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Queensland election 2015: Chief Justice Tim Carmody to play role in deciding Ferny Grove

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Chief Justice Tim Carmody will play a role in determining the outcome of the disputed Ferny Grove electoral result.

The Electoral Commission of Queensland has already announced it will refer the Ferny Grove situation to the Court of Disputed Returns, as soon as the writ is returned, to determine if it is a valid result.

Under the Electoral Act, a single judge may "constitute, and exercise all the jurisdiction and powers of" the court, although it is understood two judges are considered preferable.

The Chief Justice may elect to be the single judge, or appoint another Supreme Court judge to act in his place.

A spokesman for Justice Carmody said "he will consider the issue if and when it arises". Justice Carmody was appointed by the Newman Government amid a sea of controversy, with many protesting against what they saw as his close association with the government. He has always maintained his independence.

I will update <u>@QldGovernor</u> on current situation this morning <u>#qldpol</u> — Campbell Newman (@theqldpremier) <u>February 9, 2015</u>

Both major parties are sweating on the Court of Disputed Returns decision in regards to Ferny Grove, as it could prove an election turner, if it was declared invalid, sparking a by-election.

The Palmer United candidate, Mark Taverner was found to be an undischarged bankrupt and therefore ineligible for standing for office. For the first time in modern political memory, a seat is being disputed before it has been declared, creating what is thought to be a new situation for the court.

If Mr Taverner's votes were found to have affected the election outcome, a by-election could be ordered for the electorate.

The LNP would need to win the by-election to have any hope of governing. That result would leave both parties with 43 seats each, leaving the two Katter MPs, who on Monday released a wish list of 21 demands for their support, with the balance of power.

The list includes key Katter Australian Party policy platforms - such as an ethanol mandate, road upgrades and an inland highway and the removal of flying foxes - as well as electorate sweeteners like a Mt Isa copper smelter and the banning of 100 per cent fly-in-fly-out mining projects.

"Let's not pussyfoot around, let's get in there and that's why we're setting up this action council, this is why we're working to make this happen," Mr Knuth said on Monday.

The MPs have not announced who they would support, but are tipped to be leaning towards the LNP.

On the current expected result, Labor would have 44 seats to the LNP's 42. With the support of Sunshine Coast independent Peter Wellington, Annastacia Palaszczuk could form government, if the Governor agrees, but the LNP, under Lawrence Springborg, is putting up resistance, claiming the caretaker government should continue until the Ferny Grove situation is resolved.

"All we are saying is that it is very, very unclear at this stage if there is a way forward because whatever happens one way or the other, Ferny Grove is going to be crucial in deciding whether one side or the other is going to be able to sustain a majority in the government," Mr Springborg said.

Ms Palaszczuk said she was ready to visit Government House as soon as the results were officially declared.

"I have been very calm over the last week since the last election. We only have a few more days to go, but I am up for the challenge," she said.

"I am confident that I am forming government in this state and I want to thank the people of Queensland for the support they have shown me during the election campaign and I will make sure I live up to their expectations each and every day."

But that could still be days away – a spokesman for the Electoral Commission said it hoped to have all seats declared by the end of the week, but said it was "unlikely" counting in all electorates would be finalised by Tuesday, as previously thought. Chief Justice Carmody will play a role in determining the outcome of the disputed Ferny Grove electoral result.

This story was found at: http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/queensland-election-2015-chief-justice-tim-carmody-to-play-role-in-deciding-ferny-grove-20150209-13a5fw.html

