Mike Dwane's "Supreme Court case delays 'unsustainable', says chief justice," quoting Tillman

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The purpose of government in seeking to create a new court of appeal would allow for more routine cases to be heard in the new appeals court and more urgent or constitutional matters be dealt with in the Supreme Court.

None of the major political parties are opposing the referendum proposal although a number of legal experts have questioned why Justice Minister Alan Shatter is seeking to create a new court at taxpayers expense without first making reforms that would reduce delays in the Supreme Court.

Seth Barrett Tillman, a lecturer in law at NUI Maynooth, said many of the cases that come before the Supreme Court could be dealt with by submissions, as in other countries, rather than by long and expensive full-blown hearings.