No. B55/2016

1 IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA BRISBANE REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

IAN MAURICE FERGUSON

Plaintiff

and

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MARCUS WILLIAM AYRES, STEPHEN JAMES PARBERY AND
MICHAEL ANDREW OWEN IN THEIR CAPACITIES AS LIQUIDATORS OF
QUEENSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD (IN LIQ) ACN 009 842 068

Defendants

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND (INTERVENING)

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PART I: Internet publication

1. These submissions are in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

PART II: Basis of intervention

2. The Attorney-General for the State of Queensland ('the Attorney-General') intervenes in these proceedings in support of the defendants pursuant to s 78A of the *Judiciary Act 1903* (Cth).

PART III: Reasons why leave to intervene should be granted

3. Not applicable.

PART IV: Statutory provisions

4. The Attorney-General adopts the first defendants' statement of applicable legislative provisions in the related matter of *Palmer v Ayres & Ors as liquidators of*

Intervener's submissions

Filed on behalf of the Attorney-General for the

State of Oueensland

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Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in Liq), High Court of Australia, No B52 of 2016 ('Palmer v Ayres').1

PART V: **Submissions**

- 5. The Attorney-General adopts generally her submissions in *Palmer v Ayres*.
- In relation to the plaintiff's supplementary submissions² to the fifth argument of the 6. plaintiff in *Palmer v Ayres*, the Attorney-General adopts the submissions of the 10 Attorney-General of the Commonwealth at [68] to [90].

PART VI: Oral argument

7. The Attorney-General estimates that no more than a total of twenty minutes will be required for oral argument in relation to this matter and Palmer v Ayres combined.

3 November 2016. Dated

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First defendants' submissions in Palmer v Ayres, [9].

2 Plaintiff's submissions, [16]-[34].

Plaintiff's submissions in Palmer v Ayres, [62]-[74].