



Australian Government

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# INFRINGEMENT NOTICE

## SECTION 184 OF THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTER-TERRORISM FINANCING ACT 2006

To: Mr John Charles Duffy  
ABN 98 273 536 801



Attention: John Charles Duffy

1. I, Brendan Thomas, Chief Executive Officer (**AUSTRAC CEO**) of the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (**AUSTRAC**) and an authorised officer for the purposes of section 184 of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* (Cth) (**AML/CTF Act**), having reasonable grounds to believe that John Charles Duffy has contravened a designated infringement notice provision, give this infringement notice (**Notice**) under section 184(1) of the AML/CTF Act.

### ***Background***

2. AUSTRAC records reveal John Charles Duffy was enrolled with AUSTRAC as a provider of designated services during the relevant reporting period, being 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022. This makes him a reporting entity for the purposes of section 47(2) of the AML/CTF Act.
3. Reporting entities must comply with the requirement to give the AUSTRAC CEO an annual report relating to the reporting entities' compliance with the AML/CTF Act. In this Notice we refer to this annual report as a "compliance report".
4. All compliance reports for the reporting period 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022 were required to be lodged with the AUSTRAC CEO on or before 31 March 2023.

### ***Details of alleged contravention***

5. **I have reasonable grounds to believe that** John Charles Duffy contravened section 47(2) of the AML/CTF Act by failing to lodge a compliance report for

the relevant reporting period being 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022. That compliance report was not lodged on or before 31 March 2023.

***Penalty amount***

6. As John Charles Duffy is a sole trader, the penalty payable for the alleged contravention of section 47(2) of the AML/CTF Act is \$3,300.
7. The penalty is calculated in accordance with section 186B(2) of the AML/CTF Act and section 4AA of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Cth).
8. The penalty is payable to the AUSTRAC CEO (on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia).

***If you pay the penalty amount***

9. If you pay the penalty specified in this Notice to the AUSTRAC CEO, **within 28 days after service of the Notice on you, being on or before 18 April 2024, or such other period as approved by the AUSTRAC CEO**, neither criminal nor civil penalty proceedings will be brought in relation to the matter giving rise to the alleged contravention and any liability you have for the alleged contravention detailed in this Notice will be discharged.
10. Payment of the penalty amount is not an admission of guilt or liability.

***If you fail to pay the penalty amount***

11. If the penalty in this Notice is not paid by you on or before 18 April 2024 or such other time as approved by the AUSTRAC CEO, and the Notice is not withdrawn, the AUSTRAC CEO may choose to take further enforcement action in respect of the alleged contravention. For example, it is open to the AUSTRAC CEO to commence civil penalty proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia seeking a pecuniary penalty of up to \$5,500,000 and other orders.
12. If you think this Notice has been given in error or you think it should be withdrawn, you may write to the AUSTRAC CEO c/- [REDACTED]. Under section 187 of the AML Act, an infringement notice can only be withdrawn within 28 days after the infringement notice was given.

***Payment Methods***

13. The penalty may be paid by cheque, money order or electronic funds transfer.
14. If you pay by cheque or money order, it should be made payable to "the AUSTRAC CEO, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia" and sent by registered post to:

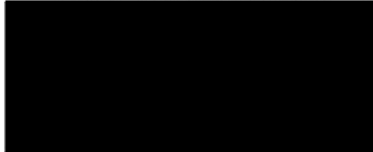
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre  
AUSTRAC  
PO Box K534  
Haymarket NSW 1240

Include Reference Number: [REDACTED]

15. If you pay by electronic funds transfer, please use the following details and email the receipt to [accounts\\_receivable@austrac.gov.au](mailto:accounts_receivable@austrac.gov.au):

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| <b>Name of Bank:</b>   | Reserve Bank of Australia                  |
| <b>Bank Branch:</b>    | Sydney                                     |
| <b>BSB:</b>            | [REDACTED]                                 |
| <b>Account Number:</b> | [REDACTED]                                 |
| <b>Account name:</b>   | AUSTRAC – Official Administrative Receipts |
| <b>Reference:</b>      | [REDACTED]                                 |

Date: 18 March 2024



Brendan Thomas  
AUSTRAC CEO