

**PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 7 OF 2025**  
**DISTRICT COURT OF QUEENSLAND**

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**CITATION OF AUTHORITY**

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**Application**

1. This Practice Direction applies to the citation of authorities in all proceedings in the District Court.

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2. It is acceptable to use an available official medium neutral citation for the citing of any authorities.
3. Where a judgment is reported in one of the following reports, that citation should, as far as possible, also be noted in Lists of Authorities and written submissions:
  - Commonwealth Law Reports (High Court of Australia)
  - Australian Capital Territory Law Reports (Supreme Court of the ACT)
  - Federal Court Reports (Federal Court of Australia)
  - New South Wales Law Reports (Supreme Court of NSW)
  - Northern Territory Law Reports (Supreme Court of NT)
  - Queensland Reports (Supreme Court of Queensland)
  - South Australia State Reports (Supreme Court of South Australia)
  - Tasmanian Reports (Supreme Court of Tasmania)
  - Victorian Reports (Supreme Court of Victoria)
  - Western Australian Reports (Supreme Court of WA)
  - Queensland Planning and Environmental Law Reports
  - Local Government and Environmental Reports of Australia
4. When citing an authority:
  - (a) the particular passages in the judgment that are relied upon should be identified;
  - (b) it is sufficient and appropriate to refer to medium neutral citation paragraph numbers of the judgment rather than page numbers in authorised reports in any written or oral submissions;
  - (c) reference should also be made to any subsequent judgment which has doubted, or not followed, the cited judgment in a relevant respect; and

- (d) unreported judgments should not be cited unless they contain a material statement of legal principle, or a material application of principle, which is not found in reported authority.
5. In selecting the authorities to be cited to the court, parties should:
- (a) limit their citation to the authorities which are necessary to establish the principles or propositions which are relied upon;
  - (b) avoid citing authorities which merely rephrase, illustrate or apply those principles or propositions in a way which is not apt to assist the court materially in resolving the real matters in dispute; and
  - (c) ensure the citation provided is accurate.

### **Commencement**

6. This Practice Direction commences on 26 May 2025.

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**Brian Devereaux SC**  
**Chief Judge**  
14 May 2025