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URGENT MEDIA RELEASE

Supreme Court action against NSW Government Challenging COVID-19 Public Health Orders

Today, law firm Ashley Francina Leonard & Associates has filed a Supreme Court action against the Honourable Bradley Ronald Hazzard MLA, NSW Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant, and the NSW Government.

The Supreme Court action challenges the legality and constitutionality of the NSW Government's Public Health Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which are impacting millions of citizens.

The Public Health Orders purport to mandate vaccines across a broad class of NSW workers, such as teachers, health care workers, builders and airport staff.

We say that Minister Hazzard and Dr Chant have exceeded their delegated powers by civilly conscripting workers to taking a vaccine, which only has 'provisional approval' from the Therapeutic Goods Administration, and where the clinical evidence from Phase III trials is incomplete. We seek a declaration that the NSW Public Health Orders are invalid and of no effect.

We also seek injunctive relief restraining Minister Hazzard and Dr Chant from making any further Orders under section 7 of the *Public Health Act 2010* (NSW).

No-one is above the law, including Ministers and Public Health Officers. It is our view that vaccine compulsion strips citizens of their basic human rights, including their right to work,



their right to bodily integrity and their right to informed consent to medical treatment without coercion.

We also seek a declaration that, in purporting to grant certain powers to NSW Police, the Public Health Orders are inconsistent with the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002* (NSW) and therefore invalid. If so, the NSW Police may have been acting beyond power in enforcing the Public Health Orders.

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