## STATUTORY DECLARATION

- I, JAMES EDWARD PROSSER-FENN of 68 Street, Orange in the State of New South Wales, Solicitor, do solemnly and sincerely declare as follows:-
- I have been a partner in the Firm of Baldock Stacy & Niven since 1980 and my Firm has traded at 68 Summer Street, Orange since 1981. I have worked from 68 Summer St Orange for the whole time since 1981 to date.
- 2. My firm purchased the building in 1979 when it was a disused private hospital and refurbished the bottom two floors for use as a legal office.
- 3. The building at 68 Summer St consists of three floors the top floor of which is a residence.
- 4. My office is on the lower floor of the building.
- 5. To my knowledge and in the time that I have worked at and occupied the building at 68 Summer Street Orange the upper floor of the premises has always been a residence and never used as solicitors offices.
- 6. I recall being told when we were buying the building that when the building was a private hospital the top floor of the building was used as a nurse's quarters. It contains a kitchen and four bedrooms as well as a lounge, bathroom and laundry.
- 7. I have never seen any trestle tables in any of the offices of Baldock Stacy Niven at 68 Summer St Orange on the ground floor or the first floor.
- 8. In early 1999 I showed Steven Edward, a solicitor from Victoria upstairs to the residence where he was to meet Glenn Thompson. Steven came to meet me in my office downstairs and I took him up the internal stairs in the building which consist of a very narrow flight of stairs from the second floor to the back door of the upstairs residence. On the way up I turned to him and said, "Glenn Thompson lives up here above the office, it is the old nurses quarters." I recall that Steven nodded and smiled at the time that I

make this statement to him. I then knocked on the door to the upstairs residence and Glenn Thompson opened it and I introduced Steven to him and then went back downstairs to my office. I had no further contact with Steven at that time.

- 9. In the days to and shortly after I showed Steven Edward up to Glenn Thompson's residence I had been in Glenn Thompson's residence and it was and is unquestionably a residential premises with a kitchen having, adjacent to it, a dining table consisting of a trestle table as well as a number of trestle tables piled with documents. Glenn had a room with computers in it and the other rooms were bedrooms and a lounge room as well as a laundry bathroom and toilet. To my mind it would be impossible to confuse this collection of rooms and furniture with a legal office.
- 10. To my recollection, at no time did Steven Edwards photocopy documents belonging to Glenn Thompson in my firm's offices on the first or second floors of 68 Summer St, Orange.

And I hereby make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true by virtue of the Oaths Act, 1900.

Subscribed and Declared at Orange this

21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2007

Before me:-

MICHAEL G. T. NIVEN
Solicitor,
Orange