

# HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

KIEFEL CJ,  
BELL, GAGELER, KEANE, NETTLE, GORDON AND EDELMAN JJ

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HAROLD JAMES SINGH

APPELLANT

AND

THE QUEEN

RESPONDENT

*Singh v The Queen*  
[2020] HCA 25  
*Date of Hearing: 17 March 2020*  
*Date of Judgment: 5 August 2020*  
D16/2019

## ORDER

*Special leave to appeal is revoked.*

On appeal from the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory

### Representation

I L Read SC with A E Abayasekara for the appellant (instructed by Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission)

D J Morters SC with N M Loudon for the respondent (instructed by Director of Public Prosecutions (NT))

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency appearing as amicus curiae, limited to its written submissions

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## **CATCHWORDS**

### **Singh v The Queen**

Appeals – Criminal appeal – Death of appellant – Where appellant died after appeal heard – Where appellant sought order quashing conviction and ordering retrial – Whether possible to make order sought – Whether other order appropriate.



1 KIEFEL CJ, BELL, GAGELER, KEANE, NETTLE, GORDON AND EDELMAN JJ. Since this matter was heard, Mr Singh has passed away. It is no longer possible to make the order sought by him, that is, an order quashing his conviction and ordering a retrial. No other order is appropriate. Accordingly the Court revokes special leave to appeal.