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- The applicant seeks leave to appeal from a decision of a single Justice of this Court (Steward J) refusing an extension of time and dismissing the applicant's application for a constitutional or other writ.
- Even assuming the presence of a substantial injustice to the applicant were the exercise of discretion of Steward J to have been in error, nothing in the applicant's application for leave to appeal raises sufficient reason to doubt the correctness of the decision of Steward J in order to justify the grant of leave to appeal.
- The applicant also seeks leave to rely on an affidavit sworn on 27 August 2025 in support of the application. There is no explanation for why the evidence now sought to be adduced was not led in support of the application before Steward J. That material would also be inadmissible on an appeal under s 73 of the *Constitution*. Leave to adduce that evidence is refused.
- 4 Leave to appeal is refused with costs.

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

4 December 2025