

District Court Criminal Practice Note 14

TELEPHONE READINESS HEARINGS FOR CIRCUIT SITTINGS

APPLICATION

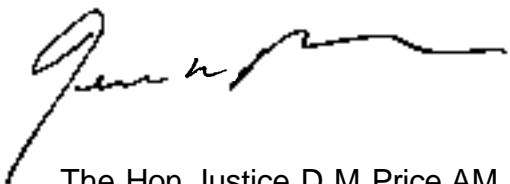
1. This Practice Note applies to all trials listed for hearing with estimates of **five days or more** in circuit sittings, with the exceptions of Newcastle, Lismore, Tamworth, Armidale, Dubbo, Gosford, Wollongong, and Wagga Wagga.
2. Applicable trials will be given a Telephone Readiness Hearing at least 6 weeks before the date of the trial.
3. Telephone Readiness Hearings will supplement, not replace, call overs conducted by presiding Judges in circuit sittings (Practice Note 13) and telephone country call overs (conducted on Wednesdays of each week at 9 am).

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4. The provisions of Practice Note 12 "Readiness Hearings" will apply to Telephone Readiness Hearings with the exceptions of paragraphs 2, 4, and 14.
5. Telephone Readiness Hearings will be conducted on Thursdays of each week at 9 am.

COMMENCEMENT

6. The first Telephone Readiness Hearing will take place on Thursday 31 August 2017 at 9 am for trials listed to commence on 9 October 2017 in circuit sittings.



The Hon Justice D M Price AM

Chief Judge of the District Court