




Speech By
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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (2.04 pm): Today, the High Court has made its determination on the Allison Baden-Clay case. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the end of this long, exhausting and emotional process, especially for Allison's daughters, family and friends.

Many years ago, Allison and I attended the same Inara Svalbe ballet school. My memory of her is of a bright, confident and outstanding young dancer. I was fortunate also to meet her family last year. I could see the pain in their eyes and I know that pain is shared in many parts of our community. Part of that pain emanated from the fact that their fight for justice was ongoing and seemed never ending.

Today, this fight is over. The case is closed. The High Court has said justice will be served. The sad reality is that no court judgement or jail term will bring Allison back. As life goes on—and it will—there will forever remain a void in the lives of those who were privileged to know Allison. On behalf of this parliament, I wish her family and friends well into the future.