



Supreme Court of New Zealand | Te Kōti Mana Nui o Aotearoa

May 2026

<p>Tuesday 5th May 2026</p> <p>Winkelmann CJ Ellen France J Williams J Kós J Miller J</p>	<p>SC 62/2025</p> <p>Hairland Holdings Limited <i>T Cleary and P Fisher</i></p> <p>V</p> <p>Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment <i>K F Radich and G La Hood</i></p> <p>Civil Appeal Hearing</p>
<p>Grounds on which leave was granted</p>	<p>The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to allow the appeal on the basis that the Employment Relations Authority does not have jurisdiction to hear an application, brought by a purported employer against the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Labour Inspector and/or its workers, for a bare declaration that its workers are not employees under s 6(1) of the Employment Relations Act 2000.</p>
<p>Supreme Court leave application decision</p>	<p>HAIRLAND HOLDINGS LIMITED v CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND EMPLOYMENT [2025] NZSC 129 [1 October 2025]</p>
<p>Court of Appeal decision</p>	<p>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION, AND EMPLOYMENT v HAIRLAND HOLDINGS LIMITED [2025] NZCA 219 [5 June 2025]</p>
<p>Employment Court decision</p>	<p>HAIRLAND HOLDINGS LIMITED v THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION AND EMPLOYMENT [2022] NZEmpC 169 [12 September 2022]</p>

<p>Thursday 7th May 2026</p> <p>Winkelmann CJ Ellen France J Williams J Kós J Cooke J</p>	<p>SC 75/2025</p> <p>Samantha Joyce Wolfe, Clifford Morgan Royal and Te Tepu Ote Wakaminenga O Nga Hapu O Nu Tireni <i>Applicants in person</i></p> <p>V</p> <p>Governor-General Auckland High Court Minister of Immigration Associate Minister of Immigration Minister of Finance Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Commissioner of Police Chief Executive of the Department of Corrections British High Commissioner to New Zealand <i>N Pender and A Britton</i></p> <p>Counsel to Assist the Court <i>M S Smith</i></p> <p>Civil Leave Hearing</p>
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Judges as seen from public seating

5 May 2026

The Hon Justice Kós	The Hon Justice Ellen France	The Rt Hon the Chief Justice	The Hon Justice Williams	The Hon Justice Miller
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The Hon Justice Kós	The Hon Justice Ellen France	The Rt Hon the Chief Justice	The Hon Justice Williams	The Hon Justice Cooke
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Normal sitting hours: 10.00am – 11.30am, 11.45am – 1.00pm, 2.15pm – 4.00pm