

## Drumgold, Shane

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**From:** Drumgold, Shane  
**Sent:** Saturday, 23 July 2022 4:21 PM  
**To:** Rattenbury, Shane; Pope, Lewis  
**Cc:** Glenn, Richard  
**Subject:** Press release under embargo until 11.00am Monday 25 July 2022  
**Attachments:** 25 July 2022 Prosecution for death of Glenn Walewicz.pdf

**Importance:** High

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

Dear Attorney-General

As a courtesy, I advise that the attached sensitive media release will be dispatched on Monday 25 July 2022 at 10.30 am, and will be read to camera by myself outside of the court.



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## **ACT Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **RE: MURDER PROSECUTION IN RELATION TO THE DEATH OF GLENN WALEWICZ**

**25 JULY 2022**

On 10 June 2021 Glenn Walewicz was shot and killed at his unit in Mansfield Place, Phillip, ACT.

Following a comprehensive investigation by homicide detectives at ACT Policing, six people have been charged with a number of offences in relation to the incident, including murder, being an accessory after the fact to murder, and attempting or inciting an aggravated burglary (or home invasion).

One of the people charged in relation to the incident was a male juvenile who was 12 years old at the time of the incident.

He is now 13 years old.

After reviewing additional evidence obtained subsequent to the juvenile's arrest, and following consultation with the Chief Crown Prosecutor, Homicide Detectives and family members of Mr Walewicz, I have determined that the charges against the 13-year-old juvenile should be discontinued.

Given that an active prosecution is ongoing in relation to the remaining five defendants, I will not be making any further comment in relation to this matter at this time.

**End media release**

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**From:** RATTENBURY  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 October 2022 11:18 AM  
**To:** Drumgold, Shane  
**Subject:** Correspondence from ACT Attorney-General  
**Attachments:** Magistrates Court (Special Magistrates Appointment Requirements) Determination 2015.PDF; Magistrates Court (Magistrates Appointment Requirements) Determination 2009.PDF; Letter - Shane Drumgold - ACT DPP.PDF

Good morning,

Please find attached correspondence from Shane Rattenbury, Attorney-General.

Kind regards,

**Office of Shane Rattenbury MLA**

ACT Greens Member for Kurrajong

Attorney-General; Minister for Consumer Affairs; Minister for Gaming;

Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction

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## Shane Rattenbury MLA

Attorney-General

Minister for Consumer Affairs

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Minister for Gaming

Member for Kurrajong

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Mr Shane Drumgold SC  
Director of Public Prosecutions  
ACT Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions  
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Our ref: PRO22/2891

Dear ~~Mr Drumgold~~

Shane

I am writing to you regarding the appointment of one Magistrate and one or more Special Magistrates to the Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory.

To ensure the timely appointment of the Magistrate and Special Magistrate/s and support the efficient operation of the Court, I am currently seeking expressions of interest.

In the ACT, Magistrates and Special Magistrates are appointed by the ACT Executive under the *Magistrates Court Act 1930*. The requirements and selection criteria for appointing Magistrates are contained in the *Magistrates Court (Magistrates Appointment Requirements) Determination 2009*. Magistrates in the Territory are also Coroners for the purposes of the *Coroners Act 1997*.

The requirements and selection criteria for appointing Special Magistrates are contained in the *Magistrates Court (Special Magistrates Appointment Requirements) Determination 2015 (No 1)*. I attach a copy of these Determinations for your information.

To assist in the selection processes, I invite you to suggest or nominate people who are suitably qualified for these appointments, having regard to the criteria contained in the Determinations. I also invite you to share this information with anyone whom you consider to be suitably qualified, encouraging them to submit an expression of interest.

This expression of interest process may also be used to establish an order of merit to support future appointments as Magistrate and Special Magistrate, over the next 12 months.

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Information regarding these appointments is available on the Justice and Community Safety Directorate's website at [www.justice.act.gov.au](http://www.justice.act.gov.au).

Expressions of interest close on **6 November 2022**. General inquiries should be directed to Ms Jennifer McNeill, Deputy Director-General of the Justice and Community Safety Directorate on (02) 6205 3504 or email at [judicialappointment@act.gov.au](mailto:judicialappointment@act.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Shane Rattenbury MLA  
Attorney-General

07/10/2022

Encl.

