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So Your Honour in that situation — in that case we'd be saying that the same approach should be adopted here, that you look at the relief sought in the previous proceeding, the relief sought in this proceeding to see — in ascertaining the subject matter, and the words used in the release in this case arising out of or in any way relating to the subject matter are the same — have the same possible broad interpretation as "in respect of" had in Lyon Trust Corporation.

HIS HONOUR: Thank you. Mr Garde please.

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MR GARDE: Your Honour we will start by just taking Your Honour back again to the amended further statement of claim in the Woodleigh Heights proceedings, and invite Your Honour to just spend a moment and I'll go through the pleading, but before I do that there are two - there are two of course, types of water supply that are under discussion in this pleading.

There is the water supply that was provided on the land, which was of course non-obtainable water - non-drinkable water, and then there was the prospect of water becoming available from the Kyneton Shire Water Works trust. And one has to, in looking at the pleading and therefore looking at what was known at the time, identify the features of the two systems, one existing prior to 1982, and one which as we know potentially became available as and from 1982.

And with that in mind what I would invite Your

Honour to do is just to look for a start at Paragraph 6,

and in Paragraph 6 on p.3 of the amended further

- 1 statement of claim of 17 March 1999, Your Honour will see
- the application referred to. "By application dated
- 3 22 November 1978 the Buchanan's applied to the Council to
- 4 develop the Woodleigh Heights estate by subdividing it
- 5 pursuant to the provisions of the Cluster Titles Act
- 6 1974, such subdivision consisting of 45 allotments" and
- 7 so on "with substantial areas of common property and
- 8 provision for the installation of a privately owned and
- 9 operated water supply and reticulation system". Have I -
- this is Your Honour, I'm looking at Tab 16.
- 11 HIS HONOUR: I've got it in front of me.
- 12 MR GARDE: I'm sorry Your Honour I so that was the
- application and Your Honour will see in the particulars
- that it contained the application contained the
- following relevant documents, the application for the
- permit of 10 November 1978 and the submission dated
- 3 November 1978 prepared by James A Harris & Associates.
- And that then takes us to Paragraph 7.
- 19 HIS HONOUR: Does that submission make clear what the character
- of this system was in terms of your distinction between
- 21 non-potable and potable?
- 22 MR GARDE: It does Your Honour, yes as Paragraph 7 itself
- 23 <u>illuminates</u>. So that - -
- 24 HIS HONOUR: Read on then.
- 25 MR GARDE: No, no, some guidance to be provided shortly. I
- just want to go through this, because in fact this
- 27 pleading is precise in what was there and what was not
- there.
- 29 HIS HONOUR: I see.
- 30 MR GARDE: That's in essence what I'm seeking to do, and so

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31 Your Honour will then see that the proposal for the

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          reticulation system - -
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    HIS HONOUR: Yes, I see.
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    MR GARDE: -- and one might anticipate in the world of
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          regulatory authorities a privately owned system was an
          object of some discussion - consisted of, now these are
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          the elements of it Your Honour. A storage reservoir in
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          gallon capacity in (b). Then the rising main to get from
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          So understandably enough that had to be done. Then there
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          had to be smaller pipes from the main pipe to the
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          individual allotments, which is equally understandable.
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          drinking and bathroom water, in other words potable water
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          or water of the appropriate use by humans, and we've got
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          household drinking and bathroom water was to be supplied
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          installed concurrently with the construction of houses.
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          So the drinking water was actually coming from the roof
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          rainwater tanks for household drinking and bathroom use.
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          Then (f) probably answers I think Your Honour's question.
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    HIS HONOUR: That's right.
    MR GARDE: The reticulated water supply was for non domestic
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          uses only. So in other words the proposal stood on the
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          somewhat rickety foundations one might say, but
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          nonetheless was approved on this footing, of this system
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          being available for use other than use for human
          consumption and tank systems being available for water
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1 HIS HONOUR: Yes.

