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Coetzee v Oamaru Meats Limited [2021] NZEmpC 11 (12 February 2021)

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IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND CHRISTCHURCH

I TE KŌTI TAKE MAHI O AOTEAROA ŌTAUTAHI

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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

CONSENT JUDGMENT (NO 2) OF JUDGE K G SMITH

(Application for leave to extend time)

[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.¹

[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.

¹ *Coetzee v Oamaru Meats Ltd* [\[2020\] NZERA 276 \(Member Beck\)](#); *Coetzee v Oamaru Meats Ltd*

[\[2020\] NZERA 317 \(Member Beck\)](#).

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[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
