

Justice MAMcMurdo

From: Justice MAMcMurdo
Sent: Monday, 9 February 2015 11:36 AM
To: Justice Martin; Justice Byrne; Justice Jackson; Justice PDMcMurdo
Subject: RE: Scan - memo 2 February 2015

John - I can attend if you want me to do so.
Margaret

The Hon Justice Margaret McMurdo AC
President, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland

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From: Justice Martin
Sent: Monday, 9 February 2015 9:27 AM
To: Justice Byrne; Justice Jackson; Justice PDMcMurdo
Cc: Justice MAMcMurdo
Subject: RE: Scan - memo 2 February 2015

Lunchtime today?

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Cc: Justice MAMcMurdo
Subject: FW: Scan - memo 2 February 2015

May we please discuss the attached which, despite the date, reached my EA on Friday.

John

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Justice MAMcMurdo

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Cc: Chief Justice Carmody
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Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2015 11:42 AM
To: Justice MAMcMurdo
Cc: Justice Dalton; Justice Boddice
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Margaret,

Should Julie Steel be asked whether she knows anything about a statement?

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Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2015 11:45 AM
To: DL-Supreme Court Judges
Subject: : Minutes - Meeting of Judges from both Divisions of the Court - 10 Feb 2015
Attachments: Minutes - Meeting of Judges from both Divisions of the Court - 10 Feb 2015.doc

Good day,

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CONFIDENTIAL TO THE JUDGES

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE JUDGES OF BOTH DIVISIONS
OF THE COURT

Common Room, 10 February 2015, 9.00 am

Chairs McMurdo P and Byrne SJA

Attendees Fraser JA
 Holmes JA
 Gotterson JA
 Philippides JA
 Atkinson J
 Mullins J
 P McMurdo J
 Douglas J
 A Lyons J
 Daubney J
 Martin J
 McMeekin J (by telephone)
 P Lyons J
 Boddice J
 Dalton J
 Henry J (by AV link)
 Jackson J
 Thomas J
 Flanagan J
 Burns J

Apology North J

1. Court of Disputed Returns

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Cc: Justice MAMcMurdo
Subject: Minutes - Meeting of Judges from both Divisions of the Court - 10 Feb 2015
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Tim,

You already have the attached minutes.

May I draw your attention in particular to paragraph 5.

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From: Justice Daubney
Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2015 2:02 PM
To: Justice Byrne
Cc: DL-Trial Division Judges; Justice MAMcMurdo
Subject: Report in today's Australian

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A clarification would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,
Martin

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Justice Byrne

From: Justice Byrne
Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2015 2:16 PM
To: Justice Daubney
Cc: DL-Trial Division Judges; Justice MAMcMurdo; Chief Justice Carmody
Subject: RE: Report in today's Australian

Martin,

I do not know who, if anyone, was responsible for the statement.

I shall copy this response to the Chief Justice in case he may know the facts and respond to your concerns.

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From: Justice Byrne
Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2015 5:15 PM
To: DL-Trial Division Judges
Cc: Justice MAMcMurdo; Chief Justice Carmody
Subject: FW: Rockhampton Circuit commencing 23 February 2015
Attachments: 20150211170305340.pdf

Good day,

I attach the Chief Justice's response to the email below.

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From: Justice Byrne
Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2015 1:48 PM
To: Chief Justice Tim Carmody (ChiefJustice.Carmody@courts.qld.gov.au)
Cc: Justice Boddice; Justice Dalton; Justice McMeekin; Justice MAMcMurdo
Subject: Rockhampton Circuit commencing 23 February 2015

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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
Attachments: Draft Resolutions.docx

Dear David

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

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From: Justice Jackson
Sent: Wednesday, 18 February 2015 3:23 PM
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From: Justice MAMcMurdo
Sent: Friday, 20 February 2015 2:16 PM
To: Justice Holmes; Justice Fraser; Justice Gotterson; Justice Morrison; Justice Philippides
Subject: FW: Response from CJ to resolutions passed by the Trial Division
Attachments: 20150220104900765.pdf

FYI

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From: Justice Atkinson
Sent: Friday, 20 February 2015 1:02 PM
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
Cc: Justice MAMcMurdo
Subject: FW:

Dear Chief Justice and Judges

I attach a memo sent to Jackson J and me as a result of our giving the resolutions passed at our meeting yesterday to the Chief Justice.

Regards

Roslyn

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To: Justice Atkinson
Subject:

This E-mail was sent from "JP40914" (Aficio MP 5001).

