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## DGE v AKO [2025] NZEmpC 77 (15 April 2025)

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### ORDER PROHIBITING PUBLICATION OF NAMES OR IDENTIFYING PARTICULARS OF THE PARTIES IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND WELLINGTON

I TE KŌTI TAKE MAHI O AOTEAROA TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA

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EMPC 391/2024

IN THE MATTER OF	a challenge to a determination of the Employment Relations Authority
BETWEEN	DGE Plaintiff
AND	AKO First Defendant
AND	CJV Second Defendant

Hearing: 1 April 2025 (by judicial settlement conference)  
Appearances: Myriam Mitchell and C Muthyala, counsel for plaintiff JL Bates, counsel for defendants  
Judgment: 15 April 2025

### CONSENT JUDGMENT OF JUDGE KATHRYN BECK

[1] DGE has challenged a determination of the Employment Relations Authority.<sup>1</sup>

[2] The parties have resolved all matters between them in relation to these proceedings and the determination, and they have reached a full and final settlement of all matters between them.

<sup>1</sup> *AKO v DGE* [\[2024\] NZERA 534 \(Member Kennedy-Martin\)](#).

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[3] A joint memorandum of the parties seeks that the agreement be recorded by way of consent orders.

[4] The first consent order sought by the parties was that the Authority's determination be stayed permanently. I consider that given that this matter has been settled by the parties, the better approach is to set the Authority's determination aside.

[5] I make the following orders by consent:

- (a) The permanent non-publication order in the Authority proceedings was not the subject of a challenge. It is, therefore, appropriate for the interim non-publication orders made by the Court to be made permanent. Accordingly, I make permanent non-publication orders on the same terms as those in the Authority.
- (b) The remedies and penalties paid into Court by DGE will be released to enable DGE to meet any terms of settlement.
- (c) Costs will lie where they fall.
- (d) The terms of the agreement are confidential to the parties and their advisers.

[6] The parties agree that there was no deliberate and sustained breach of good faith by DGE. Accordingly, there was no justification for an award of penalties and none are payable.

[7] The determination of the Authority is set aside and this judgment stands in its place.

[8] I commend the parties for reaching agreement, which will enable them to move forward.

Judgment signed at 9.30 am on 15 April 2025

Kathryn Beck Judge

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