CHOPSONION PTY LTD ACN 142 890 971 (CONTROLLERS APPOINTED) & ORS

v

WATTS & ANOR

[2026] HCADisp 283

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1 The applicants seek special leave to appeal from part of the judgment of the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia (Charlesworth and Jackson JJ, and Derrington J) which allowed the respondents' appeal, dismissed the applicants' cross-appeal and set aside the orders of the Federal Court of Australia (O'Sullivan J) which had given judgment in favour of the applicants, finding that the respondents engaged in a fraudulent scheme causing loss to the applicants.

2 The proposed appeal seeks to establish error in the Full Court's approach to appellate review of the primary judge's fact-finding process on liability and findings of causation. The proposed appeal raises no question of general principle suitable for the grant of special leave and has insufficient prospects of success to warrant a grant of special leave.

3 Special leave to appeal is refused with costs.

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

5 November 2026