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Media advisory

The media can play an important role in supporting Queensland's justice system by providing the public with timely and accurate information about its operations and matters before the courts.

The court will always consider suggestions for improved accessibility in order to enhance media coverage.

Following recent representations, from 7 April 2008 television networks will be permitted to film 'pieces to camera' inside the Supreme Courthouse.

This should help address issues caused by noise from ongoing construction works in the vicinity of the complex as well as inclement weather.

Filming is subject to these conditions:

- Filming is allowed only on level 2 of the complex in the area of the displays outside the Banco Court.
- Cameras are not to be used to film other people within the complex, particularly parties to proceedings, and of course, jurors
- Journalists and camera operators must advise security at the ground floor entrance when entering the building to film for this purpose.

At this stage the additional access is allowed on a trial basis, but on the assumption it works satisfactorily, it will be allowed indefinitely.

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