



**TE KŌTI PĪRA O AOTEAROA
THE COURT OF APPEAL OF NEW ZEALAND**

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TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2026

COURT OF APPEAL – COURTROOM ONE

PERMANENT COURT

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE FRENCH – PRESIDENT,

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE KATZ, THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE PALMER

REGISTRAR: R HILL

10:00am

CA562/2025

Matthew Owen Hooton (B H Dickey KC, N F Flanagan, C S A Jordon)

Appellant

v

Donald Thomas Brash (P A McKnight, A J Romanos, B E Morton)

Respondent

Civil Appeal: Brittain AJ [2025] NZHC 1530

Appeal concerns threshold for striking out a claim in defamation where all elements are met

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