

QUEENSLAND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

*Industrial Relations (Tribunals) Rules 2000* – r. 80 – practice notes

**RECORDING DEVICES IN COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**

**PN 8**

**PRACTICE NOTE**

18 June 2004

This Practice Note operates subject to the unfettered and overriding discretion of the Member of the Commission who has been allocated an application for hearing and conference.

1. Except with permission of the presiding Member (and save, obviously, for recording by officers of the State Reporting Bureau under the *Recording of Evidence Act 1962*) any device capable of capturing or transmitting the proceedings of the Commission (including conferences), aurally and/or visually, is not to be used for that purpose in a court room or conference room where such proceedings are being conducted.
2. Except with permission of the presiding Member (and save, obviously, for recording by officers of the State Reporting Bureau under the *Recording of Evidence Act 1962*) any device capable of capturing or transmitting the proceedings of the Commission (including conferences), aurally and/or visually, is not to be used for that purpose whilst any such proceeding of the Commission is being conducted whether the proceeding be a video hearing, video conference, telephone hearing or telephone conference.
3. In the event of breach, the Registrar or the presiding Member's Associate is hereby authorised to take possession of the device and delete any recording, should the Member require that.
4. If a Member detects the use of any such device in any proceeding (including any conference) in breach of this Practice Note, the person detected to be in breach may be prevented from participating in further proceedings.
5. Mobile phones, laptop computers, personal digital assistants and similar devices are to be switched off or muted throughout court proceedings, so that calls, alerts or alarms do not interrupt the proceedings. Should such a device interrupt proceedings, the Registrar or the presiding Member's Associate is hereby authorised to take possession of the device, should the presiding Member require that.

This Practice Note will be effective as and from 18 June 2004.

Dated 18 June 2004.

D.M. LINNANE  
Vice President.