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AAT Recent Decisions

This section of the Bulletin provides information about decisions recently published by the AAT. Only AAT decisions that have been published on [AustLII](#) have been included. Full copies of the decisions can be accessed through the hyperlinks provided below.

Child Support

[Kay and Child Support Registrar](#) [2015] AATA 429; 17/6/2015; Deputy President SA Forgie, Dr D Cremean, Member

Departure Prohibition Order (DPO) issued – application for Departure Authorisation Certificate (DAC) – security provided by third party – whether appropriate – security to be given by payer – decision affirmed

Compensation

[Aguilar and Australian Postal Corporation](#) [2015] AATA 420; 15/6/2015; Senior Member J Handley

Applicant employed with respondent for 16 years – work has been repetitive and heavy, frequently undertaken quickly and involving pushing and pulling movements – persisting complaint of left shoulder and upper back pain – some complaint of neck pain – decision concerning the left shoulder injury is set aside – decision concerning the neck injury is affirmed

[Holden and Comcare](#) [2015] AATA 422; 15/6/2015; Senior Member JF Toohey

Compensation – permanent impairment – whether degree of permanent impairment increased by 10 per cent – decision under review affirmed

Corporations

[Lantern Hotel Group and Australian Securities and Investments Commission](#) [2015] AATA 428; 17/6/2016; Senior Member PW Taylor SC

Buy back from security holders – ASIC refusal to grant exemption from buy back provision in Corporations Act – exemption only sought in relation to a particular transaction independently assessed as reasonable and fair – decision under review set aside – parties directed to draft proposed terms of substituted decision in accordance with these reasons

Immigration and Citizenship

[Bhowmik and Minister for Immigration and Border Protection](#) [2015] AATA 426; 17/6/2015; The Hon B Tamberlin QC, Deputy President

Character test – whether Applicant is of good character – decision under review set aside and substituted

Social Security

[Hernandez and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 419; 12/6/2015; Dr M Denovan, Member

Pensions, benefits and allowances – Disability Support Pension – New Start Allowance – Overpayment – Collection of debt – Waiver – Administrative error – Special Circumstances – Decision under review affirmed

[Judd and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 418; 12/6/2015; Senior Member BJ McCabe

Benefits and entitlements – disability support pension – cancellation – insufficient points under impairment tables to satisfy criteria – no entitlement at time of cancellation – decision under review affirmed

[Sidiropoulos and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 421; 22/4/2015; Professor R McCallum AO, Member

Newstart Allowance – cancellation of payment – whether failure without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement to inform the Department of particular information – no discretion – decision affirmed

[Sidwel and Anor and Secretary, Department of Social Services and Anor](#) [2015] AATA 402, 5/6/2015; Deputy President K Bean, Mr I Thompson, Member

Disability Support Pension (DSP) – Two DSP claims in respect of same conditions – Whether conditions fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised – Whether conditions attract an impairment rating of 20 points or more under the Impairment Tables – Applicant not qualified for DSP during relevant assessment periods – decision under review affirmed

[Slaven and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 427; 17/6/2015; Dr G Hughes, Member

Calculation of Applicant's age pension rate – whether the value of second property to be included as an asset – whether a constructive trust exists in favour of a disabled child – insufficient evidence of a common understanding or that it would be a fraud for the Applicant to deny the existence of a trust – decision under review affirmed

[Spelta and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 425; 16/6/2015; Senior Member BJ McCabe

Pensions, benefits and allowances – Disability support pension – rent assistance – where Applicant sought review outside of 13 week period – information notices given under social security law – decisions under review affirmed

[Stark; Secretary, Department of Social Services and](#) [2015] AATA 424; 16/6/2015; Senior Member BJ McCabe

Disability support pension – cancellation decision – multiple medical conditions – psychiatric condition attracted insufficient impairment points at relevant time – shoulder condition not fully diagnosed, treated and stabilised at relevant time – medical criteria not satisfied – decision under review affirmed

[Zalega and Secretary, Department of Social Services](#) [2015] AATA 417; 12/6/2015; Senior Member BJ McCabe

Disability support pension – compensation for work injury – preclusion period – statutory discretion to disregard payment – no special circumstances – decision under review affirmed

Veterans' Affairs

[Ellis and Repatriation Commission](#) [2015] AATA 431; 19/6/2015; Deputy President SA Forgie

Whether death war-caused – principles relevant in determining whether reasonable hypothesis on whole of material – decision set aside

Appeals

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Appeals lodged

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None lodged

Appeals finalised

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None finalised

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