



## Supreme Court of New Zealand

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**ATTORNEY-GENERAL v X AND REFUGEE STATUS APPEALS AUTHORITY  
(SC 69/2007)  
[2008] NZSC 48**

### **PRESS SUMMARY**

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The Supreme Court has allowed this appeal by the Attorney-General over the scope of the confidentiality which section 129T of the Immigration Act 1987 confers on information provided by applicants for refugee status.

The High Court held that this information cannot be made available to Government officials who are considering possible extradition or prosecution for war crimes. On appeal by the Attorney-General to the Court of Appeal, a majority of that Court agreed. The Supreme Court has unanimously held that the information can be made available, but must be treated in strict confidence by the officials who receive it.

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