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Request for feedback on Supreme Court Submissions Practice Note 2021

On 24 November 2021, the Supreme Court Judges issued the Supreme Court Submissions Practice Note. [Supreme Court Submissions Practice Note – Courts of New Zealand \(courtsfnz.govt.nz\)](https://courtsfnz.govt.nz) The Practice Note came into effect on 1 February 2022 and applied to written submissions, chronologies and outlines of argument filed after that date for any appeal hearing, subject to some exceptions.

During 2022, the Court livestreamed a number of its hearings and it intends to continue to do this. The publication of written submissions assists viewers of the livestream in following the proceedings.

The practice of publishing written submissions, chronologies and outlines of argument for appeal hearings was a trial, which the Court said it would review in light of the experience of the operation of the practice in 2022. The purpose of this letter is to seek feedback on the operation of the Practice Note and indications as to whether the practice should continue and, if so, suggestions for any changes that might be made.

I would be grateful to receive your feedback by 21 April 2023. Submissions should be direct to Sue Leaupepe, Supreme Court Registrar, sue.leaupepe@justice.govt.nz.

Hei konā mai i roto i āku mihi,

Helen Winkelmann
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