

**IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND  
CHRISTCHURCH**

**I TE KŌTI TAKE MAHI O AOTEAROA  
ŌTAUTAHI**

**[2021] NZEmpC 11  
EMPC 353/2020**

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

AND IN THE MATTER    of an application for leave to extend time

BETWEEN                      VERNON COETZEE  
   Plaintiff

AND                                OAMARU MEATS LIMITED  
   Defendant

Hearing:                      On the papers

Appearances:              D Balfour, advocate for plaintiff  
   L Laming, counsel for defendant

Judgment:                    12 February 2021

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**CONSENT JUDGMENT (NO 2) OF JUDGE K G SMITH  
(Application for leave to extend time)**

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[1]    Vernon Coetzee has challenged the Employment Relations Authority's substantive and subsequent costs determinations relating to his employment relationship problem with Oamaru Meats Ltd.<sup>1</sup>

[2]    While Oamaru Meats filed a statement of defence to the substantive determination it overlooked filing one in response to the statement of claim challenging the costs determination.

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<sup>1</sup>    *Coetzee v Oamaru Meats Ltd* [2020] NZERA 276 (Member Beck); *Coetzee v Oamaru Meats Ltd* [2020] NZERA 317 (Member Beck).

[3] Oamaru Meats has applied for leave to extend the time in which it could file the statement of defence. Mr Coetzee has consented to the application and I am satisfied it is appropriate for an order to be made.

[4] By consent the application is granted. A statement of defence is to be filed and served no later than **4 pm on Wednesday 17 February 2021**.

[5] There is no order for costs.

K G Smith  
Judge

Judgment signed at 2.30 pm on 12 February 2021