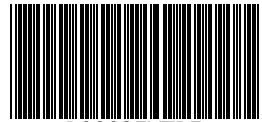




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FOURTH CROSS-CLAIM DEFENCE TO CROSS CLAIM

COURT DETAILS

Court	Supreme Court of NSW
Division	Common Law
List	Common Law General
Registry	Supreme Court Sydney
Case number	2024/00338021

TITLE OF PROCEEDINGS

First Plaintiff	Adam James Bray
First Defendant	TRANSPORT FOR NSW ABN 18804239602
Second Defendant	ACCIONA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD
Number of Defendants	3

TITLE OF THIS CROSS-CLAIM

First Cross Claimant	LINQ BUSLINES PTY. LTD. ACN 131153896
First Cross Defendant	Brett Andrew Button (MIN: 708188)
Second Cross Defendant	ACCIONA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD
Number of Cross Defendants	7 Refer to Party Details at rear for full list of parties

FILING DETAILS

Filed for	ACCIONA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, Cross Defendant 2
Filed in relation to	Cross-Claim 4
Legal representative	Michael Bath
Legal representative reference	
Contact name and telephone	Aristea Friedrich

Your reference

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NOTICE OF LISTING

This matter has been listed at the same time as the cross claim.

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

In accordance with Part 3 of the UCPR, this coversheet confirms that both the Defence to Cross Claim (e-Services), along with any other documents listed below, were filed by the Court.

Defence (UCPR 7A/7B) (20260717 Defence to Linq's Amended 4XC.pdf)

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Form 7A (version 5)
UCPR 14.3

DEFENCE TO AMENDED FOURTH CROSS-CLAIM

COURT DETAILS

Court	Supreme Court of New South Wales
Division	Common Law
List	General
Registry	Sydney
Case number	2024/00338021

TITLE OF PROCEEDINGS

Plaintiff	Adam James Bray
First defendant	Transport for New South Wales (ABN 18 804 239 602)
Second defendant	Acciona Infrastructure Projects Australia Pty Ltd (ACN 000 201 516)
Third defendant	Aecom Cost Consulting Pty Ltd (ACN 000 201 516)

TITLE OF FOURTH CROSS-CLAIM

Cross-claimant	Linq Buslines Pty Ltd (ACN 131 153 896)
First cross-defendant	Brett Andrew Button
Second cross-defendant	Acciona Infrastructure Projects Australia Pty Ltd (ACN 000 201 516)
Third cross-defendant	Aecom Cost Consulting Pty Ltd (ACN 000 201 516)
Fourth cross-defendant	Transport for New South Wales (ABN 18 804 239 602)
Fifth cross-defendant	Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd (ACN 001 024 095)
Sixth cross-defendant	SMEC Australia Pty Limited (ACN 065 475 149)
Seventh cross-defendant	GHD Pty Ltd (ACN 008 488 373)

FILING DETAILS

Filed for	Acciona Infrastructure Projects Australia Pty Ltd, second cross-defendant
Filed in relation to	Amended Fourth cross-claim (filed 7 May 2026)
Legal representative	Michael Ronald Bath, Carter Newell Lawyers

Legal representative reference MRB:AXF:169881
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HEARING DETAILS

If the proceedings do not already have a listing date, they are to be listed at

PLEADINGS AND PARTICULARS

This is the defence of the second cross-defendant ("**Acciona**") to the statement of cross-claim (fourth cross-claim) filed by Linq Buslines Pty Ltd ("**Linq**") on 7 May 2026 ("**Linq's Amended Cross-Claim**"). Below, the term:

- "**ASOC**" means the plaintiff's amended statement of claim filed 15 July 2025, and "**Defence to the ASOC**" means Acciona's defence filed 7 August 2025 to the ASOC;
- "**Transport's Further Amended Cross-Claim**" means the further amended statement of cross-claim (first cross-claim) filed 26 June 2026, and "**Defence to Transport's Further Amended Cross-Claim**" means Acciona's defence filed 23 July 2026 to Transport's Further Amended Cross-Claim;
- "**Acciona's Cross-Claim**" means the statement of cross-claim (second cross-claim) filed 17 September 2025; and
- "**Aecom's Cross-Claim**" means the statement of cross-claim (third cross-claim) filed 27 October 2025, and "**Defence to Aecom's Cross-Claim**" means Acciona's defence filed 16 January 2026 to Aecom's Cross-Claim.

