



## **SUPREME COURT PRACTICE NOTE SC GEN 20**

### **Citation of Authority**

#### **Commencement**

1. This Practice Note was issued on 12 September 2023 and commences on 1 October 2023.

#### **Application**

2. This Practice Note applies to the citation of authorities in all proceedings in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the Court of Appeal and the Court of Criminal Appeal, subject to Practice Note SC CA 1 Court of Appeal and SC CCA 1 Court of Criminal Appeal - General.

#### **Citation of Authority**

3. It is acceptable to use an available official medium neutral citation for the citing of any authorities.
4. Where however a judgment is reported in one of the following (authorised) reports, that citation should, as far as possible, also be noted in Lists of Authorities and written submissions (but it will be sufficient and appropriate to refer to medium neutral citation paragraph numbers of the judgment rather than page numbers in authorised reports in any written or oral submissions):
  - Commonwealth Law Reports (High Court of Australia)
  - Australian Capital Territory Law Reports (Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory)
  - Federal Court Reports (Federal Court of Australia)
  - New South Wales Law Reports (Supreme Court of New South Wales)
  - Northern Territory Law Reports (Supreme Court of Northern Territory)
  - Queensland Reports (Supreme Court of Queensland)
  - South Australian State Reports (Supreme Court of South Australia)
  - Tasmanian Reports (Supreme Court of Tasmania)
  - Victorian Reports (Supreme Court of Victoria)
  - Western Australian Reports (Supreme Court of Western Australia)

5. Unreported judgments should not be cited unless they contain a material statement of a legal principle relevant to the proceedings.

**The Hon. A S Bell**

Chief Justice of New South Wales

12 September 2023

**Amendment History**

12 September 2023: This Practice Note replaces the previous version of Practice Note SC Gen 20 which was issued on 15 May 2015.