MR GARDE: And then we go to p.5, "The proposed water supply 2 and reticulation was detailed in the submission and 3 engineering report by Garlick & Stewart", and that's set 4 out there which I won't read out. Then we have in eight 5 that the council issued the planning permit. Then we 6 have nine that it was a condition of the permit that the 7 8 estate be developed in accordance with the plans and 9 submissions comprising the application for cluster subdivision including the construction and installation 10 11 by the Buchanans of the water supply and reticulation system as set out in the submission. 12

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14 MR GARDE: That of course picks up the reticulation system that 15 is discussed in seven which in turn picks up the approach 16 that it's to be a rainwater tank system that provides the water for human consumption. So the water supply and 17 18 reticulation system as set out in the submission referred 19 to in nine is reality what I might call for stock, gardening or other non-human use; that's what it's 20 21 referring to.

Then we have ten that the council allay and approve the private water supply and reticulation system as set out in the submission. Now pausing there that's actually unsurprising because it doesn't involve the use of trust water at this juncture. So it's civil engineering works that the council would be expected to approve. Then it says, "The council did not refer the plans of subdivision to the trust pursuant to those provisions". Then the cluster subdivision was registered. So in other words it had nothing to do with the trust at this juncture.

Then we see in 11 as to the state of knowledge and state of fact. At the time of registration of Cluster Subdivision 1134 the following relevant works had been carried out. Now one has to just refer these back because we see the things that had been carried out. Now one has to just refer these back because we see the things that had been done and we see the things that had been done and we see the thing in particular that hadn't been done. So (a) is the lake and that corresponds with (a). In (b) we've now got the two 50,000 gallon concrete high level water tanks were constructed in lieu of a single 100,000 gallon high level tank. So there's a departure and you've got two tanks rather than one.

Then we come to (c). We've got a rising main laid between the lake and the high level tanks. Then we come to (d) and (d) says, "Primary reticulation pipes had been laid in the common property and connected to the concrete high level tanks to convey non domestic water from the tanks to the allotments as referred to in the submission".

Now the significant matter about that if Your Honour goes back to (b) is that - if I put it this way the big pipes or at least some of them, whatever is meant by the expression "primary reticulation pipes" which isn't coincident with - the main pipes were there.

Conspicuously absent are the smaller pipes from the main pipe to the individual allotments and there's no reference to whether by this stage any houses had been constructed with or without rainwater tanks and (e) the high level contained water.

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5 MR GARDE: So it was obviously known that for example smaller 6 pipes from the main pipe to the individual allotments were not there and it was also obviously known that in 7 lieu of the 100,000 gallon tank there were two 50,000 8 9 gallon tanks. So in terms of the reticulation system on this estate which was not intended to provide water for 10 human consumption the position is clear in our submission 11 in this pleading. 12

> Now nobody is suggesting that at this point of time there was or that there was intended to be any supply of water from the Water Works Trust and obviously if one had a supply of water from the Water Works Trust then you would not need roof rainwater tanks. You would plainly enough use the direct supply of fresh water from the Water Works Trust. So in addition it would be expected that it the trust was involved at this juncture or was intended to be involved in the supply of fresh water.

> Then the council would refer the plans of subdivision to the Water Works Trust, which it did not Then that takes us to 12, and 12 says, "By reason of the matters referred to in Paragraphs 5 - 13, the plaintiffs as holders of an equitable interest in the land", which was the amendment, the previous pleading being, "As beneficial owners of the land purchased by them", "Had a right of access and entitlement to the water supply and reticulation system within CSS1134".

> Now that is the internal reticulation system, and I might

say the internal reticulation system is not at all relevant to the problem that the plaintiffs say they subsequently experienced, because the problem they subsequently experienced related to the availability of fresh water.