Australian Capital Territory

# Magistrates Court (Special Magistrates Appointment Requirements) Determination 2015 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2015–579

made under the

Magistrates Court Act 1930, s 8AA (Requirements of appointment – Special Magistrates)

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## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Magistrates Court (Special Magistrates Appointment Requirements) Determination 2015 (No 1)*.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

## 3 Revocation

This instrument revokes the *Magistrates Court (Special Magistrates Appointment Requirements) Determination 2009* [NI2009-616].

## 4 Determination

The Executive determines the selection process and criteria that applies to:

- (1) the appointment of Special Magistrates in schedule 1; and
- (2) the reappointment of Special Magistrates in schedule 2.

Simon Corbell MLA  
Attorney-General  
7/10/2015

Joy Burch MLA  
Minister  
7/10/2015

## Schedule 1

The Executive may appoint a person as a Special Magistrate based on a consideration of possible candidates by the Attorney-General, where the Attorney-General has:

- sought expressions of interest for the position of Special Magistrate by public advertisement;
- written to key ACT stakeholders inviting them to nominate suitably qualified people for appointment;
- had regard to the below selection criteria; and
- consulted with the Chief Magistrate about possible appointees

unless the Attorney-General is of the opinion that it is in the interests of justice for the appointment to be made at short notice.

### Selection criteria

#### *Intellectual capacity:*

- Appropriate knowledge of the relevant law and its underlying principles
- High level of expertise in your chosen area or profession
- Ability to quickly absorb and analyse information

#### *Personal qualities:*

- Integrity and independence of mind
- Sound judgement
- Decisiveness
- Objectivity
- Ability and willingness to learn and develop professionally

#### *An ability to understand and deal fairly:*

- Ability to treat everyone with respect and sensitivity whatever their background
- Willingness to listen with patience and courtesy.

#### *Authority and communication skills:*

- Ability to explain the procedure and any decisions reached clearly and succinctly to all those involved
- Ability to inspire respect and confidence



- Ability to maintain authority when challenged.

*Efficiency:*

- Ability to work at speed and under pressure
- Ability to organise time effectively and produce clear reasoned judgments expeditiously
- Ability to work constructively with others (including leadership and managerial skills where appropriate)

Experience in a dispute resolution environment would be an advantage.

## **Schedule 2**

The Executive may reappoint a person as a Special Magistrate if the Attorney-General:

- has consulted with the Chief Magistrate about the reappointment; and
- is satisfied that the nominated person has the experience, skills and qualifications to undertake the work of a Special Magistrate.

Australian Capital Territory

# Magistrates Court (Magistrates Appointment Requirements) Determination 2009

**Notifiable instrument NI2009 —643**

made under the

***Magistrates Court Act 1930, section 7AA (Requirements of Appointment – magistrates)***

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The Executive determines the following selection process and criteria:

## Selection process

The Attorney General must seek expressions of interest for the position of magistrate by public notice and write to key ACT stakeholders, inviting them to suggest or nominate people who are suitably qualified for appointment.

The selection process must be based on a consideration of possible candidates by the Attorney General having regard to the selection criteria stated in this determination.

Before recommending an appointment of a Chief Magistrate to the Executive, the Attorney General must consult with the Chief Justice about possible appointees. Before recommending an appointment of a Magistrate (not being the Chief Magistrate) to the Executive, the Attorney General must consult with the Chief Magistrate about possible appointees.

For a selection process that has begun but is not complete before the date of this instrument, a step in the selection process may be taken before or after the date of this instrument.

## Selection criteria

### *Intellectual capacity:*

- Appropriate knowledge of the relevant law and its underlying principles
- High level of expertise in your chosen area or profession
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Simon Corbell MLA  
Attorney General

14 December 2009

Katy Gallagher  
Minister

14 December 2009



iMessage  
Mon, 26 Sep at 3:09 pm

Hi Shane, would appreciate a chat if you have time this afternoon? I am just working on briefs today, so any time is convenient for me. Shane R



Yes of course- I will be free from 4.20 and can call you

Delivered



## Drumgold, Shane

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**From:** Drumgold, Shane  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 October 2022 2:53 PM  
**To:** Rattenbury, Shane; Pope, Lewis  
**Cc:** Glenn, Richard; Hakelis, Robyn  
**Subject:** Urgent law reform  
**Attachments:** Letter DPP to AG - Audio visual evidence - 31 Oct 22.pdf

