



SUPREME COURT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

PRACTICE DIRECTION 2 OF 2025

EDITING OF EVIDENCE RECORDED BY THE SUPREME COURT

Application

1. This Practice Direction applies to all criminal proceedings before the Supreme Court.

Requirement to obtain order to edit evidence recorded by the Supreme Court

2. The Court will not edit, or allow edits to be made to, evidence recorded by the Supreme Court other than by order of a Judge. This includes evidence recorded at a pre-trial hearing and evidence recorded at a previous trial.

Time standard for editing evidence recorded by the Supreme Court

3. The Court requires a minimum of 2 weeks' notice prior to the commencement of a trial to edit evidence recorded by the Court.
4. This means that any application to edit evidence recorded by the Court will need to be filed, heard and determined at least 2 weeks prior to the trial date. This includes applying for the orders to be made by consent of the parties in chambers.

Requirement for parties to confirm edits

5. Edits will be made only as identified in the orders of the Judge. Parties should be aware that the recording may capture more than just what is identified in the 'evidence only' transcript, and care should be taken to ensure that all of the necessary edits are sought.
6. It is the responsibility of the party seeking the edits to ensure that the recording has been edited properly before the recording is shown to the jury.

By direction of the Chief Justice

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Jayne Reece

Registrar

2 July 2026

Amendment history:

29 April 2025 – Original Practice Direction

2 July 2026 – Amendments to paragraphs 5, 6