6 HIS HONOUR: Yes.

MR GARDE: The existence or non existence of small pipes in 7 terms of the estate's own system was of no consequence. 8 9 So everything so far is consistent with the state of 10 knowledge that in and around 1979, there was no main 11 supply from the Water Works Trust, but if one keeps going, 12A then 12B, "Had a right to install roof 12 13 rainwater tanks to provide drinking and bathroom water", 14 so 12B confirms again that at the time of the approval of the plan of (indistinct) subdivisional and indeed 15 16 subsequently, it was the contemplation that it would be that the property would be supplied with fresh water 17 18 through the rainwater tank system as distinct from the 19 supply of water from a main from the Water Works Trust. Then we have in 15 that in or about November 1980, the 20 21 Buchanans made application to the counsel for a cluster 22 redevelopment of cluster Subdivision 1134, dividing each 23 allotment into three smaller allotments, that was 24 approved, and in 17, again it wasn't referred to the 25 Water Works Trust, and again one might have thought, 26 looking at that, that there was no need to refer it to 27 the Water Works Trust, which is again confirmed in Paragraph 18, because 18 pleads there was no alteration 28 29 to the water supply or reticulation requirements within cluster Subdivision 1134, pursuant to the new plan, which 30 31 is 2784, and the water supply, and reticulation

- 1 requirements remained identical to that described in a
- 2 submission and set out in Paragraph 8 above.
- 3 HIS HONOUR: Yes.
- 4 MR GARDE: So that was the position as pleaded following the
- 5 application now in November 1980. Then, Your Honour,
- 6 when if we jump over the pleading of the deed of
- 7 absolute assignment and come to Paragraph 15, in
- 8 Paragraph 31A we now have, by April 1984, a company,
- 9 Woodleigh Heights Resort Developments Pty Ltd were
- developing a time share resort on cluster Subdivision
- 11 1134, it had purchased must of the land, entered into
- 12 contracts of sale to purchase all of the land that had
- defaulted upon those contracts, and then there's this
- 14 discussion about Woodleigh Heights Resort Development
- would prevent the plaintiffs' land or the land from
- 16 having access to - -
- 17 HIS HONOUR: I'm sorry, where we have jumped to?
- 18 MR GARDE: Sorry, I'm now at 31B, Your Honour, 31B on p.15.
- 19 HIS HONOUR: Yes.
- 20 MR GARDE: I left out all the stuff relating to the deed of
- 21 assignment, Your Honour.
- 22 HIS HONOUR: Yes.
- 23 MR GARDE: So in 31B, Woodleigh Heights Resort Development
- 24 advised the plaintiffs that if the plaintiffs attempted
- 25 to rescind the contracts and sell to anyone other than
- Woodleigh Heights Resort Development, then it would
- 27 prevent the plaintiffs land, which or the land from
- having access to water, and thereby render the land
- worthless, and Your Honour will have noted from the book
- of pleadings that back on 23 October 1980, this is p.C11,
- 31 Mr Thompson, Mr and Mrs Thompson, but with the signature

of Mr Thompson, wrote to the secretary of the shire of Kyneton, and said, "Dear sir, please find enclosed bank quarantee for subdivision of KR and another initial Buchanan at Tylden Road, Kyneton, this subdivision is now a joint venture between ourselves and Buchanan, and Mr Ken Buchanan is still managing the subdivision for the partnership", but what subsequently happened was that there was a dispute that broke out between the Buchanans and the Thompsons as we apprehend the position with the consequent result that the development company that was controlled by the Buchanans denied any access to the water which that company had procured through the supply agreement to the Thompsons, so the consequence of that was that although, as Your Honour has had discussed earlier, an agreement was made on the first day of January 1982 between the Water Works Trust and Woodleigh Heights Resort Development for the supply of water suitable for domestic purposes by the Water Works Trust, which was the first supply of that water to this land, that supply agreement was made with the development company, and it was as a consequence up to the development company as to whether or not other lot owners gained access to the water that that company was now receiving from the Water Works Trust.

