



Magistrates' Court  
Victoria

## Practice Direction

No. 2 of 2006

### COMMITTAL HEARINGS AT SUBURBAN COURTS

Commencing 1 May 2006 the Magistrates' Court of Victoria will commence hearing committals of 1 day duration or less at suburban courts. The new procedure will be as follows :

- All committal mentions for the Melbourne metropolitan region will continue to be listed at Melbourne Magistrates Court.
- When a committal of 1 day's duration or less (excluding sexual offence committals) is to be listed as a contested committal, the Committal Co-ordinator's office will determine whether the matter is to be listed at a suburban court applying proper venue principles or whether the matter is to be listed at Melbourne.
- Practitioners will be advised at the time of listing as to the hearing venue.
- The basis of determination will be earliest available listing dates at each Court.

**IAN L GRAY**  
Chief Magistrate  
22 March 2006