

COURT REPORTING RULES 2022

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

There are presently Rules of Court regarding the recording and transcribing of criminal proceedings, in Divisions 5.1 to 5.4 of the *Criminal Practice Rules* 1987. Those rules are outdated and need to be replaced by Rules that provide for electronic audio recording, storage and management of court proceedings.

There has been a Court Reporting Charter in existence since 2006, the purpose of which is to prescribe the powers, functions, duties and responsibilities of the Court Reporting Service and to regulate the preparation and availability of transcripts.

The most recent Charter was promulgated by the Chief Justice in 2019. It is replaced by the Charter that is set out in the Schedule in the 2022 Rules.

The 2022 Rules provide a convenient vehicle by which to:

- emphasise that transcript will only be prepared in accordance with the Charter (rule 2);
- confer a special status on certified transcript (rule 3);
- prescribe responsibility for ensuring, subject to the directions of the Chief Justice, that there is in place a system of electronic storage and management of the audio record and any transcripts that are prepared of court proceedings (rule 4).

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