

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ENFORCEABLE UNDERTAKING UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW (WA) BETWEEN

PRAKORNSAK SANGTHORN

AND

COMMISSIONER FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION

RECITALS

WHEREAS:

Prakornsak Sanghtorn is a licensed real estate agent and a director of Caputo Clay Pty Ltd ACN 115 205 199. Caputo Clay carries or carried on business as a real estate agency under the business name 'Harcourts Integrity' ("Agency") providing real estate agent services to consumers in Western Australia.

- A. Between 1 and 31 March 2014 the Agency conducted a letter drop of advertising material which listed properties that had recently been listed or sold in the Perth suburb of Eden Hill.
- B. The Agency's advertising material distributed in Eden Hill was in a letter format and contained:
 - 1. The Agency's logo and contact information:
 - 2. Images of properties together with their listed or sale price;
 - 3. An image of Agency director Prakornsak ('Prak') Sangthorn together with his mobile telephone number and email address; and

- 4. The statement "We know Eden Hill prices and if you want yours sold, call me on 0402 149 626"
- C. Between 1 and 31 July 2014 the Agency conducted a letter drop of advertising material which listed properties that had recently been listed or sold in the Perth suburb of Bassendean.
- D. The Agency's advertising material distributed in Bassendean was in a letter format and contained:
 - 1. The Agency's logo and contact information:
 - 2. Images of properties together with their listed or sale price;
 - 3. An image of Agency director Prakornsak ('Prak') Sangthorn together with his mobile telephone number and email address; and
 - 4. The statement "We know Bassendean prices and if you want yours sold, call me on 0402 149 626"
- E. In each case, the listed properties included properties that had not been listed with or sold by the Agency.
- F. The Commissioner for Consumer Protection ('COMMISSIONER') is of the view that the Agency's advertising materials may mislead consumers, contrary to section 18 of the *Australian Consumer Law (WA)*, and cause the impression that the Agency is or was the real estate agent for the listed properties.
- G. This Enforceable Undertaking is accepted under section 218 of the *Australian Consumer Law (WA)* by the Commissioner.
- H. Upon the Commissioner being satisfied of a breach, this Enforceable undertaking is enforceable by a court upon the Commissioner's application.
- I. This Enforceable Undertaking is not confidential and may be published by the Commissioner.

UNDERTAKING

Prakornsak Sangthorn, upon this Enforceable Undertaking being accepted by the **COMMMISSIONER**, **UNDERTAKES**, pursuant to section 218 of the *Australian Consumer Law (WA)*, that:

 Where any advertisement created, published and/or distributed by Caputo & Clay Pty Ltd ("Caputo") includes a representation that properties have been sold in a certain geographic area, then unless Caputo acted as agent in respect of the sale of each of those properties, Caputo will include, in a prominent position in the advertisement in an easily legible font and font size, the following:

"Please be aware that not all properties listed were sold by Harcourts Integrity."

Signed for and on behalf of:

A. Prakornsak Sangthorn

In his own right

COMMISSIONER FOR CONSUMER PROTECTION

Signature