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26 MR GARDE: And Your Honour will have observed in looking at the
27 agreement of 1 January 1982, between the trust and
28 Woodley Heights Resort Development Pty Ltd, that it
29 provided in Clause 1, after referring to the Water Act
30 and the regulations under

31 the - - -

- 1 HIS HONOUR: Where do I find this in the documents?
- 2 MR GARDE: That is Mr Thompson's exhibit, GAT26.
- 3 HIS HONOUR: I have a set of exhibits that goes to GAT21.
- 4 MR GARDE: Yes. I'm sorry Your Honour, this is the affidavit
- of 7 November 2005.
- 6 MR THOMPSON: Your Honour it's in the second book of my
- 7 exhibits. You should have two of them.
- 8 HIS HONOUR: Well, I don't.
- 9 MR GARDE: We'll see if we can thank you for that. We'll
- 10 have one handed up Your Honour.
- 11 HIS HONOUR: Perhaps just wait a moment, we better find out
- 12 whether we do have that second - -
- 13 MR GARDE: Yes.
- 14 HIS HONOUR: They're original exhibits yes, so I look at
- 15 that?
- 16 MR GARDE: Yes. I invite Your Honour to look at that and if
- 17 Your Honour goes then to the heading refers to the
- 18 Water Works Trust and Woodley Heights Resort Development
- 19 Pty Ltd and then Your Honour will see in Clause 1 that,
- "The trust shall, so far as it is able to do so, subject
- 21 to the provisions hereof and the Water Act 1958 and the
- regulations made thereunder", and so on, "Supply to the
- consumer", the term consumer being defined to mean the
- development company, "and the consumer shall take from
- 25 the trust water for domestic purposes on the said land as
- and from 1 October 1981", and Your Honour will see that
- in Paragraph 2, "The consumer shall at it's own expense
- and to the satisfaction of the trust provide and install
- 29 all pipes and fittings which may be necessary for
- 30 obtaining such supply from the trust's pipeline at the
- 31 corner of Edgecombe Road and Dettmanns Lane". So to

Τ	pause there. It was the development company that
2	provided the pipes and fittings that took the supply from
3	the corner of Edgecombe Road and Dettmann's Lane which
4	was some distance from the estate, "and shall so long as
5	this agreement remains in force keep the pipes and
6	fittings within the said property in good order and
7	proper repair to the satisfaction of the trust".
8	So it had the obligation, that's the development
9	company had the obligation of looking after the pipes and
10	fittings. "Any authorised officer of the trust may at
11	any time or times inspect and examine all or any such
12	pipes or fittings and the pipeline installed along
13	Edgecombe Road will be taken over and maintained by the
14	trust on the first day of July 1982, subject to the
15	pipeline passing performance tests to the satisfaction of
16	the trust", so the trust was apparently concerned to
17	ensure that it was of sufficient quality.
18	Having regard to those matters Your Honour in the
19	evidence, I return to the proposition that was advanced
20	as we apprehended it earlier today as to whether the land
21	was properly serviced by an articulated water supply in
22	<mark>1979.</mark>
23	HIS HONOUR: Well, just before we do that, in the amended
24	statement of claim what's the substance of what then
25	follows?
26	MR GARDE: The substance of what then follows Your Honour is
27	that there are a series of allegations of
28	misrepresentation of different sorts and if I look at - I
29	mentioned 31B but if one continues on, we've got 32, "In

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and the board to ascertain whether the matters

April 1984 the plaintiffs made enquiries of the council

communicated to the plaintiffs by the development company were correct". Now those matters said to be communicated, to go back to the particulars, in a conversation between Mr Murphy, a director of the development company and the first named plaintiff in or about March and April of 1984 is particularised and the development company advised first named plaintiff that Woodleigh Heights Resort Development had a private water supply agreement between itself and the trust for the supply of water to all of the - plus the subdivision, including the land. "Two, that under the water agreement the development company controlled a supply of water within the cluster subdivision including the supply of water to the land and that under the water agreement, the development company were in a position to render the land valueless by denying the supply of water to it and thereby preventing the issue of building permits in respect of the plaintiff's land".

