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The applicant requires an extension of time within which to seek special leave to appeal from the whole of the judgment of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria (Beach and Kennedy JJA), which refused the applicant's application for an extension of time within which to seek leave to appeal from a decision of the Supreme Court of Victoria (Keogh J), which dismissed the applicant's proceedings against the respondent.

The applicant has also filed two further applications by which he seeks, amongst other things, relief in the nature of judicial review of a decision of the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth not to intervene in the proceeding and relief that is broadly similar to that which the applicant sought at first instance, in the Court of Appeal, or in other proceedings.

Any appeal would have no prospects of success. It is not in the interests of the administration of justice, either generally or in this case, for special leave to appeal to be granted. It would therefore be futile to grant the extension of time that is sought, or to make the orders that the applicant seeks by way of his two further applications.

Special leave to appeal is refused. The applicant's two further applications are also refused.

Gordon J Beech-Jones J

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