

Local Court Act
PRACTICE DIRECTION

EX TEMPORE AND ORAL DECISIONS

The following practice direction is issued pursuant to section 21 of the *Local Court Act* and will apply from 1st January 1998.

BACKGROUND

It has become fairly common practice for Magistrates to give ex tempore or oral decisions and thereby not giving the parties a written decision to which to refer and/or review.

PROCEDURE

When the Magistrate delivers an oral and/or ex tempore decision then that Magistrate will order that a transcript of that decision be placed on the file and made available to the parties.

If the Magistrate does not make the appropriate order then the parties should request the order be made, such requests will be granted unless the Magistrate has good reason why not to grant the request.

IAN GRAY
CHIEF MAGISTRATE

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