

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

**SC 66/2009
[2009] NZSC 119**

MAIA RONGONUI

v

THE QUEEN

Hearing: 19 November 2009

Court: Elias CJ, Blanchard, Tipping, McGrath and Wilson JJ

Counsel: N Levy for Appellant
M D Downs and T Epati for Crown

Judgment: 27 November 2009

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

A The appeal is allowed.

B The convictions entered against the appellant in the District Court at Christchurch on counts of sexual violation by unlawful sexual connection and assault with intent to commit rape are each set aside.

C A new trial is ordered on each count.

REASONS

- (1) Will be given at a later date.

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