



Court of Appeal
NOTICE TO PROFESSION*
PILOT WEBCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS

Since **1 June 2017** the Court of Appeal has been conducting a pilot of making audio-visual recordings of some of its criminal hearings publicly available through the Supreme Court of Victoria's website.

The Court of Appeal has decided to take this course to improve its transparency, accessibility and the accurate reporting of proceedings.

Hearings of the following types will be EXCLUDED from the pilot:

- Applications for leave to appeal heard separately from the appeal;
- Renewed applications for leave to appeal;
- Interlocutory appeals;
- Conviction appeals that result in a matter being remitted for re-hearing;
- Applications involving sexual offences;
- Applications involving self-represented litigants and/or minors;
- Judgment deliveries except in cases of particular public interest where a judgment summary will be read; and
- Any applications deemed by the Court of Appeal to be inappropriate for inclusion in the pilot.

To aid understanding of the recordings the Court of Appeal will also publish on the Supreme Court website the corresponding applications for leave to appeal and all parties' written cases. A party's legal representative is responsible for ensuring that its application for leave to appeal and/or written case are in a form suitable for publication on the internet or are accompanied by a redacted form of the application for leave to appeal and/or written case suitable for publication on the internet.

* This Notice was amended on 20 June 2017 to provide further information about objections that may be made to a recording being included in the pilot; to indicate that the audio-visual recordings will be made available on the Supreme Court of Victoria website; and to replace the word 'streaming' with 'webcasting' to avoid any suggestion that in the usual course, recordings will be made available in real time. It was also amended on 16 July 2018 to confirm that the pilot, which was originally for a period of six months, is continuing.

During the pilot, where a party or its representative objects to the webcasting of a hearing, the hearing will not be webcast. The same will apply to the publication of appeal documents.

Audio-visual recordings will usually be made available a few business days after the hearing. This delay will enable the Court to review the recording and to edit it, if necessary, to ensure it does not publish information that should not be published.

For further information please contact the Court of Appeal registry at coaregistry@supcourt.vic.gov.au