

RESPONSE AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL JONES

IN THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

DIVISION 1 - BRISBANE REGISTRY

File No: SYD2025/0123

I, Michael Jones, of 123 Harbourview Drive, Sydney, New South Wales, occupation IT Manager, say on oath:

1. I am the respondent in these proceedings and the father of Emily Jones and Thomas Jones.

2. I refer to the affidavit of Jennifer Smith filed 15 March 2025 and respond as follows.

3. The applicant's relocation to Brisbane was done without my consent and in direct contravention of our consent.

4. I deny that I exhibit controlling behavior. My concerns about the children's welfare are legitimate given:

5. Since the relocation, the applicant has systematically alienated the children from me by:

6. The children have told me they miss their friends, extended family, and activities in Sydney.

7. Thomas has expressed confusion about why he had to leave Sydney and has asked when he can come home.

8. I have maintained the family home in Sydney where the children have their established bedrooms and belongings.

9. I am willing to consider flexible arrangements but believe the children's primary residence should remain in Sydney.

10. The applicant's claim about salary increase does not outweigh the children's need for stability and meaningful relationships.