

SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND

PRACTICE DIRECTION 8 OF 2007

PRIVATE AUDIO-RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS: SUPREME COURT

1. The audio-tape of court proceedings issued by the State Reporting Bureau is and will remain the authoritative record of proceedings.
2. Representatives of news agencies covering the courts will be permitted to make a private audio recording, provided it is done unobtrusively and without interruption to the proceedings. For that purpose, a hand-held recorder may be taken into a courtroom and activated.
3. The purpose of permitting such recording is to maintain accuracy in the reporting of court proceedings. The audio content of the recording may not be broadcast.
4. This practice direction does not impinge on a Judge's right to revise, subsequently, a judgment delivered ex tempore; or a Judge's right, in a particular case, to prohibit recording, should the Judge consider that necessary or desirable.

Paul de Jersey
Chief Justice
15 August 2007