Scan Date: 20.02.2015 10:49:00 (+1000)
Queries to: ricoh@justice.qld.gov.au

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From: Justice MAMcMurdo
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Sent: Monday, 23 February 2015 4:31 PM
To: DL-Supreme Court Judges
Subject: FW: Minutes 19 Feb 2015
Attachments: Minutes 19 Feb 2015.doc

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26 November 2014

Chief Justice

It is usual at a December meeting of Judges each year to appoint Judges to the Court of Disputed Returns, it is usually the next two Judges in order of seniority per the following suggested agenda item:

"Appointments to the Court of Disputed Returns

Court of Disputed Returns (composition not publicized)
s. 127 Electoral Act
Judges decided November 1995 to select two Judges each calendar year. The two most senior Judges who have not recently heard a case in this Court should be listed Judges. Senior Judge of the two will have the primary responsibility to sit

Appointments necessary for 2015: presently P Lyons J and A Wilson J.
Next in seniority Boddice J and Dalton J"

Also the Judges' Committee is sometimes an agenda item in December, but that may not be necessary as Gotterson JA and Philippides J are recent appointments - see attached extract from document "Judges on Board and Tribunals."

I wonder if you wish to place the item/s on the Trial Division Judges' meeting agenda? Or whether you wish to seek Judges' agreement by email?

Thank you
Marie

Marie

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Thanks,
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Justice Byrne

From: Justice Byrne
Sent: Wednesday, 3 December 2014 4:40 PM
To: Chief Justice Carmody
Cc: Marie Bergwever; Justice MAMcMurdo; Justice Dalton; Justice Boddice
Subject: Court of Disputed Returns

Tim,

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Judges on Boards and Tribunals
As at 2 February 2015

SPECIAL JURISDICTION	PRESENT AND PAST NOMINEES	TERM	MODE OF APPOINTMENT	VACANCY/ACTING
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Agenda Item each December	1998 de Jersey and Byrne JJ Byrne and Dowsett JJ (or Mackenzie J in absence of Dowsett J – result of de Jersey J being appointed CJ – 1998) 1999 Byrne (or White J) 2000 Fryberg and Helman JJ 2001 Muir and Chesterman JJ 2002 Wilson and Atkinson JJ 2003 Holmes & Philippides JJ 2004 McMurdo & Douglas JJ 2005 Moynihan SJA and Mackenzie J 2006 Byrne J and White J 2007 Fryberg J and Helman J 2007 (30 June) Fryberg J and Muir J (from Nov 07) Fryberg J and Chesterman J 2008 Chesterman J Wilson J	2009 Atkinson J Dutney J 2010 Mullins J Philippides J 2011 P D McMurdo J Douglas J and A Lyons J (carry out the role when Douglas J is away in 2011) 2012 A Lyons J Daubney J 2013 Martin J Applegarth J 2014 P Lyons J Alan Wilson J 2015 Boddice J Dalton J		

Justice Byrne

From: Justice MAMcMurdo
Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2015 9:58 AM
To: Justice Byrne; Justice Boddice; Justice Dalton
Cc: Chief Justice Carmody
Subject: RE: Supreme Court "Statement"?

John – I know nothing of such statement. It does not accord with our long established practice with which those who practise in this area of the law are familiar. I think the statement should be corrected.
Margaret

The Hon Justice Margaret McMurdo AC
President, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland

From: Justice Byrne
Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2015 8:47 AM
To: Justice Boddice; Justice Dalton
Cc: Justice MAMcMurdo; Chief Justice Carmody
Subject: Supreme Court "Statement"?

David, Jean,

The Australian carries a report today that includes:

"A statement from the Supreme Court said the "constitution of the Court of Disputed Returns is a matter for the Chief Justice under the Electoral Act. He will consider the issue if and when it arises".

I know nothing of any such statement.

John

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Justice Byrne

From: Justice Byrne
Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2015 2:16 PM
To: Justice Daubney
Cc: DL-Trial Division Judges; Justice MAMcMurdo; Chief Justice Carmody
Subject: RE: Report in today's Australian

Martin,

I do not know who, if anyone, was responsible for the statement.

I shall copy this response to the Chief Justice in case he may know the facts and respond to your concerns.

John

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To: Justice Byrne
Cc: DL-Trial Division Judges; Justice MAMcMurdo
Subject: Report in today's Australian

John,

I refer to the report in today's "Australian" (p 4) in which it is said: "A statement from the Supreme Court said the 'constitution of the Court of Disputed Returns is a matter for the Chief Justice under the Electoral Act. He will consider the issue if and when it arises'."

Is it known whether a statement was publicly issued which purported to be made on behalf of "the Supreme Court", and if so who issued that statement?

The last time I looked, I am a member of the Supreme Court and I certainly did not authorise the issuing of such a statement. Nor did any of our colleagues with whom I have spoken.

A clarification would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,
Martin

HON JUSTICE MARTIN DAUBNEY

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

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proposed 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

David Jackson