

**IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT
WELLINGTON**

**[2015] NZEmpC 79
WRC 24/14**

IN THE MATTER OF a challenge to a determination of the
 Employment Relations Authority

BETWEEN MEGA WRECKERS LIMITED
 Plaintiff

AND KEITH TAAFULI
 Defendant

Hearing: (on the papers by memorandum dated 13 February 2015)

Representation: G Bennett, advocate for the plaintiff
 G Ogilvie, advocate for the defendant

Judgment: 3 June 2015

COSTS JUDGMENT OF JUDGE A D FORD

[1] In a judgment dated 18 December 2014¹ I dismissed a challenge by the plaintiff to a determination of the Employment Relations Authority dated 6 January 2014² and reserved the issue of costs.

[2] Mr Ogilvie, counsel for the defendant, subsequently made application for an award of costs in the sum of \$3,000. The application was based on the actual costs incurred by the defendant in respect of attendances in relation to the good faith report requested by the Court and all attendances in connection with the actual hearing of the challenge which were said to total \$5,175.

[3] No cost submissions have been filed in response to Mr Ogilvie's application. The Registrar has indicated that the advocate for the plaintiff has received no instructions in the matter.

¹ *Mega Wreckers Ltd v Taafuli* [2014] NZEmpC 234.

² *Taafuli v Mega Wreckers Ltd* [2014] NZERA Wellington 2.

[4] The costs sought appear to be eminently reasonable. The defendant is awarded a contribution of \$3,000 towards his legal costs.

A D Ford
Judge

Judgment signed at 2.50 pm on 3 June 2015