

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

I TE KŌTI MANA NUI O AOTEAROA

SC 55/2024
[2025] NZSC 4

BETWEEN STUDENTS FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS
INCORPORATED
Applicant

AND MINISTER OF ENERGY AND
RESOURCES
Respondent

Hearing: 19 November 2024

Court: Winkelmann CJ, Glazebrook, Williams and Kós JJ

Counsel: J D Every Palmer KC, M Heard, E D Nilsson and R E King
for Applicant
A Boadita Cormican and D Ranchhod for Respondent

Judgment: 24 February 2025

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

A Leave to appeal is granted (*Students for Climate Solutions Inc v Minister of Energy and Resources* [2024] NZCA 152, [2024] 2 NZLR 822).

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

REASONS

[1] Without limiting the scope of argument under the approved question, counsel should address whether the climate change considerations expressed in s 5ZN of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 are mandatory, permissive or irrelevant considerations when granting a petroleum exploration permit under s 25 of the Crown

Minerals Act 1991, and, if those considerations are not irrelevant, whether the decision-maker in fact gave them due consideration.

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