

SUPREME COURT OF TASMANIA

PRACTICE DIRECTION

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PREPARATION OF APPEALS TO THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEAL

This practice direction is published by the direction of the Chief Justice, the Honourable Justice Alan Blow OAM. It replaces Practice Direction 9 of 2012.

Directions hearings

In future, all appeals and applications to the Court of Criminal Appeal, other than proceedings instituted by the Crown, will ordinarily be listed within 14 days after filing for a directions hearing in Hobart before a judge.

The judge conducting the directions hearing will make enquiries as to the matters that need to be attended to before the hearing, and will give appropriate directions as to matters such as the following:

- Any application for extension of time.
- Clarification of the grounds of appeal.
- The provision of particulars of grounds of appeal.
- The contents of the appeal book.
- By whom the appeal book is to be prepared.
- The date for filing appeal books.
- Any application for the provision of legal assistance pursuant to s 410 of the *Criminal Code*.
- A timetable for the provision of written submissions. (Any such direction will supersede the time limits fixed by Practice Direction No 1 of 2014.)

Unless a judge directs otherwise, parties who are legally represented will not be required to attend directions hearings personally.

Trial transcripts

Unless otherwise directed, trial transcripts or extracts from them are not to be included in the same appeal book as anything else, and are not to be given new page numbers. Pages in a transcript may be referred to using the letter T. For example, page 123 of a transcript would be referred to as T123. Pages in an appeal book may be referred to using the letters AB. For example, page 123 of an appeal book would be referred to as AB123.

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