IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND

SC 131/2016 [2017] NZSC 30

BETWEEN AFFCO NEW ZEALAND LIMITED

Applicant

AND NEW ZEALAND MEAT WORKERS

AND RELATED TRADES UNION

INCORPORATED First Respondent

AND ROBERTA KEREWAI RATU AND

OTHERS

Second Respondents

Court: William Young, Arnold and O'Regan JJ

Counsel: P R Jagose for Applicant

P Cranney for Respondents

Judgment: 9 March 2017

JUDGMENT OF THE COURT

- A Leave to appeal is granted (AFFCO New Zealand Ltd v New Zealand Meat Workers and Related Trades Union Inc and Ors [2016] NZCA 482).
- B The approved question is whether the Court of Appeal was correct to find that a breach of s 82 of the Employment Relations Act 2000 had occurred when the applicant required seasonal workers to enter into new individual employment agreements before commencing work for the 2015/2016 season.

REASONS

[1] The approved question allows for argument on the issues raised by the applicant in its leave submissions as well as the points identified by the respondents

in their leave submissions as points they will advance in support of the Court of Appeal judgment on other grounds.

Solicitors: MAC Williams, Hamilton for the Applicant Oakley Moran, Wellington for Respondents