

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

SC 11/2011  
[2011] NZSC 37

BETWEEN                      ATTORNEY-GENERAL IN RESPECT OF  
   THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT  
   AND LINDSAY GOW  
   Appellants

AND                              ERIN ALICE LEIGH  
   Respondent

Court:                      Elias CJ, Blanchard and Tipping JJ

Counsel:                      J G W Tizard for Appellants  
   C P Browne and J S Langston for Respondent

Judgment:                      11 April 2011

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**JUDGMENT OF THE COURT**

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- A        The application for leave to appeal is granted.**
- B        The approved ground is whether the communications by Mr Gow to the Minister for the Environment were the subject of absolute privilege.**

Solicitors:  
Oakley Moran, Wellington for Appellants  
Wilson Harle, Auckland for Respondent