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Matter No M65 of 2023 IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY JAN MAREK KANT FOR LEAVE TO ISSUE OR FILE

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Matter No M65 of 2023

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY JAN MAREK KANT FOR LEAVE TO ISSUE OR FILE

- 1. On 30 August 2023 the applicant sought to file an application against the Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police seeking a writ of habeas corpus and orders, which included: an order releasing him from the effect of all control orders and similar instruments issued against him; an order prohibiting covert experimentation with the plaintiff by public officials; an order making available to him all information the Commonwealth has about control orders and similar instruments issued against him; and an order for the award of damages in respect of his arbitrary detention. On 31 August 2023 Jagot J, pursuant to r 6.07.2 of the High Court Rules 2004 (Cth), directed the Registrar to refuse to issue or file this document without the leave of a Justice first had and obtained by the applicant. The applicant now seeks that leave by way of an ex parte application, filed on 4 September 2023, pursuant to r 6.07.3 of the High Court Rules.
- 2. It must be noted at the outset that it is not at all clear whether the applicant is the subject of any control order or is in any form of detention as a result. No such order is provided with the application. The applicant says that he has "reason to believe that he is presently held in detention" and suspects that his detention has effect by force of a control order issued under the *Criminal Code* (Cth). On the

other hand his application does suggest that there has been some form of hearing in relation to control orders. He says he was not afforded the opportunity to make submissions at such a hearing and that it should have been a trial.

- 3. Even if one were to assume that the applicant is subject to some form of control order, the terms of which are unknown, no basis for a writ of habeas corpus or other constitutional writ is shown. Apart from listing various provisions of the *Constitution*, the application goes no way to explaining what the applicant's argument might be. His reference to s 80 in the context of a control order is inapt.
- 4. The application for constitutional writs is incomprehensible and constitutes an abuse of the processes of the Court within r 6.07.1.
 I will order that the ex parte application filed on 4 September 2023 be refused.

HCA

This page and the preceding one page comprise my reasons for judgment in Matter No M65 of 2023, In The Matter Of An Application By Jan Marek Kant For Leave To Issue Or File.

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Judgment delivered in Canberra on Friday, 15 September 2023