



Press Statement: Solicitor-General

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The trial Judge reserved a question of law relating to the offence of “claim of right”. The question was reserved pursuant to s 380 of the Crimes Act 1961. This is the only mechanism which permits a Crown appeal following an acquittal. The Crown will now consider the Judge’s rulings and directions and decide if it is appropriate to pursue an appeal. There will be no further comment from the Crown in the interim.

Press release issued on the instructions of the Solicitor-General