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v
MINTER ELLISON (A FIRM)
[2026] HCADisp 1
A27/2025

1 The applicant requires an extension of time within which to seek special leave to appeal from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of South Australia (Livesey P and Bleby JA) which dismissed the applicant's application for leave to appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court of South Australia (B Doyle J) concerning, amongst other matters, an objection to a judge sitting on a taxation of costs on the ground of ostensible bias, as well as an objection to a single judge of the General Division sitting on an appeal against that and other decisions of the taxing judge on the ground of ostensible bias. The application for special leave to appeal also seeks to contend that the Court of Appeal erred in failing to adjourn the proceedings, that there was a gross denial of procedural fairness in the Court of Appeal, and that by sitting on the Court of Appeal, Livesey P and Bleby JA created a reasonable apprehension of bias.

2 The application does not raise any question of general principle, and there is no reason to doubt the correctness of the decision of the Court of Appeal to warrant a grant of special leave to appeal. It would therefore be futile to grant the extension of time that is sought.

3 Special leave to appeal is refused.

Gordon J
Beech-Jones J

5 February 2026