

*MCBRIDE*  
v  
*THE KING*  
[2025] HCADisp 232  
C13/2025

- 1       The applicant seeks special leave to appeal from the whole of the judgment of the Court of Appeal of the Australian Capital Territory (Baker, Taylor and Abraham JJ) which, relevantly, dismissed the applicant's appeal against conviction following the entry of pleas of guilty in the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory (Mossop J) concerning communication offences under the *Defence Act 1903* (Cth) concerning secret materials of the Australian Defence Force.
- 2       There is insufficient reason to doubt the correctness of the Court of Appeal's decision to warrant a grant of special leave to appeal.
- 3       Special leave to appeal is refused.

Gageler CJ  
Gordon J  
Edelman J  
Steward J  
Gleeson J  
Jagot J  
Beech-Jones J

9 October 2025