So following this dispute between the Buchanans and Thompsons as we apprehended, those statements were made back in March or April 1984, so it was alleged. In Paragraph 32, the plaintiff then made enquiries of the council and the board to ascertain whether the matters communicated were correct

And there's a reference there to a telephone conversation in April 1984. And then it's said in response to the enquiries, the council and the board represented to the plaintiffs that. And then it's said that the plan of cluster subdivision was outside the water trust area and in an area where under the provisions of the Water Act 1958, water was supplied

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under private agreement at the discretion of the trust so there was no - it was not an area where the trust had the capacity to service individual allotments. There was under the provisions of the Act a legally valid water agreement in existence between the board and the development company and that under the water agreement, the development company owned and operated the water supply reticulation system within the cluster subdivision. And it's said that it was represented that the land was not entitled to the water supply or reticulation system within CS1134 and could not obtain access to the water supply and reticulation system without the agreement and consent of the development company. So in other words, unless you go and talk to the development company and get their consent then you can't access the system which is controlled by the development company.

And then it's said the body corporate was not entitled to the water supply or reticulation system within CS1134 and it's said that the board would not transfer the existing water agreement to the body corporate except with the agreement of the development company. And would not enter into a separate water supply agreement with the body corporate of CS1134 except with the agreement of the development company. And (g) that unless the plaintiffs had access to a reticulated water supply, the council would not issue building permits to build upon the land. That's said to be the first representation. And then one comes to the existence of various mortgages. And default occurring in the mortgages in August 1984. And then the auction of

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17 November 1984 and then in 39(a) if I invite Your
Honour to jump over to p.21, that on or about 13 November
1984 the board represented to Hookers and to AGC that
water and sewerage were denied to the land and could not
be obtained. And if one interpolates here Your Honour,
the trust had in place a water agreement as Your Honour
has looked at which took the water supplied by the trust
to a location from which the development company and its
assets took responsibility for the ongoing supply of
water and the problem that gave rise to is that if there
was a disagreement between the development company and
individual lot owners then individual lot owners might
not gain that access.

And the board itself, according to this, stated that it told Hookers and AGC that water and sewerage were denied to the land and could not be obtained. Then on or about 13 November 1984, Mr Porter repeated this representation, representation was communicated. The plaintiffs and AGC cancelled the auction, that's 40(b).

20 HIS HONOUR: Yes.

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MR GARDE: And then there's a third representation in 42(a), that the council responded to AGC's said letter in which it represented that in accordance with previous planning approvals, the issue of building permits was conditional upon the development being serviced by reticulated sewerage. And then in 44(a), the fourth representation now, this is 1985, that the board was not in a position to supply water to the plaintiff's land. And then in Paragraph 45 we have the fifth representation

Which was to AGC, but water had been supplied to the development company as an outside of the water area

agreement on the basis that all costs for construction of the mains were paid for by that company, that company be WHRD. The board therefore has no mechanism by which the allotments referred to maybe supplied with water, except with the agreement of WHRD. That AGC would be aware that a shire permit to build within Crown Allotment 41 will not be issued unless the blocks are supplied with water. And that the development company either or all of, owns, operates and controls the water mains, of which it had apparently Your Honour, installed at its own expense. So those circumstances amounted to the fifth representation.

Importantly, Your Honour, if I jump over briefly to Paragraph 58A, Your Honour will observe that all this is said to have transpired fraudulently. And so these are representations said to be fraudulent representations, we have the five different sets of fraudulent representations. There's then a sixth representation pleaded, but 58A is what I will describe as sufficiently conventional pleading of fraud, knowing them to be false and untrue or making them recklessly, not caring whether they were true or false.

The particulars of that were that, "The defendants had the subdivision application, the submission, the approval documents, letters, fax, personal knowledge and minutes, and minutes of meeting which evidenced and set out the falsity and untruthfulness of the representations". Then in 58B, the opinion method of pleading fraud, that, "The defendants did not in fact hold such opinion, or knew at the time of expressing such opinion that it was incorrect". So that's of course another allegation of fraud in the context of an opinion.

