PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 17 OF 2014 SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND

QUEEN ELIZABETH II COURTS OF LAW SUPREME COURT, BRISBANE ACCESSWAYS TO REMAIN CLEAR

The Chief Justice has power under section 18 of the Supreme Court of Queensland Act 1991 to do all things necessary for the control and management of the Supreme Court precincts, including power to prohibit or limit access to and from the precincts or part of the precincts.

Purpose

1. The purpose of this Practice Direction is to ensure the safe and orderly entry into, movement within, and exit from the **Supreme Court precincts** at Brisbane, by all persons and vehicles.

Application

2. The Practice Direction applies to all persons within the **Supreme Court precincts** at Brisbane.

Directions

- 3. Persons (including media personnel) are directed not to obstruct the orderly entry into, movement within, or exit from, the **Supreme Court precincts** at Brisbane, by any person or vehicle.
- 4. Media personnel, while reporting on court proceedings from outside the courthouse, are to:
 - (a) remain on the grass side of the Braille line (see attached diagram) immediately in front of the main entrance, unless entering the court building; and
 - (b) remain well clear of any vehicular entrances so as to allow the safe entry and exit of Corrective Services' or other vehicles.
- 5. Any direction given by a police or security officer to any person (including media personnel) to move away from a building entrance, including a vehicular entrance, must be followed.

Definitions

- 6. For these purposes:
 - (a) **Supreme Court precincts** includes any land or building, or the part of any land or building, used for the purposes of the Supreme Court in Brisbane.
 - (b) **Media personnel** includes journalists, photographers and associated crew, whether employed by a media organisation or operating on a freelance basis.
 - (c) **Reporting** includes the setting up of photographic and other equipment, waiting for and attempting to question or capture images of any person, and the recording of or live transmission of a journalist's report.
 - (d) Vehicular entrances comprise all driveways used by vehicles to enter and exit the Queen Elizabeth II Courts of Law / Brisbane Magistrates Court block, as bordered by George, Turbot and Roma Streets.

Paul de Jersey Chief Justice 4 June 2014

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