

Work Health Act
PRACTICE DIRECTION

EX TEMPORE AND ORAL DECISIONS

The following practice direction, to govern access to work health court files by parties and members of the public, is issued pursuant to section 95 of the *Work Health Act* and will apply from 1 January 1998.

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

16 December 1997