

**MAGISTRATES COURT
PRACTICE DIRECTION
No 4 OF 2004**

RECORDING DEVICES IN COURT ROOMS

1. Except with permission of the Magistrate (and save, obviously, for recording by officers of the Court under the *Recording of Evidence Act 1962*), any device capable of capturing or transmitting the proceedings of the court, aurally and/or visually, is not to be used for that purpose in a court room where proceedings are being conducted.
2. In the event of breach, a person designated by the presiding Magistrate is hereby authorised to take possession of the device and delete any recording, should the Magistrate require that.
3. Mobile phones, laptop computers, personal digital assistants and similar devices are to be switched off or muted throughout court proceedings, so that calls, alerts or alarms do not interrupt the proceedings. Should such a device interrupt proceedings, a person designated by the presiding Magistrate is hereby authorised to take possession of the device, should the presiding Magistrate require that.



**Judge MP Irwin
Chief Magistrate
2 April 2004**