

INTERIM PROHIBITION ORDER

HEALTH COMPLAINTS ACT 2016 Section 90

This Interim Prohibition Order is made pursuant to section 90 of the *Health Complaints Act 2016*.

The Health Complaints Commissioner (**Commissioner**) has made this Interim Prohibition Order because the Commissioner reasonably believes that the general health service provider named below has contravened a code of conduct applying to the general health service being provided and is satisfied that it is necessary to make this order to avoid a serious risk to the health, safety or welfare of the public.

Name of the general health service provider on whom the Interim Prohibition Order is imposed:	John Maruff trading as 'Melbourne Medical Massage' (ABN 92 585 188 216) in the State of Victoria
Date of this Interim Prohibition Order:	24 December 2023
Date on which this Interim Prohibition Order expires:	An Interim Prohibition Order can remain in force for up to 12 weeks. This Interim Prohibition Order will remain in force until 16 March 2024 while an investigation is conducted unless it is revoked before that date.
Effect of this Interim Prohibition Order:	<p>1. The general health service provider named above must not directly or indirectly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) advertise or cause to be advertised, or b) offer or cause to be offered, or c) provide or cause to be provided, d) establish, direct or otherwise operate any business that either advertises, offers or provides (or causes to be advertised, offered or provided); <p>any general health service, including massage services, paid or otherwise, in a clinical or non-clinical capacity.</p>

In this Interim Prohibition Order 'general health service' and 'general health service provider' have the same meaning as in section 3 of the *Health Complaints Act 2016*.

This Interim Prohibition Order takes effect on the service of the order on the general health service provider to whom it applies.

This Order will be published in the Victoria Government Gazette and on the Internet site of the Health Complaints Commissioner, www.hcc.vic.gov.au.



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