



HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA v ALINTA LIMITED, TREWAS PTY LIMITED, TAKEOVERS PANEL, AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION, AND AUSTRALIAN PIPELINE LIMITED (in its capacity as responsible entity of Australian Pipeline Trust)

The High Court of Australia today ordered:

1. Appeal allowed.
2. Set aside so much of paragraph 2 of the orders of the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia made on 30 April 2007 as ordered that there be a declaration that section 657A(2)(b) of the *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) is invalid and, in its place, order that there be a declaration that section 657A(2)(b) of the *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) is not invalid on the ground that it purports to confer the judicial power of the Commonwealth on the Takeovers Panel.

Reasons for the decision will be published at a future date.