

Annexure C – Notice to Group Members

Ford DPS6 "PowerShift" Class Action – Important Notice

Federal Court of Australia Case No. NSD724/2016

Notice Affecting Current and Former Owners of certain Ford Focus, Ford Fiesta and Ford EcoSport cars

Why are you getting this notice?

This notice is being sent to provide an update on the status of the class action that was filed in the Federal Court of Australia in relation to certain Ford Focus, Ford Fiesta and Ford EcoSport cars built between 2010 and 2016 fitted with a DPS6 'Powershift' transmission.

You may be a Group Member if you purchased, leased or otherwise acquired an interest in an Affected Vehicle between 1 January 2011 and 20 December 2024.

A list of Affected Vehicles appears at **Schedule 1** of this notice.

You are not required to do anything by this notice. If you wish to be contacted and kept up to date about the progress of the class action, you may register your details at www.fordclassaction.net.au.

Update

Following the High Court's judgment in November 2024, the matter was remitted to the Federal Court to determine the lead applicant's damages in accordance with the High Court's reasons. The decision on the remitter was delivered on 20 June 2025.

The Federal Court reached the same conclusion it reached first time around: by reason of its defective design, the applicant's Ford Focus was worth 30% less than what she had paid for it. Additionally, the lead applicant was awarded consequential losses for excess financing costs (that is, the additional costs she incurred in financing a vehicle that was worth less than what she paid for it), stamp duty and GST. The applicant was also awarded interest on all amounts.

A copy of the remitter judgment is linked <u>here</u>.

In total, the amount of damages awarded to the lead applicant were \$22,941.19, which is about the price she paid for her car (before taxes and on road costs).

In the next few months, the Court intends to program a hearing directed at resolving the remaining issues regarding group members' entitlements. As previous updates have noted, depending on the circumstances, the *Australian Consumer Law* may give group members two types of damages — (i) reduction-in-value damages (available to current owners of an Affected Vehicle); and (ii) consequential losses (available to all current and previous owners of an Affected Vehicle).

The Federal Court's judgment recognised that "although it is not certain, it is quite possible that once a group member ceases to own their vehicles, they will lose the entitlement to reduction in value damages". Accordingly, group members who wish to remain entitled to reduction in value damages should retain ownership of their Affected Vehicle.

Further information?



Please do not direct any questions about the class action or this notice to Ford or any Ford dealer. If you have any questions about this notice, you may contact the lawyers for the Applicant, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, by emailing fordclients@corrs.com.au, or seek independent legal advice.

Schedule 1

Make	Model	Build Year
Focus	Titanium LW	2011 – 2012
	Sport LW	2011 – 2012
	Trend LW	2011 – 2012
	Ambiente LW	2011 – 2012
	Sport LW MKII	2012 – 2015
	Titanium LW MKII	2012 – 2015
	Ambiente LW MKII	2012 – 2015
	Trend LW MKII	2012 – 2015
Fiesta	Zetec WT	2010 – 2013
	LX WT	2010 – 2013
	CL WT	2010 – 2013
	Sport EcoBoost WZ	2012 – 2015
	Trend WZ	2013 – 2016
	Ambiente WZ	2013 – 2016
EcoSport	Titanium BK	2013 – 2016
	Trend BK	2013 – 2016
	Ambiente BK	2013 – 2016