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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

I TE KŌTI MANA NUI O AOTEAROA

**SC 8/2022
[2022] NZSC 45**

BETWEEN

TODD WILLIAM FRANK SUTTON
First Applicant

TODD WILLIAM FRANK SUTTON AND
HOFFMANN TRUSTEES LIMITED AS
TRUSTEES OF THE TODD SUTTON
TRUST
Second Applicants

AND

JOANNA ELISIA BELL
Respondent

Court: O'Regan, Ellen France and Williams JJ

Counsel: J R Billington QC and L J Kearns QC for Applicants
V A Crawshaw QC and S M Wilson for Respondent

Judgment: 12 April 2022

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

- A** Leave to appeal is granted (*Sutton v Bell* [2021] NZCA 645).
- B** The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to dismiss the appeal.
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