

FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA AT NEWCASTLE

FILE NUMBER: NCC3620 of 2007

**RICKY PARTINGTON**

Applicant

And

**SUZANNE KAY STEWART**

Respondent

**REASONS FOR JUDGMENT**

1. In relation to the father's Application for Final Orders filed 21 December 2009 and the Response of the mother filed 8 March 2010 those proceedings are before this Court today.
2. All parties, including the independent children's lawyer, were present at 11.15am.
3. At 11.20am the father was provided with a copy of an Application in the Case filed on 24 June 2010 on behalf of the mother, together with an affidavit also filed on that date sworn by the mother.
4. The father indicated from the Bar Table that in the event I looked at the mother's application and affidavit he would be leaving the court room.
5. I asked the father to remain while I looked at the application and he did not.
6. The father proceeded to leave the court room.
7. The father is the applicant in these proceedings, nevertheless it is proper for a conclusion to be reached about the child and whether or not there should be any contact between the child and his father.
8. Accordingly, I propose to make orders and directions in respect of the Application for Final Orders filed 21 December 2009 and will consider the Application in a Case filed 8 March 2010 as a separate matter.
9. I make the following remarks in respect of the Application in a Case filed 24 June 2010 ("the application").
10. There is an application filed in the Newcastle Registry on 24 June 2010 which is before the Court this morning and supported by the affidavit of the mother also filed on that date.