

**Tamir Maltz appears in pioneering Australian cyber law decision**

In a ground-breaking legal development, [Tamir Maltz](#) (of 12 Wentworth Selborne Chambers) acting as counsel, together with HWLE's cyber law team, have secured a final injunction against unnamed foreign hackers: [HWL Ebsworth Lawyers v Persons Unknown \[2024\] NSWSC 71](#). Importantly, the injunction will also deter third-parties from disseminating documents stolen by those hackers.

At an earlier stage, an urgent interlocutory (that is, non-final) injunction against the same hackers was granted by His Honour Hammerschlag CJ in Eq, as reported by: the [Australian Financial Review](#), the [Sydney Morning Herald](#) and by the [NSW Government](#). A "Lessons Learned" [report](#) released this month by the Federal Government's National Office of Cyber Security stated: "...[the injunction] enabled better support to impacted clients (including individuals) through minimising the likelihood that other actors may access and act on the published data, and was overall viewed as a sensible step in the firm's response."

This is the first time an Australian court has granted a final injunction against unnamed foreign hackers. This sets a new precedent in Australian cyber law.

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