- 1 So that, Your Honour, was the pleading and if I go
- 2 back to Paragraphs 11 - -
- 3 HIS HONOUR: And the claim as we've previously known, is for
- 4 the difference between the land as it would have been if
- 5 serviced and the price achieved.
- 6 MR GARDE: Yes, yes, Your Honour.
- 7 HIS HONOUR: And that as I recollect it is a similar basis to
- 8 the basis of damages now.
- 9 MR GARDE: Yes, Your Honour, and in Paragraph 67A at p.45, that
- is set out. By reasons of the matters alleged here in
- 11 the plaintiffs have suffered loss and damage, particulars
- of that are simple enough, that the land was sold for a
- total price of \$135,000, and B, had the land been sold on
- 14 the basis that there was an entitlement to an approved
- private water supplying reticulation system, it's sale
- value would have been \$431,500 and the difference was
- \$296,500.
- 18 HIS HONOUR: Yes.
- 19 MR GARDE: Now to pause there and say this, that in relation to
- 20 what was said to be the lack of knowledge or the fact it
- 21 was unknown, it was as I noted that whether the land
- 22 properly serviced had a articulated water supply in 1979.
- Now one has to and that's ambiguous in the sense that
- you can be referring to water fit for human consumption
- or you can be referring to water which was not considered
- to be fit for human consumption. In 1979 the only
- 27 relevant articulated water supply was that which was not
- fit for human consumption, and as to that, taking it in
- that context, the position is very clear in our
- 30 submission, from - -
- 31 HIS HONOUR: They knew exactly what the position was.

1	MR GARDE: Very precisely, and that's concisely pleaded. So
2	that it was well known that you had two 50,000 gallon
3	tanks rather than 100,000, and it was well known that you
4	didn't have four pipes going from the primary
5	reticulation pipes to the individual allotments. And
6	there's a subtle difference between the expression
7	comprising main pipes and primary reticulation pipes.
8	Whether they mean the same thing or whether there's a
9	subtle difference there, it's not entirely clear, but
10	it's very well known, and exactly known as to what the
11	position was. So there is nothing new there in our
12	respectful submission.
13	Then taking it the other way round, if this means
14	water supply for human consumption, this pleading makes

Then taking it the other way round, if this means water supply for human consumption, this pleading makes it very clear also that it was well known that there was no water fit for human consumption supplied by the board or then the trust, because the pleading refers to household, drinking and bathroom water on a number of occasions, again making it clear that there was no water fit for human consumption supplied by the Water Works Trust.

So as one goes through the pleading at the different dates, the position is again clear in our submission, leading up to the discussion in 1984 between Mr Murphy and the first named plaintiff.

HIS HONOUR: Before we get to that, it shows that they knew the 1982 agreement was for the provision of potable water, not for what was the subject of the 1979 requirement.

29 MR GARDE: That is so.

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30 HIS HONOUR: And they knew that what was supplied pursuant to 31 the agreement was not supplied in fact in performance of

- the 1979 requirement.
- 2 MR GARDE: That is so, that is so.
- 3 HIS HONOUR: So all four points are inconsistent with what
- 4 Mr Thompson's put to me today.
- 5 MR GARDE: That is so. So we accordingly submit Your Honour
- 6 that the position in 1979 from 1979, in 1982 and from
- 7 1982 was clear and well known, but we also submit that in
- 8 any event, the terms of settlement and the release that's
- 9 granted, even if I was wrong in that even if we were
- wrong in that submission, nonetheless the words are used
- in the terms of settlement are more than amble to pick up
- 12 the to pick up the current form of claim arising out,
- or in any way related to the subject matter of the
- 14 proceedings.
- The previous claim if one looks at it in terms of
- subject matter, the subject matter of the previous
- proceedings must be taken to have embraced the
- non-potable articulated water supply and it must be taken
- to have embraced the potable water which was supplied
- from 1982 by the Waterworks Trust. So both of those
- topics are clearly embodied in our submission in the
- Woodleigh Heights proceeding.
- 23 HIS HONOUR: Yes.
- 24 MR GARDE: That Your Honour is sufficient on that matter. The
- 25 second topic, the Tylden Road topic, the 569E notice
- issue and the use of a sequence of two lot subdivisions
- 27 and so on. All that needs to be said about that in our
- submission is that review as our learned friend,
- 29 Mr Delany has done of the material in the book of
- 30 pleadings documents, which itself extracts the relevant
- 31 notices, letters and resolutions, makes it very clear