our application.

We expect that the next step in the proceeding will be that the Court will require us to file evidence. We will be in contact with you in due course to get you to finalise and sign your statements.

 If you have any questions, please contact Isabella Grigson on 02 9286 3133 or email wafines@levittrobinson.com.