

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

GLEESON J

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY
EDWARD JAMES BRIDE FOR LEAVE TO ISSUE
OR FILE

[2024] HCASJ 17

Date of Judgment: 9 May 2024

P8 of 2024

ORDER

- The ex parte application for leave to issue or file the application for removal is dismissed.*

Representation

The applicant is unrepresented.

1 GLEESON J. By application dated 15 February 2024, the applicant ("Mr Bride") seeks leave to issue or file an application for removal of proceedings referred to as Supreme Court of Western Australia proceeding number CIV1981/2022 into this Court under s 40 of the *Judiciary Act 1903* (Cth). On 3 January 2024, Beech-Jones J directed, pursuant to r 6.07.2 of the *High Court Rules 2004* (Cth), that the application for removal not be filed without prior leave of a Justice.

2 Mr Bride's application is supported by an affidavit affirmed by him on 15 February 2024. The affidavit exhibits two further affidavits made by Mr Bride, on 6 November 2023 and 10 January 2024.

3 The orders sought in the proposed removal application are that Mr Bride be given leave to: (a) "exercise his Constitutional right to a fair and proper hearing in an open and honest Court, untainted by fraud, deceit and dishonesty"; (b) "exercise his Constitutional right to be heard and allowed to refer to relevant authorities and Acts"; and (c) "have access to Fair and Natural Justice and due compensation for loss and damage caused to the Applicants [sic] by the Respondents...". There is nothing in the orders sought, or any other part of the proposed removal application, that identifies any matter in which this Court has original or appellate jurisdiction.

4 For this reason, the application is an abuse of process in the sense that it fails to identify any matter within the jurisdiction of the Court.¹

5 It follows that Mr Bride's application filed on 28 February 2024 for leave to issue or file the application for removal must be dismissed.

¹ *Re Young* (2020) 94 ALJR 448 at 451; 376 ALR 567 at 570 [11].