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

Dear Attorney General

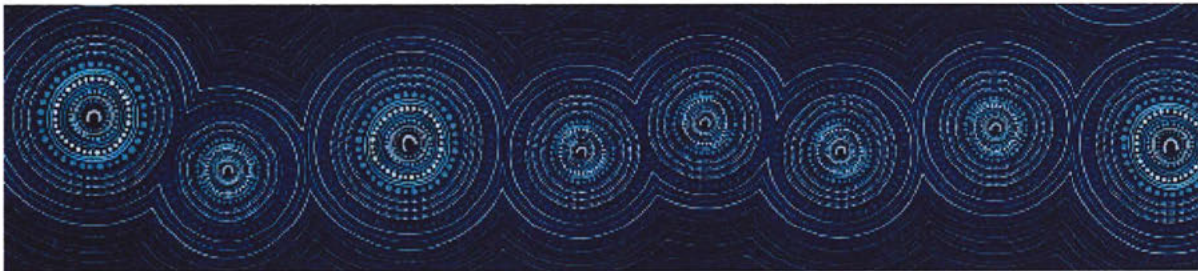
Please find attached letter seeking some urgent law reform, surrounding the use of recorded evidence.



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## ACT Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

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Our Reference:  
Your Reference:

31 October 2020

Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA  
Attorney General  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
GPO Box 1020  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Attorney ~~Shane~~ *Shane*

**Proposed amendments to Division 4.3.5 of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991* (ACT)**

1. I wish to draw your attention to an anomaly within the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991* (ACT) ("the *EMPA*") that in our view, requires urgent amendment.
2. Division 4.3.5 of the *EMPA* relates to the giving of evidence via audio-visual link in sexual, violent and family violence proceedings. Section 68(2) provides mandate that a witness in a relevant proceeding (such as a sexual violence proceeding) is to give evidence via audio-visual link, unless the court orders otherwise. Section 68(3) provides for the factors the court must be satisfied of to make an order that the witness give evidence in the courtroom.
3. In particular, the court must be satisfied that the witness prefers to give evidence from the court room (s 68(3)(a)). The reasons why a witness may prefer to give evidence in a courtroom, and thus an order made pursuant to s 68(3), rather than via audio-visual link are complex and wide ranging. This may include desiring a sense of empowerment in facing an accused in giving evidence, and does not represent a lack of vulnerability.
4. Section 69 of the *EMPA* provides for the recording of evidence that is given via audio-visual link pursuant to s 68(2). It is mandatory for such evidence to be recorded. Section 69(3) provides for the admissibility of that evidence in any subsequent related proceeding such as a re-trial, unless the court orders otherwise.

5. In the case of a retrial, the power to rely on the recorded evidence is limited to where a relevant witness *does not* elect to give evidence in the courtroom. In other words, there appears to be a structural cost to a witness choosing to give evidence in a courtroom under s68(3)(a), in that in the event of a retrial, they do not have the right in section 69(3) to have their recorded evidence made admissible in the subsequent retrial, thus forcing them to give evidence, *viva voce* again.
6. There appears no rational reason to treat witnesses who give evidence in the courtroom differently. The recording of evidence ensures that vulnerable witnesses are not re-traumatised in a subsequent proceeding, where possible. Of course, the court retains the discretion to refuse to admit the recorded evidence to ensure fairness to the accused pursuant to s 69(4).
7. I have confirmed that there is no technological barrier to recording both visually and audibly when giving evidence in a courtroom, so the limitation in s69(1) appears an unintended penalty for witnesses, particularly sexual assault complainants who choose to give evidence in the courtroom.
8. We seek an urgent amendment to section 69, in the removal of the limitation to witnesses who give evidence via audio-visual link under s68, to include witnesses that choose to give evidence in the courtroom under s68(3). We would propose something to the following effect:

**67 Meaning of *give evidence*—div 4.3.5**

- (1) In this division:

***give evidence***, in a relevant proceeding means give evidence by audiovisual link or giving evidence in the courtroom.

***give evidence by audiovisual link***, means to give evidence in the proceeding by audiovisual link from an external place which is linked to the courtroom by an audiovisual link.

- (2) For this division, it does not matter whether evidence is to be, or is being, given on oath or otherwise.

