



Supreme Court of Victoria Practice Note 8 of 2011

Decisions marked 'No point of principle' not to be cited without leave

The Chief Justice has authorised the issue of the following Practice Note.

COURT OF APPEAL

The criminal appeal reforms currently being implemented by the Court of Appeal are designed to promote the efficient disposition of criminal appeals and to maximise the effective utilisation of judicial resources. To further these objectives, the Court wishes to discourage unnecessary citation of prior decisions of the Court.

The following practice will be adopted with effect immediately. When a bench of the Court considers that its reasons for judgment in a criminal appeal contain no new point of principle, the catchwords on the cover sheet will include the words 'No point of principle'.

A judgment thus classified may not be cited in a subsequent appeal without the leave of the bench hearing that appeal.

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