

RUSSELLS (A FIRM)
v
AUSTRALIAN GOLF MANAGEMENT CORPORATION PTY LTD
[2026] HCADisp 210
B35/2026
B36/2026

- 1 By two separate applications, the applicant seeks special leave to appeal from a decision of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Queensland (Bond, Boddice and Bradley JJA), which dismissed the applicant's appeal from two sets of interlocutory orders made by Williams J in the Supreme Court of Queensland. Those orders prevented the applicant from relying on certain communications in response to an application under s 335(1) of the *Legal Profession Act 2007* (Qld) for an order for the assessment of legal costs charged by the applicant.
- 2 In light of the issues argued in the Court of Appeal, this application is not an appropriate vehicle to consider the application of legal professional privilege beyond compellability of production or the scope of this Court's decision in *Glencore International AG v Commissioner of Taxation* (2019) 265 CLR 646. The proposed appeals otherwise lack sufficient prospects of success to warrant a grant of special leave.
- 3 Special leave to appeal is refused in each application with costs.

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

10 September 2026