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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

No M 36 of 2026

MELBOURNE REGISTRY

BETWEEN

Connor Yeates (A Pseudonym)

Appellant

and

The King

Respondent

## APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

## Part I: Certification

These submissions are in a form suitable for publication on the internet

## Part II: List of Principal Events

Item	Date	Event <sup>1</sup>	Decision reference <sup>2</sup>	CAB <sup>3</sup> reference
1.	Prior to 29 January 2019	The appellant was in financial distress	[6]	027
2.	Prior to 29 January 2019	Sought unsuccessfully loans from a former partner and enquired about a loan from Debt Fix Pty Ltd	[6]	027
3.	17 January 2019	The appellant indebted to creditors to the extent of \$51,090.58	[6]	027
4.	25 January 2019	A search warrant was executed at an address in Hoppers Crossing as part of a drug operation codenamed 'Operation Viridian'	[7]	027
5.	25 January 2019	A Trezor crypto hardware wallet found	[7]	027
6.	25 January 2019	A search for a seed phrase undertaken and	[7]	027

<sup>1</sup> All are as alleged by the Respondent and not admitted.

<sup>2</sup> *Connor Yeates (A Pseudonym) v The King [2025] VSCA 288 (VSCA)* Reasons for decision.

<sup>3</sup> Core Appeal Book (CAB).

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7.	25 January 2019	Two versions of an identical list of 24 words were located: one stamped into a metal tag and the other in a paper leaflet labelled 'Trezor'	[7]	027
8.	25 January 2019	Images of the metal tag and leaflet sent to the appellant asking if he had ever seen such a list and whether it was a 'crypto currency thing'	[8]	027
9.	25 January 2019	The appellant said it depicted a private key	[8]	027
10.	29 January 2019	The appellant used the seed phrase to rebuild the Trezor wallet, which at that time facilitated access to 81.61677759 Bitcoin	[9]	027
11.	29 January 2019	The appellant transferred that Bitcoin to a second wallet under his control	[9]	027
12.	Between 30 January 2019 and 30 August 2022	By a series of crypto currency transactions the appellant converted the Bitcoin into AUD with deposits totalling \$879,942.87	[10]	028


Proceedings				
Item	Date	Event	Decision reference <sup>4</sup>	CAB/FM <sup>5</sup> reference
13.	7 August 2014	Indictment	VSCA [1]	CAB 027; FM 0005-0007

<sup>4</sup> *Connor Yeates (A Pseudonym) v The King* [2025] VSCA 288 (VSCA) reasons for decision and *Director of Public Prosecutions v Connor Yeates (A Pseudonym)*<sup>4</sup> of 21 March 2025 of the Victorian County Court (CC), both unreported.

<sup>5</sup> Core Appeal Book (CAB) and Further Materials (FM).

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14.	17 March 2025 and 19 March 2025	Pre-trial hearing in the County Court of Victoria Criminal Division Melbourne	VSCA [13]-[15]	CAB 028-029; T1-T175, FM 0008-0184
15.	25 March 2025	Ruling of the County Court of Victoria	CC [1]-[61]; VSCA [36]-[42]	CAB 004-020; CAB 032-034;
16.	25 March 2025	Order of the County Court of Victoria		CAB 021
17.	25 March 2025	Notice of Application for Leave to Appeal Against Interlocutory Decision in the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal Criminal Division		CAB 022-024
18.	14 August 2025	Hearing of Application for Leave to Appeal Against Interlocutory Decision in the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal Criminal Division		CAB 025
19.	26 November 2025	Decision of Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal Criminal Division		CAB 025-049
20.	26 November 2025	Order of the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal Criminal Division		CAB 050
21.		Application for Special Leave to Appeal the decision of the Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal Criminal Division		
22.		The High Court of Australia grants the appellant leave to appeal		
23.		Appellant files Notice of Appeal		

Dated: 24 May 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "DW Marks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' and 'M'. Below the signature is a horizontal dotted line.

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