



Supreme Court of New Zealand

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[2007] NZSC 90

**SC 95/2006 John Anthony REID, SC 3/2007 Peter William RUSSEL,
SC 4/2007 Peter Michael CONNOLLY and SC 7/2007 John David CURRIE
v The Queen**

PRESS SUMMARY

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In a unanimous decision the Supreme Court has allowed appeals in respect of costs orders made in the High Court under the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967. The four appellants successfully defended charges of conspiracy to defraud and money laundering. Following their acquittal the High Court made significant orders in their favour but the Court of Appeal, by a majority, disallowed costs to two of them and reduced the costs of the other two. The Supreme Court has held that the trial Judge had not erred in principle in applying the statute and that the costs order he made should be reinstated.

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