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Form 27B – Appellant’s chronology

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA
SYDNEY REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

Blake Wills
Appellant

and

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
First Respondent

**Productivity Partners Pty Ltd (trading as Captain
Cook College) ACN 085 570 547**
Second Respondent

Site Group International Limited
ACN 003 201 910
Third Respondent

APPELLANT’S CHRONOLOGY

Part I: Publication

This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

Part II: Chronology of principal events

	Date	Event	CAB Reference
1.	November 2010	Blake Wills employed by Site Group International Limited (Site) as Chief Operating Officer (COO).	CAB 44; PJ [118]
2.	Mid 2014	Site acquired Productivity Partners Pty Ltd (trading as Captain Cook College) (CCC) from the Cook family, and Blake Wills became a member of the CCC Advisory Board.	CAB 231, 241; FC [3], [37]
3.	From July 2015	Management Meetings of CCC occurred monthly, which were typically chaired and facilitated by Blake Wills, and attended by senior management of CCC together with Mr Wills (COO of Site) and Craig Dawson (Chief Financial Officer of Site).	CAB 243; FC [38]

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4.	7 September 2015	Revised enrolment and withdrawal processes became effective. <i>The majority in the Court below found that this was the date from which CCC contravened the prohibition on unconscionable conduct.</i>	CAB 260, 370-371; FC [84], [377]
5.	20 November 2015	Blake Wills assumed the position of acting CEO of CCC while Ian Cook was on leave. <i>The majority in the Court below found that this was the date from which Mr Wills was knowingly concerned in the primary contravention.</i>	CAB 241, 362, 372; FC [34], [344], [381]
6.	18 December 2015	CCC ceased enrolling students in its online courses.	CAB 272; FC [115]
7.	20 January 2016	Ian Cook returned from leave and Blake Wills ceased as acting CEO of CCC.	CAB 241; FC [34]
8.	September 2016	CCC ceases claiming revenue in respect of students enrolled in the period from 7 September 2015 to 18 December 2015. <i>The majority in the Court below found that this was the date on which CCC's primary contravention of the prohibition on unconscionable conduct ceased.</i>	CAB 232, 314; FC [4], [207]
9.	October 2017	Blake Wills ceased employment with Site.	CAB 376; FC [398]
10.	7 November 2018	Proceedings commenced by the ACCC in the Federal Court of Australia.	CAB 410; Index to Part A of the Joint Appeal Book, Tab 2
11.	9 June – 2 July 2020	Hearing before Stewart J.	CAB 9
12.	2 July 2021	Stewart J delivered judgment.	CAB 5-189
13.	4 – 6 May 2022	Appeal heard by Wigney, O'Bryan and Downes JJ.	CAB 225
14.	6 April 2023	Wigney, O'Bryan and Downes JJ deliver judgment.	CAB 222-405

	Date	Event	CAB Reference
15.	14 September 2023	Special leave to appeal granted by the High Court of Australia.	CAB 492

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