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# IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA SYDNEY REGISTRY

BETWEEN: PORT OF NEWCASTLE OPERATIONS PTY LIMITED ACN 165 332 990

Appellant

and

GLENCORE COAL ASSETS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD ACN 163 821 298

First Respondent

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION TRIBUNAL

Second Respondent

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION & CONSUMER COMMISSION

Third Respondent

### APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

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### **Part I:** Certification

The Appellant certifies that this chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

### Part II: Chronology

Date	Event	CAB ref
4 November 2016	First Respondent notifies the Third Respondent (the	14-15
	<b>ACCC</b> ) under s 44S(1) of the <i>Competition and</i>	[13], [15]
	Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) (CCA) of an access dispute	
	( <b>Dispute</b> ) concerning access to the following declared	
	service at the Port of Newcastle ( <b>Port</b> ):	
	The provision of the right to access and use the shipping channels (including berths next to	

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		wharves as part of the channels) at the Port of Newcastle (Port), by virtue of which vessels may enter a Port precinct and load and unload at relevant terminals located within the Port precinct and then depart the Port precinct (the Service).	
10	20 July 2018	ACCC provides its draft determination to the Appellant and the First Respondent under s 44V(4) of the CCA, together with a draft statement of reasons.	16 [22]
20	18 September 2018	ACCC makes its final determination in respect of the Dispute under s 44V of the CCA (Final Determination). In its Final Determination, the ACCC determines:  a) a navigation service charge (NSC) of \$0.6075 per gross tonne;  b) a wharfage charge (WhC) of \$0.0746 per revenue tonne;  c) that the scope of the determination includes the terms and conditions of access:  i. where the First Respondent, either directly or by agent, charters a vessel to enter the Port precinct and load First Respondent coal; and  ii. where the First Respondent makes a representation to the Appellant of the kind referred to in s 48(4)(b) of the Ports and Maritime Administration Act 1995 (PMA Act) that it has the functions of the owner of a vessel, or accepts the	16-17 [23]-[25]

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	obligation to exercise those functions, in	
	order to enter the Port precinct and load	
	First Respondent coal;	
	d) the Final Determination did not apply to:	
	i. the terms and conditions of access to	
	apply in respect of vessels carrying coal	
	that have not been chartered by the First	
	Respondent or in respect of which the	
	First Respondent has not made a	
	representation of the kind referred to in s	
	48(4)(b) of the PMA Act;	
	ii. terms and conditions of access for	
	vessels other than those calling at the	
	coal terminals at the Port; and	
	iii. any charges imposed by the Appellant	
	other than the NSC and the WhC.	
8-9 October 2018	The Appellant and the First Respondent respectively	12 [1]-[3]
	apply to the Second Respondent (the <b>Tribunal</b> ) for	[ ] [-]
	review of the ACCC's Final Determination under s	
	44ZP(1) of the CCA.	
6-13 May 2019	Hearing before the Tribunal (Middleton J, Mr R F	
	Shogren and Dr D R Abraham).	
24 September 2019	The declaration of the Service is deemed to be revoked	197 [87]
	under s 44J(7) of the CCA, as the designated Minister	
	does not publish a decision on the recommendation of	
	the National Competition Council to revoke the	
	declaration of the Service under s 44J(1) of the CCA.	
30 October 2019	The Tribunal makes its determination in respect of the	8-9
	Appellant's and First Respondent's respective	

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		applications ( <b>Tribunal Determination</b> ). The Tribunal	
		Determination varied the ACCC's Final Determination	
		by providing as follows:	
		a) that the scope of the determination is confined to	
		the terms and conditions of access where the	
		First Respondent owns or, either directly or by	
		agent, charters a vessel that enters the Port	
		precinct and loads First Respondent coal;	
10		b) for the avoidance of doubt, the determination	
		does not apply to:	
		i. the terms and conditions of access to	
		apply in respect of vessels carrying coal	
		that are not owned, or have not been	
		chartered, by the First Respondent;	
		ii. the terms and conditions of access for	
		vessels other than those calling at the	
		coal terminals at the Port;	
		iii. any charges imposed by the Appellant	
20		other than the NSC and the WhC; and	
		c) the NSC payable by the First Respondent to the	
		Appellant in accordance with the determination	
		is \$1.0058 as at 1 January 2018.	
	27 November 2019	First Respondent applies to the Federal Court for review	160-166
		of the Tribunal Determination pursuant to s 44ZR of the	
		CCA: proceeding NSD 1986 of 2019.	
	27 November 2019	Third Respondent applies to the Federal Court for	
		review of the Tribunal Determination pursuant to s 5 of	
		the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977	
30		(Cth), s 39B of the Judiciary Act 1903 (Cth) and the	

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	implied jurisdiction of the Federal Court, and seeks declaratory relief under s 163A(3) of the CCA:	
	proceeding VID 1285 of 2019.	
1-3 July 2020	Hearing before the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia (Allsop CJ, Beach and Colvin JJ).	
24 August 2020	Full Court delivers judgment setting aside the	174-259
	determination of the Tribunal made on 30 October 2019 in proceeding NSD 1986 of 2019, and dismissing the Third Respondent's application in proceeding VID 1285	260-262
	of 2019.	
1 September 2020	Full Court makes orders in proceeding NSD 1986 of 2019 that the Appellant pay the First Respondent's costs	263-264
	of and incidental to the application.	
16 September 2020	Full Court makes orders in proceeding VID 1285 of 2019 that there be no order as to costs of the application.	
25 September 2020	Application for special leave filed by the Appellant in	
1	the High Court of Australia.	
30 September 2020	First Respondent filed notice of appearance in the special leave application.	
1 October 2020	Second Respondent filed submitting appearance in the special leave application.	
8 October 2020	Third Respondent filed submitting appearance in the special leave application.	
12 March 2021	Special leave to appeal granted by Kiefel CJ and Keane J.	304-306
26 March 2021	Notice of Appeal filed in the High Court of Australia.	307-310

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31 March 2021	First Respondent filed notice of appearance in this appeal.	
1 April 2021	Third Respondent filed notice of appearance in this appeal.	

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