

WATKINS
v
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND
[2026] HCADisp 90
B9/2026

- 1 The applicant requires an extension of time within which to seek special leave to appeal from a judgment of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Queensland (Mullins P, Brown and Bradley JJA agreeing), which dismissed an appeal from a decision of the Supreme Court of Queensland (Muir J), which in turn affirmed a decision that the applicant is a serious danger to the community in the absence of an order under Pt 2, Div 3 of the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003* (Qld), and ordered that he continue to be subject to the continuing detention order made by Brown J on 6 February 2017.

- 2 This matter is not a suitable vehicle to consider the correct standard of appellate review and the other proposed grounds of appeal have insufficient prospects of success 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 with costs.

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

9 April 2026