**69 Recording evidence given in relevant proceeding**

- (1) This section applies if a witness gives evidence in a relevant proceeding section 68 whether by audiovisual link or in the courtroom.
- (2) The witness's evidence given must be recorded as an audiovisual recording.
- (3) The recording is admissible as the witness's evidence in a related proceeding unless the court in the related proceeding otherwise orders.
- (4) However, the court in the related proceeding may—
  - (a) refuse to admit any part of the recording in evidence; and
  - (b) if the court refuses to admit part of the recording in evidence—order that the part that is not admitted be deleted from the recording.

- (5) A party to a related proceeding may apply to the court for an order that the witness attend the hearing to give further evidence.
- (6) The court must not make the order unless satisfied that—
- (a) the applicant has become aware of something that the applicant did not know or could not reasonably have known when the recording was made; and
  - (b) if the witness had given evidence in person at the hearing—the witness could be recalled; and
  - (c) it is in the interests of justice to make the order.
- (7) In this section:

***related proceeding***, in relation to the relevant proceeding in which the evidence given was recorded, means—

- (a) a re-hearing or re-trial of, or appeal from, the hearing of the proceeding; or
- (b) another proceeding in the same court as the proceeding for the offence; or
- (c) a proceeding for another offence arising from the same, or the same set of, circumstances; or
- (d) a civil proceeding arising from the offence.

Yours faithfully



Shane Drumgold SC  
Director of Public Prosecutions



## Drumgold, Shane

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**From:** Pope, Lewis  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 November 2022 2:11 PM  
**To:** Drumgold, Shane  
**Subject:** RE: Discussion re proposed Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991 amendments

Thank you Shane

Let's do 3.45 then.  
Lewis

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**From:** Drumgold, Shane <Shane.Drumgold@act.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 November 2022 2:07 PM  
**To:** Pope, Lewis <Lewis.Pope@act.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Discussion re proposed Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991 amendments

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

Hi Lewis

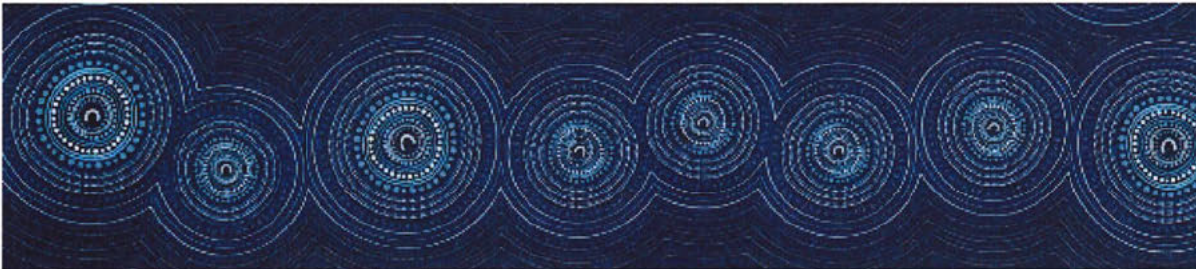
Yes I do – what time suits you. I am free for the next 10 minutes, then again after 3.45pm



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**From:** Pope, Lewis <[Lewis.Pope@act.gov.au](mailto:Lewis.Pope@act.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 10 November 2022 2:02 PM

To: Drumgold, Shane <[Shane.Drumgold@act.gov.au](mailto:Shane.Drumgold@act.gov.au)>

Subject: Discussion re proposed Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991 amendments

Dear Shane

I understand you have been in discussions with JACS about the law reform you have proposed for the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991*. Would you have some time this afternoon for me to ask you some more questions about it?

I can be available whenever works for you.

Many thanks

**Lewis Pope** (he/him)

**Senior Legal Adviser, Office of Shane Rattenbury MLA** | ACT Greens Member for Kurrajong | Attorney-General; Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction; Minister for Gaming; Minister for Consumer Affairs

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**From:** RATTENBURY  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 November 2022 9:07 AM  
**To:** Drumgold, Shane  
**Subject:** Correspondence from Shane Rattenbury MLA  
**Attachments:** Attachment - B - Letter to the Director ~2022 - Consultation - Amendments to the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act.pdf

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

Good Morning,

Please see attached correspondence from the Attorney-General.

Kind Regards,

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

Mr Shane Drumgold SC  
Director of Public Prosecutions

Our ref: PRO22/3588

Via email: [shane.drumgold@act.gov.au](mailto:shane.drumgold@act.gov.au)

Dear Mr Drumgold SC

*Shane*

I refer to your letter dated 31 October 2022.