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Acciona admits paragraph 1 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim.

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- 2 In response to paragraphs 2 to 6 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim, Acciona:
 - (a) repeats paragraphs 2 to 5 of its Defence to Transport's Further Amended Cross-Claim;
 - (b) repeats paragraphs 1 to 5 of Acciona's Cross-Claim; and
 - (c) otherwise does not admit the paragraphs, which do not make any allegations against Acciona or in support of the case against it.

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Formalities

- 3 Acciona admits paragraph 7 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim.

References to other pleadings

- 4 As to paragraph 8 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim, Acciona, in response to:
- (a) subparagraph (a) — repeats paragraphs 12 to 28 of its Defence to the ASOC;
 - (b) subparagraph (b) — repeats paragraph 8 of its Defence to Transport's Further Amended Cross-Claim;
 - (c) subparagraph (c) — repeats paragraphs 9 to 34 of its Defence to Transport's Amended Cross-Claim;
 - (d) subparagraph (d) – repeats paragraph 3 of its Defence to Aecom's Cross-Claim; and
 - (e) subparagraph (e) - repeats paragraph 5 to 8 of its Defence to Aecom's Cross-Claim.

Contribution sought re: claims pleaded in Transport's Further Amended Cross-Claim

- 5 In response to paragraph 9 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim, Acciona:
- (a) repeats its Defence to Transport's Further Amended Cross-Claim;
 - (b) repeats paragraphs 6 to 14 of Acciona's Cross-Claim; and
 - (c) otherwise denies the paragraph.

Contribution sought re: claims pleaded in Aecom's Cross-Claim

- 6 In response to paragraph 10 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim, Acciona:
- (a) repeats its Defence to Aecom's Cross-Claim;
 - (b) repeats paragraph 6 to 14 of Acciona's Cross-Claim; and
 - (c) otherwise denies the paragraph.

AECOM COST CONSULTING PTY LTD

- 7 In response to paragraphs 11 to 14 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim, Acciona:
- (a) repeats paragraphs 49 to 77 of Acciona's Cross-Claim; and
 - (b) otherwise does not admit the paragraphs, which do not make any allegations against Acciona or in support of the case against it.

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- 8 In response to paragraphs 15 to 19 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim, Acciona:
- (a) repeats paragraphs 78 to 86 of Acciona's Cross-Claim; and
 - (b) otherwise does not admit the paragraphs, which do not make any allegations against Acciona or in support of the case against it.

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- 9 In response to paragraphs 20 to 23 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim, Acciona:
- (a) repeats paragraphs 15 to 48 of Acciona's Cross-Claim; and
 - (b) otherwise does not admit the paragraphs, which do not make any allegations against Acciona or in support of the case against it.

SMEC AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

- 10 In response to paragraphs 24 to 27 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim, Acciona:
- (a) repeats paragraphs 15 to 48 of Acciona's Cross-Claim; and
 - (b) otherwise does not admit the paragraphs, which do not make any allegations against Acciona or in support of the case against it.

GHD PTY LTD

- 11 In response to paragraphs 28 to 33 of Linq's Amended Cross-Claim, Acciona:
- (a) repeats paragraphs 10 to 18 of its Defence to Aecom's Cross-Claim; and
 - (b) otherwise does not admit the paragraphs, which do not make any allegations against Acciona or in support of the case against it.

SIGNATURE OF LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE
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I certify under clause 4 of Schedule 2 to the [Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014](#) that there are reasonable grounds for believing on the basis of provable facts and a reasonably arguable view of the law that the defence to the claim for damages in these proceedings has reasonable prospects of success.

Signature



Capacity

Solicitor on record

Date of signature

23 July 2026