FOR FAIR TRIAL REASONS, THIS JUDGMENT USES PSEUDONYMS FOR THE APPLICANTS PENDING FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE TRIALS.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

I TE KŌTI MANA NUI O AOTEAROA

SC 101/2026
[2026] NZSC 175

BETWEEN	CAI Applicant
AND	THE KING Respondent

SC 102/2026

BETWEEN	KAR Applicant
AND	THE KING Respondent

SC 105/2026

BETWEEN	GRY Applicant
AND	THE KING Respondent

Court:	Ellen France, Kós and Campbell JJ
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Judgment:	12 November 2026

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

A The applications for leave to appeal are granted (*CAI v R* [2026] NZCA 415).

B The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to dismiss the appeals.

REASONS

[1] These applications concern use by the police of data from the Auror number-plate recognition system used by retailers. Leave is granted in general terms. In granting leave we have found it unnecessary to determine the application by the Privacy Commissioner to intervene at this leave stage. If the Commissioner wishes to intervene in the substantive appeals, he may of course seek leave to do so.

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