

THE VERDICT

“Today the talking stops. Every judge writes alone.”



YOUR ROLE TODAY: THE JUDGE — FOR REAL THIS TIME

The Shire of Kambaria has asked YOU for an independent recommendation — your written advice, with reasons. Independent means on nobody's side. Not your team's ruling. Yours. Everything this unit built comes to one desk, and one page, today.

EQUIPMENT CHECK — FOUR LESSONS ON ONE DESK

Lay it all out and tick each piece. This is what a prepared judge looks like:

☐ My team's radar (Lesson 3) • ☐ My test questions (Lesson 3) • ☐ My judge's ledger (Lesson 4) • ☐ The briefing document, with my four marks • ☐ My gut-lock and my tracker

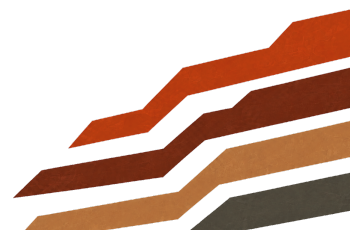
Warm up the memory — the hearing moment that stuck with me most:

Circle one — I want my verdict to be known as: FAIR • BRAVE • CAREFUL • SHARP

THE RECKONING — ANSWER BEFORE YOU WRITE

My Lesson 3 gut said: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ DEPENDS → after the hearing: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ DEPENDS →
right now: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ CONDITIONS

Be honest: did your rules move your gut — or has your gut been ignoring your rules? (Two sentences. Judges who can answer this write better verdicts.)



■ THE FIVE MOVES OF A REAL RECOMMENDATION

- 1 **The ruling, first sentence.** YES, NO, or YES WITH CONDITIONS. No warm-up. Starter: *"I recommend that the Kambaria Ridge Project..."*
- 2 **Your reasons — criteria by name.** Your three top-weighted criteria, each applied with a real fact from the briefing or the hearing. Starter: *"On [criterion], the evidence shows..."*
- 3 **The other side — stated fairly.** The strongest argument AGAINST your ruling, in its best form, then why you ruled anyway. Starter: *"The strongest case against this ruling is... However..."*
- 4 **The conditions — or the change-list.** If YES: what must the company do, and WHO checks? If NO: what would have to change before you'd reconsider? Starter: *"This ruling depends on... checked by..."*
- 5 **Sign it.** Your name, and one line: *"I judged by my rules."*

■ TRAIN THE HARDEST MOVE — WHICH "OTHER SIDE" IS STRONGER?

Two judges wrote move 3 for a YES ruling. Read both. Circle the stronger one.

JUDGE A

"Some people don't want the mine. But they are wrong, because jobs matter more, and anyway the company promised to fix everything."

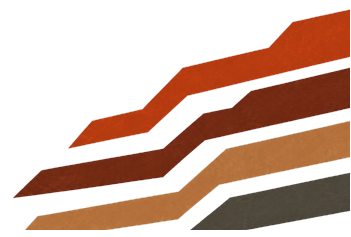
JUDGE B

"The strongest case against approval is the water: 1,400 million litres a year from a borefield nobody has fully mapped, 400 m from Wirra Creek. That risk is real. However, I rule yes WITH conditions, because the risk can be watched — if an independent tester publishes the results, not the company."

Judge _____ is stronger, because (look at how each one treats the opposing side):

The tell: a strawman says "some people". A real other side names the fact.

Now rehearse it — MY other side, first draft, one sentence at full strength:



■ PLAN, THEN WRITE — THE JUDGE'S MAP

My ruling (one of three): _____

Criterion 1: _____ + the fact I'll use: _____

Criterion 2: _____ + the fact I'll use: _____

Criterion 3: _____ + the fact I'll use: _____

My "other side" — the best argument against me: _____

My conditions or change-list — and who checks: _____

NOW WRITE — THE REAL THING

On your device (file name: **Surname_Kambaria_Verdict**) or on paper. About one page. Evidence desk stays open — briefing, ledger and radar beside you the whole time. The Assessment Pack has every requirement and the rubric. Silence until the gavel.

■ THE GAVEL MOMENT

When writing ends, each judge says ONE word aloud — their ruling — and the class tally goes up on the board. Then the last question of the unit:

Our class tally: YES ____ · NO ____ · CONDITIONS _____. Same facts. Same five criteria. Why did we still split?

■ EXIT TICKET — THE JUDGE'S LAST WORD

1. Honestly: in the end, my verdict was won by... ☐ my rules ☐ my gut ☐ they agreed all along

2. The fact that worked hardest in my verdict: _____

3. One sentence I'd send to Marla Creek Minerals, whatever they rule:

SKILLS I USED TODAY — TICK WHAT'S TRUE

☐ assembled four lessons of evidence · ☐ faced my own gut honestly · ☐ argued the other side fairly · ☐ wrote a ruling a shire could actually use · ☐ signed my name to a judgment

