

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF NEW ZEALAND
AUCKLAND REGISTRY**

**I TE KŌTI MATUA O AOTEAROA
TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU ROHE**

**CIV-2018-404-001122
[2018] NZHC 1874**

BETWEEN

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WINSTON
RAYMOND PETERS
Plaintiff

AND

PAULA LEE BENNETT
First Defendant

PETER HUGHES
Second Defendant

ANNE MERILYN TOLLEY
Third Defendant

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL sued on
behalf of the MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT
Fourth Defendant

BRENDAN BOYLE
Fifth Defendant

Hearing: (On the papers)

Judgment: 27 July 2018

**JUDGMENT OF VENNING J
Application to access Court documents**

This judgment was delivered by me on 27 July 2018 at 11.30 am, pursuant to Rule 11.5 of the High Court Rules.

Registrar/Deputy Registrar

Date.....

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Kiely Thompson Caisley, Auckland
Crown Law, Wellington
Counsel: B Henry/C Foster
Copy to: Office of the Privacy Commissioner, Wellington

[1] Ms Foster, general counsel in the Office of the Privacy Commissioner, has made an application under the Senior Courts (Access to Court Documents) Rules 2016 for access to the pleadings, namely the statement of claim and statements of defence in this case. The grounds to support the application are that the Office of the Privacy Commissioner has an interest in privacy proceedings in the Courts.

[2] The request has been referred to the parties. None of them have any objection to the application.

[3] I am satisfied that the Office of the Privacy Commissioner has a proper interest in these proceedings. There are no matters under r 12 that count against the request which is a proper one.

[4] The Registrar is directed to make available copies of the statement of claim and statements of defence in this case to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner.

Venning J