Application Number: 9004521

# Order of the Tenancy Tribunal

Unit Titles Act 2010

Office of the Tenancy Tribunal

### **Tenancy Tribunal at Auckland**

#### **Unit Title Address**

Apartment 13H, 35 Victoria Street West, Auckland 1010

### **Applicant**

Full Name	Address
Kazufumi Ikeda	Unit Owner McLean Law Limited, Level 2, 3053 Great North Road, New Lynn, Auckland

#### Respondent

Full Name		Address
Body Corporate 346799	Body Corporate	Price Baker, Berridge PO Box 21-463, Henderson, Auckland

#### Order of the Tribunal

The Tribunal hereby orders:

- 1. Counsel for the parties are to meet to examine all documentation relating to the vote count for the election of the Body Corporate committee at the Annual General Meeting held on 17 August 2017. The Body Corporate is to provide all documentation including all voting papers, tally sheets, proxies and the attendance register for the Annual General Meeting. The meeting is to take place before Friday 20 April 2018.
- Counsel for the parties are to file a joint memorandum in respect of the vote to elect the Body Corporate committee at the Annual General Meeting. Where Counsel cannot reach an agreement on the evidence either party may file further submissions to the Tribunal.

#### Reasons:

1. The applicant Kazufumi Ikeda has brought proceedings challenging the actions of the Body Corporate secretary, Body Corporate Administration Limited, and members of the Body Corporate committee at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 17 August 2017. In particular, the application challenges the validity of the vote at the AGM

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for the election of the new Body Corporate committee ("committee"). Mr Ikeda seeks an order that he be elected as a member of the committee or, in the alternative, that an Extraordinary General Meeting be held to elect a seventh member of the committee.

- 2. One of the issues raised by the applicant relates to the accuracy of the vote count. The applicant submits there are numerous inaccuracies recorded on the AGM minutes particularly in respect of the attendance list and the list of proxies. The evidence indicates that only 2 of Mr Ikeda's 5 proxies are recorded and, furthermore, Qiming Pan's proxy is also missing from the proxy list on the minutes.
- 3. After considering all the evidence on the alleged irregularities at the AGM and the inaccuracies recorded in the minutes of the AGM, I am persuaded that the actual physical votes (whether by proxy, unit owner in person or postal vote) together with all handwritten tally sheets, the proxies, the attendance register and all other relevant documentation must be disclosed to the applicant's Counsel. Mr Baker suggests that Counsel meet to examine all the documentation together and, where an agreement is reached, file a joint memorandum. I am satisfied that such a meeting should take place by Friday 20 April 2018. Counsel may nominate another person to take their place at this meeting. Where no agreement can be reached on the evidence, the parties may file submissions and request a further hearing if necessary.

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The **only** ground for a rehearing of an application is that substantial wrong or miscarriage of justice has or may have occurred or is likely to occur. **Please note** that being unhappy or dissatisfied with the decision is not a ground for a rehearing (see "Right of Appeal" below).

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- 1. Against an interim order made by the Tribunal.
- Against an order; or the failure to make an order, for the payment of money where the amount that would be in dispute on appeal is less than \$1,000;
- 3. Against a work order, or the failure to make a work order where the value of the work that would be in dispute on appeal is less than \$1,000.

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