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	»We really are in #HereWeJohAgain territory, instead of a Gerrymander we have gaming of the system itself to ensure you stay in power, no wonder Springborg was so confident yesterday, I could not work that out, been reading all the Constitutional experts in regard to the Electoral Act in Qid & didn't see how Springborg could carry on with his Caretaker Govt forever type line. Guess we know now:(«	
	aCan almost guarantee now that there will be a by-election in Ferny Grove - even though most experts say would not be required - and anyone want to take odds that by-election will be delayed as long as possible to LNP have chance to do a "OMG chaos & uncertainty" campaign to ensure they take that seat, as we know, punters get scared easily«	
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	*Based on current counting the elected member will be Labor's Mark Furner. Mr Furner will have the rights and privileges of all duly elected members of parliament.	
	*Resolving the Ferry Grove matter could take several months based on past Court of Disputed Returns cases, and there is nothing to stop a new government being formed in the mean time, *	
	»Professor Graeme On's book "The Law of Politics: Elections, Parties and Money in Australia" (Federation Press, 2010) tells us "it is fundamentally important to understand that the challenge is to the outcome of the election. That is, while the argument may be about the process of the election – the campaign, the polling or the counting – it is only the result of the election that can formally be challenged by petition."	
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Sent:

Friday, 13 February 2015 3:33 PM

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Mullins; Justice North; Justice PDMcMurdo; Justice PLyons; Justice Thomas

Subject:

FW:

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Dear colleagues

I have attached the response I intend to send to the Chief Justice with regard to his memorandum today to the Senior Judge Administrator. Please let me know if you have an opinion that you have not already expressed to me about its terms.

Regards Roslyn

----Original Message----

From: ricoh@justice.qld.gov.au [mailto:ricoh@justice.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Friday, 13 February 2015 3:20 PM

To: Justice Atkinson

Subject:

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Dear colleagues

I sent the memo and this is the reply I have received from the Chief Justice.

Regards

Roslyn

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From: ricoh@justice.qld.gov.au [mailto:ricoh@justice.qld.gov.au]

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From:

Justice Jackson

Sent:

Wednesday, 18 February 2015 5:48 AM

To:

Justice McMeekin; Justice North; Justice Henry

Subject:

Proposed Meeting on 19 February 2014 at 1:15pm

Attachments:

Draft Resolutions.docx

Dear Duncan, David and James,

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I was able to personally discuss my proposal with each of the Judges of the Trial Division in Brisbane yesterday afternoon, except for Burns J and Thomas J. I will attempt to speak to each of them this morning. I will also call each of you to discuss it. I also propose to approach the Chief Justice this morning, to inform him of my proposal and to invite him to participate.

Regards

From:

Justice Jackson

Sent:

Wednesday, 18 February 2015 9:23 AM

To:

Justice Atkinson

Subject:

RE:

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Rosylyn

I have spoken to all our colleagues on the Trial Division, except North J who has not yet responded to my message or call, and Thomas J who I am following up this morning. All are generally in favour of the resolutions. Two think resolution 2 is unnecessary.

I propose that the meeting be tomorrow at 1:15 pm and chaired by you as the senior Judge of the Trial Division who is not the subject of any of the proposed resolutions.

Regards

David

From: Justice Atkinson

Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 2:22 AM

To: Justice Jackson

Subject:

Dear David

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I think we probably need to informally

discuss your proposed resolutions with as many of our colleagues as possible and then call a meeting either of the trial division (without Byrne J) or of the whole court to discuss and vote on them.

What do you think?

I'll be back on Thursday.

Regards

Roslyn

From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, 18 February 2015 9:28 AM

To:

Justice Thomas

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Yours faithfully

Justice Douglas

From:

Justice Douglas

Sent:

Wednesday, 18 February 2015 10:33 AM

To:

Justice Jackson

Subject:

RE: Proposed Meeting - 19 February 2015 @ 1:15 pm

David – I'm due to be at an ACU Senate meeting in Sydney tomorrow but that meeting should be finished by 1:15 pm our time and I could ring in.

I may not be able to go down to Sydney if my jury hasn't returned anyway.

I'll make inquiries about the number to ring in on if I am down there.

Kind regards,

JSD

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Justice Jackson

Sent:

Wednesday, 18 February 2015 11:31 AM

To:

Justice Alan Wilson

Subject:

RE: Proposed Meeting - 19 February 2015 @ 1:15 pm

Alan

Thanks. I hope this all ends in the least bad way.

