IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

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No. S262 of 2019

JENNIFER HOCKING

Appellant

and

DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA

Respondent

APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

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Part I: Certification

This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

Part II: Chronology

Date	Event	Reference		
1974	Sir John Kerr assumes the office of Governor- General	TJ [9] CAB 12		
15 August 1974	First Palace letter	TJ [9] CAB 12;		
		FC [2] CAB 67		
11 November 1975	Sir John Kerr dismisses Mr Whitlam and	TJ [143] CAB 51		
	appoints Mr Fraser as Prime Minister			
22 September 1976	Sir John Kerr writes to Sir Martin Charteris,	TJ [12] CAB 15		
	Private Secretary to the Queen, on the subject of	of		
	the Palace letters			
8 October 1976	Sir Martin Charteris replies to Sir John Kerr's	TJ [13] CAB 15-		
	letter concerning the Palace letters	16		
18 October 1977	Prime Minister Fraser writes to Sir John Kerr	TJ [14] CAB 16		
	relating to a proposal to introduce archives			
	legislation			
18 November 1977	Letter from Director-General of the Australian	TJ [15] CAB 16-		
	Archives to Mr David Smith, Official Secretary	y 17		
	to the Governor-General concerning			
	arrangements for Sir John Kerr's papers			
5 December 1977	Last Palace letter	TJ [9] CAB 12;		
		FC [2] CAB 67		
December 1977	Sir John Kerr ceases to be Governor-General	TJ [1] CAB 10		
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Date 23 December 1977	Event Mr Smith writes to Sir John Kerr in London regarding the first tranche of the copies of the Palace letters	Reference TJ [16] CAB 17- 18
26 August 1978	Mr Smith lodges the Palace letters with Australian Archives	TJ [1] CAB 9; TJ [18] CAB 18; FC [42] and [43] CAB 77
3 March 1980	Sir John Kerr writes to Mr Smith enquiring as to the terms upon which the palace correspondence was lodged with the Archives	TJ [19] CAB 18
20 May 1980	Mr Smith informs Sir John Kerr of the terms of the lodgement of the Palace letters with Australian Archives	TJ [20] CAB 18- 19
15 December 1983	Acting Director-General of Australian Archives writes to Sir John Kerr regarding archival material in Sir John's possession	TJ [21] CAB 19
6 June 1984	The Archives Act 1983 (Cth) commences	TJ [1] CAB 10; TJ [21] CAB 19
24 March 1991 23 July 1991	Death of Sir John Kerr Mr Sturkey, Official Secretary to the Governor- General, writes to the Director-General of the Australian Archives regarding the dates of release of the Palace letters in accordance with the decision of the Queen	TJ [9] CAB 13 TJ [22] CAB 19- 20; FC [42] CAB 77
August 1991	The Director-General of the Australian Archives replies to the letter of Douglas Sturkey dated 23 July 1991	TJ [23] CAB 20
1 January 2008	Open access period for the last of the Palace letters commenced (if they be "Commonwealth records")	
31 March 2016	Professor Hocking lodged a request for access to the documents comprising AA1984/609	TJ [7] CAB 11
10 May 2016	Access to AA1984/609 is refused by the National Archives of Australia	TJ [2] CAB 10; FC [4] CAB 67
20 October 2016	Professor Hocking files an originating application in the Federal Court of Australia, seeking relief including a declaration that the documents indexed as AA1984/609 are Commonwealth records within the meaning of the <i>Archives Act 1983</i> (Cth)	
16 March 2018	Decision of Griffiths J: Hocking v Director- General of National Archives of Australia [2018] FCA 340	CAB 5
6 April 2018	Notice of Appeal filed in relation to the decision of Griffiths J	CAB 57
8 February 2019	Decision of the Full Federal Court of the Federal Court of Australia: <i>Hocking v Director-General</i> of the National Archives of Australia [2019] FCAFC 12	CAB 63

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Date	Event	Reference
16 August 2019	Special leave granted to appeal from the whole of the judgment of the Full Federal Court of the	CAB 115
	Federal Court of Australia in Hocking v	
	Director-General of the National Archives of	
	Australia [2019] FCAFC 12	
29 August 2019	Notice of Appeal filed in High Court of Australia proceeding S262 of 2019	CAB 117

Dated: 4th October 2019

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