I am writing to inform that, in response to the concerns you have raised, I propose to pursue amendments to the operation of sections 68 and 69 of the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991* (the EMP Act), so that section 69 will apply where a witness is ordered to give evidence in court under section 68(3) in the same way that section 69 applies where a witness gives evidence by audio visual link under section 68.

At this stage, the amendments are likely be included in the Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 (No 2), which is scheduled for introduction in the week commencing 28 November 2022.

My directorate will keep you informed of developments.

Yours sincerely

Shane Rattenbury MLA  
Attorney-General

*15* November 2022

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## Drumgold, Shane

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**From:** Georgeson, Matthew  
**Sent:** Thursday, 24 November 2022 10:11 AM  
**To:** Drumgold, Shane  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: questions from The Australian

Dear Shane. Thanks for the below. I just want to confirm that you are OK with this information being provided to journalists who are interested in the background to the amendment. The bill containing the amendment is being tabled in the Assembly this morning.

Matt

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**From:** Drumgold, Shane <Shane.Drumgold@act.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 November 2022 12:21 PM  
**To:** Georgeson, Matthew <Matthew.Georgeson@act.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: questions from The Australian

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Dear Mr Georgeson

Thank you for your query, I can provide the following responses from this office addressing some of the issues raised:

- 1) The legislative anomaly was raised with me by the head of my policy/appeals unit Katie McCann by email on 28 October 2022, indicating that she had discovered that a lacuna existed in the legislation that may impact the following trials in which she believed the complainant may have given evidence from the court room.
  - a. DPP v Mena SCC 206 of 2021(callover 16/11/21)
  - b. DPP v Parlov SCC 205 of 2021 (callover 16/11/21)
  - c. DPP v Roberts SCC 208 of 2021 (callover for 16/11/21)
  - d. DPP v Lehrmann SCC 264 of 2021 (trial 20/2/23)
- 2) On 31 October 2022, I responded instructing her to draft a letter, which I subsequently signed and forwarded to the Attorney General.
- 3) Whilst the lacuna was discovered by Ms McCann principally in relation to her consideration of the matters of Mena, Parlov and Roberts which were imminent, it was not to address any particular trial, rather it was a legislative anomaly that was discovered whilst considering trials where evidence was given from a courtroom.
- 4) I was not aware whether or not the complainant's evidence in R v Lehrmann was captured by video at the time of sending the letter of 31 October 2022.
- 5) I was cc'd into an email from defence to the ACT Court Register dated 16/11/22 asking whether the evidence of the complainant in DPP v Lehrmann was recorded, and Ms Reece responded the same day that it was.
- 6) I am unaware of who requested the evidence of the complainant in any of the matters be recorded, but no such request was made by my office in relation to R v Lehrmann.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further queries.





**Shane Drumgold SC**

Director

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**Sent:** Thursday, 17 November 2022 10:30 AM

**To:** Drumgold, Shane <[Shane.Drumgold@act.gov.au](mailto:Shane.Drumgold@act.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Fwd: URGENT: questions from The Australian

FYI

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**From:** Shorten, Kristin <[shortenk@theaustralian.com.au](mailto:shortenk@theaustralian.com.au)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 17 November 2022 10:03 AM

**To:** Roberts, Lachlan <[Lachlan.Roberts@act.gov.au](mailto:Lachlan.Roberts@act.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Re: questions from The Australian

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Good morning Lachlan,

I'm working on a story for The Australian about Minister Rattenbury's proposed legal change to the Evidence Act regarding the admissibility of video recorded (in court) evidence in related matters.

We are publishing this story online this morning and are seeking responses from Minister Rattenbury at your earliest opportunity.

- How long has this draft amendment been under consideration and been worked on?
- What is the reasoning or need for this proposed law change?
- When will it be debated in parliament?
- If passed, when would the change take effect?
- Why was there no explanatory memorandum or human rights analysis attached to the draft bill?
- Would this proposed law change impinge on the rights of defendants?
- What is the rush in passing this draft bill?
- Has sufficient time been allowed for legal bodies, the public and parliament to consider and debate the merits of this law change?
- Is it aimed at making it easier for Director of Public Prosecutions Shane Drumgold to prosecute the case against Bruce Lehrmann when his retrial starts in February?
- Will the change be retrospective to the Lehrmann matter?
- Is this political interference in the Lehrmann case?
- We understand Ms Higgins's in-court evidence was recorded. Why did this occur?

Kind regards,