Regards

David

From: Justice Alan Wilson

Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 10:13 AM

To: Justice Jackson

Subject: Re: Proposed Meeting - 19 February 2015 @ 1:15 pm

Dear David,

No need to contact me about the proposed resolutions, the spirit and intendment of which I wholly support.

Will either attend the meeting in person, or appoint a proxy.

Regards, Alan W

From: Justice Jackson

Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 10:05:58 AM

To: Chief Justice Carmody; Justice A Lyons; Justice Alan Wilson; Justice Applegarth; Justice Atkinson; Justice Boddice; Justice Burns; Justice Byrne; Justice Dalton; Justice Daubney; Justice Douglas; Justice Flanagan; Justice Jackson; Justice Martin; Justice Mullins; Justice PDMcMurdo; Justice PLyons; Justice Thomas; Justice Henry; Justice

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From:

Justice MAMcMurdo

Sent:

Wednesday, 18 February 2015 4:36 PM

To:

Justice Jackson

Subject:

RE: Proposed Meeting - 19 February 2015 @ 1:15 pm

Thanks David

The Hon Justice Margaret McMurdo AC

President, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland

From: Justice Jackson

Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 3:23 PM

To: Justice MAMcMurdo

Subject: RE: Proposed Meeting - 19 February 2015 @ 1:15 pm

Margaret

In my view, there is no reason why the Court of Appeal Judges should not do so, in particular about Resolution 1 or Resolution 2. However, I have consulted all the Judges of the Trial Division and the Chief Justice so far on the basis that those I had invited were the Judges of the Trial Division and the Chief Justice. I did so because I was concerned that if there were any dispute about Proposed Resolutions 1 or 2 some of the Judges of Appeal may be concerned as to whether they should participate. Perhaps mistakenly, I took the view that there might not be enough time to resolve any question of that kind.

At this time, I have invited all the Judges of the Trial Division and the Chief Justice for the meeting at 1:15 pm tomorrow and spoken to each of those Judges and the Chief Justice of my reasons for doing so (except for North J who was unavailable and Wilson J who I have communicated with by email). I should add that I informed the Chief Justice that I had communicated with the members of the Trial Division (except for North J) and did not mention any involvement of the members of the Court of Appeal.

Regards

David Jackson

From: Justice MAMcMurdo

Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 11:39 AM

To: Justice Jackson

Cc: Justice Holmes; Justice Fraser; Justice Gotterson; Justice Morrison; Justice Philippides

Subject: FW: Proposed Meeting - 19 February 2015 @ 1:15 pm

Dear David

The first two resolutions you propose are plainly relevant to the whole of the Court. It is arguable that the matters in the third and fourth resolutions are linked to the matters raised by first two resolutions.

Is there some reason why the Court of Appeal judges should not attend this meeting?

Best wishes Margaret

Lyons; Justice Alan Wilson; Justice Applegarth; Justice Atkinson; Justice Boddice; Justice Burns; Justice Byrne; Justice Dalton; Justice Daubney; Justice Douglas; Justice Flanagan; Justice Jackson; Justice Martin; Justice Mullins; Justice

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Justice Atkinson

From:

Justice Atkinson

Sent:

Thursday, 19 February 2015 9:09 AM

To:

Justice Jackson; Chief Justice Carmody; Justice A Lyons; Justice Alan Wilson; Justice Applegarth; Justice Boddice; Justice Burns; Justice Byrne; Justice Dalton; Justice Daubney; Justice Douglas; Justice Flanagan; Justice Martin; Justice Mullins; Justice PDMcMurdo; Justice PLyons; Justice Thomas; Justice Henry; Justice McMeekin;

Justice North

Subject:

RE: Proposed Meeting - 19 February 2015 @ 1:15 pm

Dear colleagues

I agree that we should meet to discuss the proposals. The meeting time of 1.15 today appears to suit most. I accept that in the circumstances I will have to chair the meeting. Accordingly could you let me know if you are unable to attend.

