



COMPETITION TRIBUNAL OF SOUTH AFRICA

Case No.: CR189Mar22/STR04Jun25

In the application to strike out between:

META PLATFORMS INC.	First Applicant
WHATSAPP INC.	Second Applicant
FACEBOOK SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD	Third Applicant

and

GOVCHAT (PTY) LDT	First Respondent
HASHTAG LETSTALK (PTY) LTD	Second Respondent

In re: the matter between:

COMPETITION COMMISSION	Applicant
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and

META PLATFORMS INC.	First Respondent
WHATSAPP INC.	Second Respondent
FACEBOOK SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD	Third Respondent
GOVCHAT (PTY) LDT	First Intervenor
HASHTAG LETSTALK (PTY) LTD	Second Intervenor
	Second Intervenor

Panel:	G Budlender (Presiding Member)
	T Vilakazi (Tribunal Member)
	I Valodia (Tribunal Member)
Heard on:	03 December 2025
Order Issued on:	27 January 2026

ORDER

Having read the papers filed in application CR189Mar22/STR04Jun25, having heard argument from the parties, and having considered submissions by the parties, the Tribunal orders as follows:

1. The application to strike out: (i) paragraphs 11 to 185, and 187 to 189 of the witness statement of Mr Bradley Sacks filed in Case No: CR189Mar22 on 5 May 2025; and; (ii) paragraphs 2 to 5 of the witness statement of Ms Tandi Haslam filed in Case No: CR189Mar22 on 5 May 2025, is dismissed.
2. There is no order as to costs.

Adv. Geoff Budlender SC

Concurring: Prof. Imraan Valodia and Prof. Thando Vilakazi

Date

27 January 2026

Tribunal Case Managers: Andriza Liebenberg, Tarryn Sampson, and
Theresho Galane

For Meta Platforms Inc., Jerome Wilson SC and Lerato Zikalala
WhatsApp Inc., and Facebook instructed by Derek Lotter and Claire Reidy of
South Africa (Pty) Ltd: Bowmans

For GovChat (Pty) Ltd and Paul Farlam SC and Luke Kelly instructed by
Hashtag Letstalk (Pty) Ltd: Shawn van der Meulen of Webber Wentzel