

Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: New South Wales

Division: General No: NSD1489/2018

BHC16

Applicant

MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION and another/others named in the schedule Respondent

ORDER

JUDGE: JUSTICE STEWART

DATE OF ORDER: 18 February 2020

WHERE MADE: Sydney

BY CONSENT, THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

- The name of the first respondent be changed to Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs.
- 2. The appeal be allowed.
- 3. The orders of the Federal Circuit Court dated 22 June 2018 be set aside and in lieu thereof it be ordered that:
 - a. A writ of certiorari issue directed to the second respondent quashing the decision of the second respondent dated 9 May 2016.
 - b. A writ of mandamus issue directed to the second respondent requiring it to determine the application made to it for review of the decision of a delegate of the first respondent dated 18 September 2014 according to the law.
 - c. There be no order as to costs.
- 4. The first respondent is to pay the costs of the appellant, as agreed or taxed.

THE COURT NOTES THAT:

The first respondent accepts that the second respondent fell into jurisdictional error because it failed to give "proper, genuine and realistic consideration" (see *BZD17 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection* (2018) 263 FCR 292 at [46], [50]) to the four third-party



witness statements (**AB 73**, **76**, **80** and **152**) provided by the appellant (**AB 291**, [58]). The third-party statements were evidence that went to a matter (the appellant's alleged homosexuality) that founded the second respondent's rejection of the appellant's claims (*Minister for Immigration and Citizenship v SZRKT* [2013] FCA 317 [119].

Date that entry is stamped: 18 February 2020

Sia Lagos Registrar



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Second Respondent ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL