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Appellant B18/2020

IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA BRISBANE REGISTRY

BETWEEN!

GBF

Appellant

and

The Queen

Respondent

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APPELLANT'S OUTLINE OF ORAL SUBMISSIONS

Part I: Certification

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Part II: Outline

- 2. The Trial Judge's statement to the jury that the absence of sworn evidence from the appellant would "make it easier" wrongly permitted the jury to reason to guilt from the appellant's exercise of the right to silence.
- 3. The Court of Appeal was wrong to conclude that:
 - a. The risk of improper reasoning was removed because of other inconsistent directions given to the jury; and
 - b. The failure of defence counsel to object meant that no miscarriage of justice occurred.
- 4. The Court of Appeal was wrong to assess the "miscarriage of justice" question by asking whether the appellant had been denied a "real chance of an acquittal" because such an approach is inconsistent with *Weiss v The Queen*¹ and *Kalbasi v Western Australia*.²

^{1 (2005) 224} CLR 300.

² (2018) 264 CLR 62.

- 5. Whether assessed as a "miscarriage of justice" or by applying the proviso or by any other criterion, the appeal should be allowed:
 - a. The error was fundamental in that it gave the jury permission to reason in a way at odds with the accusatorial nature of a criminal trial; and
 - b. The error went to the assessment of the credibility and reliability of the critical prosecution witness.
- 10 Dated: 9 September 2020

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