



ADNYAMATHANHA

TRADITIONAL LANDS ASSOCIATION (ABORIGINAL CORPORATION)

(under special administration)
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ABN: 14 146 238 567 ICN: 3743

Message from the special administrator

I advise that Rangelea Holdings Pty Ltd's (Rangelea) application for special leave to appeal from the judgment of the Supreme Court of South Australia's Court of Appeal was refused by the High Court of Australia on 7 August 2025.

This means Rangelea has no other way of appealing and must accept the decision of the SA Supreme Court that the Adnyamathanha Master Trust is not a charitable trust, and that Rangelea must provide access to its trust records.

On 21 August 2025 the SA Chief Justice made orders:

- By 4 September 2025, Rangelea must produce to ATLA's lawyers records for the Adnyamathanha Master Trust for the period from 30 June 2018 to 30 June 2025, and the Traditional Owner Register.
- The Inspector is to continue his investigation into Rangelea's administration of the Adnyamathanha Master Trust, including any distribution to and use by the Sub-Groups and Sub-Group members.
- The Inspector is to report to the Court within three months.
- A hearing has been scheduled for 25 November 2025 for further directions / orders from the Court.

Copies of the following Court orders have been posted to the ATLA website at www.atla.com.au :

1. High Court disposition (decision on Rangelea's request for special leave).
2. Chief Justice's order dated 21 August 2025.
3. Chief Justice's order dated 26 April 2023.

The Inspector, Mr Hugh McPharlin of Nexia Edwards Marshall, will now continue his investigation into the administration of the Adnyamathanha Master Trust by the trustee, Rangelea. The Inspector is appointed by the Court and reports directly to the Court. The report is due to be finished by 21 November 2025. Compensation money (85%) will continue to be held by the SA Supreme Court while the investigation is conducted by the Inspector.

Yours faithfully

Peter McQuoid 22 August 2025



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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Important Information

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*RANGELEA HOLDINGS PTY LTD AS TRUSTEE OF THE ADNYAMATHANHA
MASTER TRUST*

v

*ADNYAMATHANHA TRADITIONAL LANDS ASSOCIATION
(ABORIGINAL CORPORATION) RNTBC (ICN3743) (UNDER SPECIAL
ADMINISTRATION) & ORS*

[2025] HCADisp 140
A10/2025

- 1 The applicant seeks special leave to appeal from the whole of the judgment of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of South Australia (Livesey P, Bleby and David JJA) which dismissed the applicant's appeal from the judgment of the Supreme Court of South Australia (Kourakis CJ).
- 2 The outcome of the proceedings turns on the analysis of the terms of a particular trust deed and does not raise any broader question of principle. Otherwise, there is insufficient reason to doubt the correctness of the decision of the Court of Appeal to warrant a grant of special leave to appeal.
- 3 Special leave to appeal is refused with costs.

Gageler CJ
Gordon J
Edelman J
Steward J
Gleeson J
Jagot J
Beech-Jones J

7 August 2025

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Case Number: CIV-21-011231

Date Signed: 27 April 2023

FDN: 51



RECORD OF OUTCOME – ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
CIVIL JURISDICTION

ADNYAMATHANHA TRADITIONAL LANDS ASSOCIATION (ABORIGINAL CORPORATION) RNTBC ICN 3743 (UNDER SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION),
Reginald James WILTON, Sarah Florence TAYLOR, Ivan Clyde MCKENZIE
Applicant

RANGELEA HOLDINGS PTY LTD
Respondent

Hearing

Hearing Location: Supreme Court
Date and Time: 26 April 2023 9:30 AM
Hearing Type: Judgment
Actual Start Time: 26 April 2023 9:35 AM
Presiding Officer: The Honourable Chief Justice Kourakis

Appearances

Applicant 1 - Represented by Mr D O'Leary SC with Mr T McFarlane in person
Applicant 2 - Represented by Mr D O'Leary SC with Mr T McFarlane in person
Applicant 3 - Represented by Mr D O'Leary SC with Mr T McFarlane in person
Applicant 4 - Represented by Mr D O'Leary SC with Mr T McFarlane in person
Respondent 1 - Represented by Mr A Dal Cin in person

Date of Order: 26 April 2023

Order

1. Within 14 days, the respondent is to produce to the applicants by production to their solicitors, LK Law:
 - 1.1 those records in relation to the administration of the Adnyamathanha Master Trust (Master Trust) as specified in regulation 5(1)(k) of the Trustee Regulations 2011 (SA), for each of the financial years ending 30 June 2018 to 30 June 2022; and
 - 1.2 to the extent not otherwise produced in compliance with order 1.1 above, the Traditional Owner Register as maintained by the respondent, and as amended from time to time over the same period,

for the purposes of the administration of the Master Trust.

