



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

October 2026

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| <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> –<br/>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October<br/>2026</b><br><br>Winkelmann CJ<br>Ellen France J<br>Williams J<br>Kós J<br>Campbell J | <b>SC 8/2026</b><br><br><b>Russell Thomas Hoban</b><br><i>R A Kirkness, M D N Harris and M P Handford</i><br><br><b>V</b><br><br><b>Attorney-General</b><br><i>D J Perkins and O Kiel</i><br><br><b>Te Kāhui Tika Tangata   Human Rights Commission as Intervener</b><br><i>A S Butler KC, T W M Pilkington and S C Burton</i><br><br>Civil Appeal Hearing |
| <b>Grounds on which<br/>leave was granted</b>                                                                                                              | The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to dismiss the appeal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Supreme Court leave<br/>application decision</b>                                                                                                        | <a href="#">HOBAN v ATTORNEY-GENERAL [2026] NZSC 48 [5 May 2026]</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Court of Appeal<br/>decision</b>                                                                                                                        | <a href="#">HOBAN v ATTORNEY-GENERAL [2022] NZHC 3235 [5 December 2022]</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>High Court decision</b>                                                                                                                                 | <a href="#">HOBAN v ATTORNEY-GENERAL [2022] NZCA 644 [8 December 2025]</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> –<br/>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup><br/>October 2026</b><br><br>Winkelmann CJ<br>Ellen France J<br>Williams J<br>Kós J<br>Cooke J | <b>SC 109/2025</b><br><br><b>Scott Watson</b><br><i>N P Chisnall KC and K H Cook</i><br><br><b>V</b><br><br><b>The King</b><br><i>M F Laracy, T R Simpson and S Baker</i><br><br>Criminal Appeal Hearing      |
| <b>Grounds on which leave was granted</b>                                                                                                                | The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to conclude no miscarriage of justice arose from the decision of the trial Judge to admit the visual identification evidence of Guy Wallace. |
| <b>Supreme Court leave application decision</b>                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Watson v R [2026] NZSC 15 [ 10 March 2026]</a>                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Court of Appeal decision</b>                                                                                                                          | <a href="#">Watson v R [2025] NZCA 455 [9 September 2025]</a>                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>High Court decision</b>                                                                                                                               | <a href="#">T NO. 2694/98 – R v Scott Watson - Summing up of Heron J</a>                                                                                                                                      |

Judges as seen from public seating

**7-8 October 2026**

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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 Campbell |
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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