Regards

Roslyn

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From: Justice Jackson

Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 10:06 AM

To: Chief Justice Carmody; Justice A Lyons; Justice Alan Wilson; Justice Applegarth; Justice Atkinson; Justice Boddice; Justice Burns; Justice Byrne; Justice Dalton; Justice Daubney; Justice Douglas; Justice Flanagan; Justice Jackson; Justice Martin; Justice Mullins; Justice PDMcMurdo; Justice PLyons; Justice Thomas; Justice Henry; Justice McMeekin; Justice North

Subject: Proposed Meeting - 19 February 2015 @ 1:15 pm

Dear Chief Justice and Judges,

As most of you are aware (and my apologies to those with whom I have not been able to raise the question personally yesterday afternoon or this morning) I am proposing that there be a meeting of Judges to consider proposed resolutions in accordance with the draft that I attach. I propose that the meeting be at 1:15 pm tomorrow in the Judges' Meeting Room. That will enable the regional Judges to attend by video or audio link, if they are available.

I have not yet spoken to the Chief Justice, Justice Wilson, Justice North or Justice Thomas, but will seek to meet with or talk to them asap.

However, I did not consider that I could defer nominating the time for the meeting any later as you all have your own arrangements. In my view, something must be done immediately about the current situation in respect of

roposed resolutions 3 and 4, and resolutions 1 and 2 are of such general importance that they should not be put off. Secondly, I am aware that some of the most important participants are otherwise engaged next week.

I would suggest that Atkinson J, as the Senior Judge not directly involved in the proposed resolutions, should take the Chair.

Yours faithfully

From:

Justice Jackson

Sent:

Thursday, 19 February 2015 10:05 AM

To: Subject: Justice North Today's Meeting

David

I am sorry we have had a bit of telephone tag. I tried to call back a few minutes ago but you were out.

You may not have much background for Resolutions 1 and 2.

Sch.4/3/3, s.49(1)

Sch.2/2(1)

Sch.2/2(1)

As to 4, in my view, it requires no explanation.

I discussed the resolutions and situation in general with the CJ yesterday and our meeting was cordial and appropriate. He said he did not think he would come to the meeting but appreciated that I had come to see him and had invited and asked him to come to the meeting.

I will see you over the video at 1:15.

Regards

Justice Byrne

From:

Justice Atkinson

Sent:

Tuesday, 24 February 2015 11:34 AM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Minutes 19 Feb 2015

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From: Justice Atkinson

Sent: Tuesday, 24 February 2015 11:25 AM

To: Justice North

Subject: RE: Minutes 19 Feb 2015

Dear David

Thank you for your email.

The minutes of the meeting which I sent to you yesterday, under the heading Resolution 2, record that:

"As a preliminary matter, Atkinson J moved:

That the second proposed resolution be put to the vote.

Motion carried"

I recall that you voted against that procedural motion. The minutes accurately record that motion as being carried but do not say that it was carried unanimously.

I took a separate vote on each of the proposed Resolutions 1 to 4 and I asked each of those who attended by video link or telephone how they voted. The votes were compiled by the minute taker and noted by at least one other Judge.

As to Resolutions 1 to 4, no one at the meeting voted against any of those motions. There were some Judges who abstained on resolutions.

I understand that the conventional way of recording a resolution where there are no votes cast against it is as carried unanimously: see for example, Renton, *Guide for Meetings and Organisations*, 6 ed, vol 2, par [8.20].

Thanks you for your response. I hope that this clarifies the matter for you.

Regards

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From: Justice North

Sent: Monday, 23 February 2015 4:46 PM

To: Justice Atkinson

Subject: RE: Minutes 19 Feb 2015

Roslyn

The document you circulated does not accord with my recollection of the meeting.

I abstained from one motion and voted against at least one other. I only recall that one motion was carried unanimously.

David.

From: Justice Atkinson

Sent: Monday, 23 February 2015 4:31 PM

To: DL-Supreme Court Judges
Subject: FW: Minutes 19 Feb 2015

I attach minutes of the meeting of the trial division held on 19 February 2015.

Regards

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