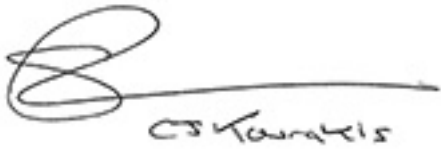
2. Mr Hugh McPharlin is appointed, pursuant to section 84C of the Trustee Act 1936 (SA) (Trustee Act), as an inspector (Inspector) to investigate the administration of the Master Trust, including in respect of any funds distributed by the respondent to the Sub-Groups and the use, application and/or further dissemination of those funds by the Sub-Groups (including to any members of the Sub-Groups and in what amounts and proportions).
3. Within 30 days of appointment, the Inspector is to provide an interim report to the Court, which outlines the anticipated scope of his task, an estimate of when he will be in the position to provide a final report including an estimate of fees, and any additional information or assistance that he may need in order to produce that report.
4. The matter is adjourned to Wednesday, 7 June at 9.30 am for further directions following the delivery to the Court of the Inspector's interim report.
5. The respondent is to pay the applicants' costs of the hearing and determination of the ATLA action as agreed or as taxed in default of agreement.
6. By 5.00 pm on 5 June 2023 the parties are to provide an agreed regime for the making of any confidentiality applications in respect of the documents referred to in order 1.
7. Order 1 is stayed until 7 June 2023 subject to the respondent providing an undertaking by 5.00 pm on 28 April 2023 that it will cooperate with Mr McPharlin by informing him:
 - 7.1 of the nature and extent of the records it keeps in respect of the Master Trust and the form of those records; and
 - 7.2 of the extent and form of any records it keeps of distributions within Sub-Groups

so as to facilitate the provision of the interim report.

Adjourned

Directions Hearing scheduled for 07/06/2023 9:30 AM at location: Supreme Court

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Signature of Presiding Officer
The Honourable Chief Justice Kourakis

To be inserted by Court

Case Number: CIV-21-011231

Date Signed: 21 August 2025

FDN: 70



RECORD OF OUTCOME – ORDER

SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA
CIVIL JURISDICTION

ADNYAMATHANHA TRADITIONAL LANDS ASSOCIATION (ABORIGINAL CORPORATION) RNTBC ICN 3743 (UNDER SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION),
Reginald James WILTON, Sarah Florence TAYLOR, Ivan Clyde MCKENZIE
Applicant

RANGELEA HOLDINGS PTY LTD
Respondent

Hearing

Hearing Location: Supreme Court
Date and Time: 20 August 2025 5:00 PM
Hearing Type: In Chambers hearing
Actual Start Time: 20 August 2025 5:03 PM
Presiding Officer: The Honourable Chief Justice Kourakis

Appearances

Applicant 1 not required
Applicant 2 not required
Applicant 3 not required
Applicant 4 not required
Respondent 1 not required

Date of Order: 20 August 2025

Remarks

Orders made administratively in chambers by consent.

Order

1. The directions hearing scheduled for 9:30am on 21 August 2025 is vacated.
2. The stay of Orders 1 and 5 of the Orders made 26 April 2023 (FDN 51) is lifted.
3. The time period for the respondent's compliance with Order 1 of the Orders made on 26 April 2023 (FDN 51) is extended to 14 days from the date of these orders.
4. The records to be produced by the respondent in compliance with Order 1 of the Orders made 26 April 2023 (FDN 51) is to also include those records specified in regulation 5(1)(k) of the Trustee Regulations 2011 (SA) for each of the financial years ending 30 June 2023, 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2025.
5. The restrictions on access to Mr Hugh McPharlin's interim report dated 25 May

2023, as per made by Order 1.1 of the Orders made 7 June 2023 (FDN 53), are lifted.

6. Mr McPharlin is to provide his final report to the Court within 3 months from the date of these orders.

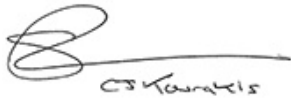
7. The matter is adjourned for further directions following the delivery to the Court of the final report prepared by Mr McPharlin, namely Tuesday 25 November 2025 at 10.00am.

8. Mr McPharlin has liberty to apply in respect of his appointment and the conduct of his investigations.

Adjourned

Directions Hearing scheduled for 25/11/2025 10:00 AM at location: Supreme Court

Authentication

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Signature of Presiding Officer
The Honourable Chief Justice Kourakis