

'Bec is creating a barrier between her and Lleyton. She's got a fisted position, meaning she's ticked off!' says body language expert Susan Constantine.

**Betrayed!**

'Bec has found something on her mobile and she's not a happy camper – she's very emotionally distraught about it,' Susan says.

# The moment Bec

A dramatic public spat drives a wedge between the troubled star couple

**B**ec Hewitt has a dream: to return to Australia and resurrect her acting career. But there's an obstacle in her path – her tennis ace husband Lleyton.

For the first time, Bec has admitted her ambition, openly challenging semi-retired Lleyton's determination to call the

Bahamas home. The soap star-turned-mum-of-three has made it clear she would rather be on the set of *Home and Away* again if she had any say in the matter.

'I haven't been asked [to return to the show] but I wouldn't say no,' Bec, 31, told the *Daily Mail*, in a not-too-subtle shout to the show's producers. 'I'm so grateful

what they did for me, I had such a great time there.

'If it was Irene's 50th birthday party or something, then sure, I would come on back.'

In an apparent swipe at Lleyton's tennis-circuit lifestyle, Bec revealed how her career had taken a backseat to her husband and family.

'I'd love to get back into it [acting]. Just over the last 10 years, it's been a little bit difficult,' she said. 'I've not been in the one place long enough to commit to any projects and for a while there

I was either pregnant or breastfeeding. But now the kids are a little bit older.'

Yet Lleyton, 33, is clearly not on the same page. The couple's home at Palm Beach, in Sydney's northern beaches – just a stone's throw from the *Home and Away* set – sold this week for more than \$4.6 million, after 250 days on the market.

'You know, we've been in the Bahamas so long, so it doesn't really matter,' Lleyton said dismissively of their former home.

## BEC'S SACRIFICE

It was on the market for more than 250 days, but Bec and Lleyton finally sold their impressive three-level mansion in Sydney's northern beaches last week for a cool \$4.6 million.

**PALM BEACH**

## Closer each day... a return to *Home and Away*

While catching up with *Home and Away*'s Demi Harman (right) at the Melbourne Cup last week, Bec admitted it's the right time to make her acting comeback, after she put her career on hold nine years ago to become a full-time mum.

## BAHAMAS

In recent years, Lleyton's tennis career has meant the Hewitts have spent more time in the Bahamas than home in Australia.





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'We've got some great friends over there and it's a good base for me – obviously with travel and stuff. I love [the Bahamas]. I love the heat.'

The couple's differences appeared to come to a head on Melbourne Cup day last week. They arrived at Flemington Racecourse all smiles, yet a dramatic exchange – captured in a series of photos (above) – saw their annual race day visit dissolve into what appeared to be tension, anger and disappointment.

Although the couple struggled to suppress the signs, they were obvious to body language expert and author Susan Constantine. She believes Bec discovered something on her mobile phone and spoke with her husband about it.

'There was a tiff,' Susan tells *New Idea*. 'You see stress in Lleyton's forehead, and surprise. The forehead is telling me that he feels pain... Lleyton probably feels like he's being attacked.'

Later, Lleyton seems to be explaining something to Bec 'and she's not really

buying it'. Her face and body stance show 'disappointment and disgust'. 'She is very angry – she is not a happy camper!' Susan believes.

Whatever the cause of their spat, the couple put on a brave front as they returned to the crowds, with Lleyton gripping the hand of his apparently unwilling wife (inset below).

'You can see this by the pursing of her lips,' Susan says. 'But when we look at Lleyton, he is just so determined, there's no smile, he's not happy.'

'He is not taking Bec at his side, there's no connection here. He's literally dragging her as if to say: "You're coming with me and we're going!" She's not liking that.'

Like it or not, Bec and her children Mia, eight, Cruz, five, and four-year-old Ava, look set to continue supporting tennis pro Lleyton.

He's currently training for the upcoming Aussie summer tennis season and a reduced schedule of 2015 tournaments, dividing time between the Bahamas and their rural Sydney property at Kenthurst.

And a wistful Bec seems to be accepting her fate. 'We can still always visit the northern beaches,' she said. **NI**



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Having been married for more than nine years, things looked tense between the normally loved-up couple at the Melbourne Cup last week.