

# ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKING UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW (WA)

**BETWEEN** 

MARIA DE CINQUE

AND

COMMISSIONER FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION

#### RECITALS

#### WHEREAS:

- A. MARIA DE CINQUE (de Cinque) promotes and supplies, in trade or commerce, services relating to a technique known as Theta, including workshops and consultations (the Services).
- B. The Services are promoted on the website <u>www.thetahealingheart.com.au</u> (Website), which is operated by de Cinque.
- C. The Commissioner for Consumer Protection (**Commissioner**) considers that there is no basis to make the following claims in relation to the Services:

# Advanced DNA Workshop 2014

- i. "You will learn how to manipulate the law of time and how to let go of being constrained by it."
- ii. "[Meet and speak with your Ancestors], manipulation of time and space."
- iii. "Facilitating healing on pets and animals."

### Dis-ease and Disorders - 10 Days Workshop

iv. "If we believe it is possible to heal a dis-ease [sic] or disorder, the body will respond. Shifts you out of what your DNA is carrying as illness."

# Science & Spirituality - Free Seminar - Reflection of Perception

- v. "...our DNA naturally replaces itself every six weeks..."
- vi. "Given the right conditions the cells will regenerate & transform...!"

## Bodyshift - The Interactive Process - Workshop

- vii. "Bodyshift systems have been clinically proven to produce a revitalization of the adherent tissue and to return it to its natural, supple condition."
- viii. "Bodyshift stimulates circulation; increases lymphatic flow breaks up undesirable fibrosis, relaxes muscle spasms, reduces swelling and relieves pain."
- ix. "Dozens of studies have shown that bodywork allows muscles to work longer and more efficiently."
- x. "We can help provide permanent relief for neuromuscular and structural problems by working on the deep adherent muscle tissue."
- xi. ""Bodyshift" technique works to achieve permanent relief for neuromuscular and structural problems by working deep adherent muscle tissue."
- xii. "Bodyshift can, therefore, prevent a myriad of sports injuries and can dramatically relieve neuromuscular pain caused through injury, restoring freedom of movement."

# Rainbow Children Workshop

The Website claims this workshop teaches children aged 7-12 years:

- xiii. "How to scan and heal plants and animals."
- xiv. "How to perform Readings and Healings on Animals and how to talk to an Animals Higher Self."
- xv. "Using theta to perform Telepathy (mind reading and direct mind to mind communication)."
- xvi. "How to use the laws to perform Telekinesis (moving objects with your mind)." (together the Claims; the Advanced DNA Workshop 2014, Dis-ease & Disorders 10 Days Workshop, Bodyshift Workshop and Rainbow Children Workshop are referred to below as the Workshops);

- D. This Enforceable Undertaking is accepted by the Commissioner under section 218 of the Australian Consumer Law (WA);
- E. If the Commissioner is satisfied that this Enforceable Undertaking has been breached, then the Commissioner may apply to a court for orders under section 218 of the *Australian Consumer Law (WA)*.
- F. For the purposes of this Enforceable Undertaking, 'consumer' has the same meaning as it does under the *Australian Consumer Law (WA)* and the *Fair Trading Act 2010 (WA)*;
- G. This Enforceable Undertaking does not prevent the Commissioner from taking any action in respect of the matters the subject of this Enforceable Undertaking;
- H. The rights of consumers are not affected by this Enforceable Undertaking; and
- I. This Enforceable Undertaking is not confidential and may be published by the Commissioner.

#### **UNDERTAKINGS**

I, MARIA DE CINQUE, upon this Enforceable Undertaking being accepted by the Commissioner, UNDERTAKE, pursuant to section 218 of the Australian Consumer Law (WA), that:

# Statements relating to the Claims

 I will not publish, in any medium whatsoever, the Claims or any other statement that conveys the same meaning as the Claims.

#### Letters to Consumers

- Within 14 days of the undertaking being accepted, I will provide the Commissioner with a list of the names and addresses of every person who purchased a Workshop between 21 March 2014 and 23 October 2014.
- Within 28 days of the undertaking being accepted, I will send to all known Western
   Australian purchasers of the Workshops (who purchased the Workshops between 21

   March 2014 and 23 October 2014) the letter at Annexure A.

#### Refunds

- Where any consumer in Western Australia has purchased the Workshops between 21 March 2014 and 23 October 2014, such consumer may request a refund of the amount paid for the Workshops, where that consumer establishes to my reasonable satisfaction that the consumer was misled by the Claims.
- 5. In the case of any dispute between me and a consumer as to whether the consumer was misled, I will refer the dispute to the Commissioner whose decision shall be final.
- 6. Subject to clauses 4 and 5, I must, within 14 days, refund to the consumer the amount paid by the consumer for the Workshops.

7. I will publish a prominent statement on the home page of the Website that I have entered this Undertaking within 28 days of the date on which the Commissioner accepts it. I will keep that statement on the Website for a period of two (2) years from the date of its publication.

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A.	MARIA DE CINQUE	)		D
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B.	ANNE MARIE DRISCOLL COMMISSIONER FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION	) ) )	) wal	
DAT	E UNDERTAKING ACCEPTED	)	19/1/15.	