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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.50 pm): This is a day of reflection and relief. Today we learned that the High Court of Australia has reinstated Gerard Baden-Clay's conviction for the murder of his wife, Allison. Today justice has been served for Allison and her family.

I went to school with Allison. She was my school captain. The memory of Allison that the public has come to know over the last more than four years, largely through the tributes of her family and friends, accords entirely with my lasting memories. We were a close-knit school community with her, as our leader, at the centre of it. I remember Allison's smile. I remember Allison's warmth. I remember Allison's guidance. I remember Allison's wholehearted compassion. It has been a long road to set things right, but today justice has been served. Justice has been done. As Kerry-Anne Walker said today—

In a fair and open trial, a jury found that there was enough evidence to convict Gerard Baden-Clay of murder. They felt there was motive and certainly intent. Thankfully today Australia's High Court judges agree with this decision and have reinstated a conviction of murder.

Kerry-Anne added—

Allison loved being a wife and a mother and worked incredibly hard to do both to the best of her ability.

Simple goals maybe, but noble beyond words. That was Allison—beautiful, humble, joyful, indescribable. May she now rest in peace.