

Correction Notice in relation to Press Release dated 20 November 2013 entitled 'US settlement of faulty hips cases gives hope to Australian victims'

On 20 November 2013, Maurice Blackburn published on its website and distributed to media agencies a press release entitled 'US settlement of faulty hips cases gives hope to Australian victims' (**Document**). The Document has now been removed from Maurice Blackburn's website.

The Document was published in the context of the settlement of certain litigation in the US and its impact on the representative proceedings commenced in Australia against DePuy International Limited and Johnson & Johnson Medical Pty Ltd (**the Respondents**) in relation to ASR Hip System metal-on-metal hip implants (**ASR Hip Implants**).

Maurice Blackburn have agreed to correct certain statements made in the Document and inform you of the following matters:

1. The Document asserts that liability was admitted in the US settlement. That assertion is not correct. **Maurice Blackburn unreservedly withdraws this assertion.**
2. The Document asserts certain matters concerning the DePuy ASR Patient Compensation Programme. Some of those assertions were not correct.

Maurice Blackburn unreservedly withdraws any suggestion that the Respondents have set out to confuse patients, that the Respondents have set out to complicate the issues, that the Respondents have deliberately sought to avoid the Federal Court's oversight, or that the compensation programme offered by the Respondents is in any way dishonest or opaque.

3. The Document asserts that the ASR Hip Implants are "defective", "faulty" and have "caused serious injuries", and that the Respondents' conduct has been "negligent".

Maurice Blackburn concedes that whether the ASR Hip Implants are "defective" or "faulty", whether the ASR Hip Implants have caused any injury or health problems and whether the Respondents was negligent are all issues that are disputed by the Respondents and which the Federal Court of Australia is presently being asked to determine. The Federal Court has not yet made any such determination.

4. The Document contains statements that the Respondents are "deploying delaying tactics" and that the Respondents "caused" Maurice Blackburn "to analyse over one million company documents". These statements are incorrect.

Maurice Blackburn confirms that the Respondents worked with Maurice Blackburn to reduce the number of documents lawyers need to review in the Australian proceedings.

Maurice Blackburn has agreed to publish this corrective notice and not to publish or communicate the content of the Document in the future.