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Wilson Parking New Zealand Limited v Turner [2026] NZEmpC 19 (10 February 2026)

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IN THE EMPLOYMENT COURT OF NEW ZEALAND CHRISTCHURCH

I TE KŌTI TAKE MAHI O AOTEAROA ŌTAUTAHI

[\[2026\] NZEmpC 19](#)

EMPC 101/2025

IN THE MATTER OF a without notice application for search orders
BETWEEN WILSON PARKING NEW ZEALAND LIMITED
Applicant
AND PETER TURNER
First Respondent
AND ATE PROPERTY LIMITED TRADING AS MAINLAND PARKING
Second Respondent

Hearing: On the papers
Appearances: R Reed KC and K J Crossland, counsel for applicant
D Russ, counsel for first respondent
G Jones, counsel for second respondent
Judgment: 10 February 2026
Reasons: 5 February 2026

INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT (NO 2) OF JUDGE HELEN DOYLE)

(Amendment to amended consent order as to disclosure of 24 June 2025)

[1] On 11 March 2025 the Court granted a search order (the search order) in favour of the applicant.¹ The search order authorised certain persons, including Mr Hansen- Beadle of DataLab Limited, to take forensic clones of the respondents' electronic devices and to retain those clones for use in the proceedings.

1 *Wilson Parking New Zealand Ltd v Turner* [\[2025\] NZEmpC 36](#).

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[2] On 24 June 2025 the Court made an amended consent order as to disclosure. Paragraph two of that order provided for the disclosure of confidential non-privileged documents recovered under the search order to named persons.

[3] On 5 February 2026 the Court received a joint memorandum of counsel seeking to amend the 24 June 2025 amended consent order as to disclosure. This was for the purpose of permitting expert access to cloned data. I considered it appropriate to make the variation by consent later that day to facilitate review of the materials over the weekend of 6-8 February 2026. The Court authorised the Registry to seal the amended order on 5 February 2026.

[4] The applicant has instructed a second computer forensic expert to conduct, amongst other tasks, a peer review of Mr Hansen-Beadle's work. That expert is expected to give evidence at trial. The expert instructed by the applicant will have three assistants helping with the review.

[5] The first and second respondents have instructed their own computer forensic expert.

[6] The experts and their assistants referred to in counsel's memorandum, were not named in paragraph two of the amended consent order as to disclosure dated 24 June 2025. They will require access to the forensic clones of the data obtained by way of the search order, including the confidential non-privileged documents.

[7] The Court is advised in the joint memorandum that the two experts and the three named assistants have all signed confidentiality undertakings in a form acceptable to all counsel.

[8] Paragraph 2 of the amended consent order as to disclosure dated 24 June 2025, is amended by consent as follows:

(a) The names of the newly instructed computer forensic experts, together with their named assistants, are added as persons who may receive and

access forensic clones of data, including the confidential non- privileged documents obtained under the search order.

(b) Mr Hansen-Beadle is authorised to provide copies of such forensic clones to the experts for the applicant and the respondents in encrypted form.

[9] Costs are reserved.

Helen Doyle Judge

Judgment signed at 9.15 am on 10 February 2026

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