

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO.1 OF 2018

PROVISION OF TRANSCRIPT IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT

On 24 September 2018 the Australian Broadcasting Corporation broadcast audio excerpts from a Magistrate's decision. It is believed that the sound recording was obtained from a transcript provided in electronic format.

The Court has received advice that the inappropriate use of electronic sound recordings cannot properly be prevented under current provisions.

Pending any change in legislation the Magistrates Court will no longer provide any transcript in electronic format and anyone seeking a copy of a transcript will need to obtain a typed copy.

Arrangements may continue to be made to listen to the electronic recordings.



Steven Heath
Chief Magistrate

Dated: 5 November 2018