# High Court script

## Master script

### Roles

* Justices of the High Court, including the Chief Justice
* Court Crier
* Applicant’s legal team, including lead counsel
* Respondent’s legal team, including lead counsel

### Script

**Court Crier**: Silence. All stand.

Everyone stands. Justices walk in and take their seats.

**Court Crier**: The High Court is now in session. God save the Queen. Please be seated.

Everyone sits.

**Chief Justice**: Call the matter for hearing.

**Court Crier**: Lee and the Australian Electoral Commissioner.

**Chief Justice**: I call the Applicant’s lead counsel.

Applicant’s lead counsel stands.

**Applicant’s lead counsel**: May it please the court I appear with my learned friends … *(introduce Applicant’s legal team)* for the applicant, Alex Lee.

Applicant’s lead counsel sits.

**Chief Justice**: I call the Respondent’s lead counsel.

Respondent’s lead counsel stands.

**Respondent’s lead counsel**: May it please the court I appear with my learned friends … *(introduce Respondent’s legal team)* for the respondent, the Australian Electoral Commissioner.

Respondent’s lead counsel sits.

**Chief Justice**: I call the Applicant’s lead counsel to make an opening submission.

Applicant’s lead counsel stands.

**Applicant’s lead counsel**: May it please the court, there are a number of issues in this case ... *(outlines the key issues to be decided by the court and the Applicant’s arguments).*

The Applicant’s legal team present their case.

**Chief Justice**: I call the Respondent’s lead counsel to make an opening submission.

Respondent’s lead counsel stands.

**Respondent’s lead counsel:** May it please the court, we submit that this case is very clear ... *(outlines the key issues to be decided by the court and the Respondent’s arguments).*

**Chief Justice**: Justices, do you have any questions regarding the submissions?

The justices ask questions, which are answered by the legal teams.

**Chief Justice**: I call the Applicant’s lead counsel to make a closing statement.

**Applicant’s lead counsel**: May it please the court, as we have outlined in our submissions and our answers, we submit that … *(summarises the Applicant’s arguments and states why the court should find for the Applicant).*

**Chief Justice**: I call the Respondent’s lead counsel to make a closing statement.

**Respondent’s lead counsel**: May it please the court, as we have outlined in our submission and our answers, we submit that … *(summarises the Respondent’s arguments and states why the court should find for the Respondent).*

**Chief Justice**: The court will consider the submissions of the Applicant and the Respondent and make its judgement.

**Court Crier**: All stand. The High Court of Australia stands adjourned.

The Justices leave.

Court Crier

Stand and say:

* Silence. All stand.

When the justices have taken their seats say:

* The High Court is now in session. God save the Queen. Please be seated.

After the Chief Justice says, ‘Call the matter for hearing,’ stand and say:

* Lee and the Australian Electoral Commissioner.

At the end of the session, after the Chief Justice says, ‘The court will consider the submissions of the Applicant and the Respondent and make its judgement,’ stand and say:

* All stand. The High Court stands adjourned.

Chief Justice

After the Court Crier says, ‘Please be seated’, say:

* Call the matter for hearing.

After the Court Crier has announced the matter, say:

* I call the Applicant’s lead counsel.

After the Applicant’s lead counsel has spoken, say:

* I call the Respondent’s lead counsel.

After the Respondent’s lead counsel has spoken, say:

* I call the Applicant’s lead counsel to make an opening submission.

After the Applicant’s lead counsel has spoken, say:

* I call the Respondent’s lead counsel to make an opening submission.

After the Respondent’s lead counsel has spoken, say:

* Justices, do you have any questions regarding the submissions?

Allow the justices to take turns asking questions. When time for questions has run out, say:

* I call the Applicant’s lead counsel to make a closing statement.

After the Applicant’s lead counsel has spoken, say:

* I call the Respondent’s lead counsel to make a closing statement.

After the Respondent’s lead counsel has spoken, say:

* The court will consider the submissions of the Applicant and the Respondent and make its judgement.

When the Court Crier has announced that court is adjourned, stand and leave with the other justices.

Applicant’s lead counsel

When the Chief Justice says, ‘I call the Applicant’s lead counsel,’ stand and say:

* May it please the court I appear with my learned friends … *(introduce your team)* for the Applicant, Alex Lee.

When the Chief Justice calls you to make an opening submission stand and say:

* May it please the court, there are a number of issues in this case… (outline the key issues to be decided by the court and the Applicant’s arguments).

Be prepared to answer questions from the justices.

When the Chief Justice asks you to make a closing statement, stand and say:

* May it please the court, as we have outlined in our submissions and our answers, we submit that … *(summarise the Applicant’s arguments and state why the court should find for the Applicant)*

Respondent’s lead counsel

When the Chief Justice says, ‘I call the Respondent’s lead counsel,’ stand and say:

* May it please the court I appear with my learned friends … *(introduce your team)* for the Respondent, the Australian Electoral Commissioner.

When the Chief Justice calls you to make an opening submission stand and say:

* May it please the court, we submit that this case is very clear … *(outline the key issues to be decided by the court and the* Respondent’s *arguments).*

Be prepared to answer questions from the justices.

When the Chief Justice asks you to make a closing statement, stand and say:

* May it please the court, as we have outlined in our submissions and our answers, we submit that … *(summarise the* Respondent’s *arguments and state why the court should find for the* Respondent*)*