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### **Notice to the OPP, Victorian Criminal Bar, VLA and CDPP**

This note relates the Criminal Trial Division of the Supreme Court and in particular the role of the Judicial Registrar in conducting directions hearings.

The *Supreme Court (Criminal Procedure) Rules 2008* have been amended, effective from Monday 29 May 2017, to expand the authority of the Judicial Registrar. Those amendments are in Statutory Rule 34/2017.

These amendments will facilitate the Judicial Registrar conducting post-committal directions hearings and directions hearings in matters where a matter has not been allocated to a trial judge.

From Tuesday, 30 May 2017, Judicial Registrar Pedley will conduct the post-committal directions hearings as set out in Supreme Court of Victoria Practice Note SC CR1 Case Management Procedure for Criminal Trials.