



Magistrates' Court  
of Victoria

**Practice Direction  
No. 1 of 2014**

**Amendment to Practice Direction No. 8 of 2013**

**Background**

Direction 4 of Practice Direction No. 8 entitled "Directions concerning Conduct of Civil Litigation" provides:

"where a complaint is filed by lodging an electronic message in accordance with the Rule 4.04 (2) (b) of the Rules, a true copy of the complaint must be filed in the relevant registry of the Court prior to the plaintiff taking any further step in the proceeding".

In the substantial number of proceedings where there is neither a Notice of Defence filed and served or any other response by defendants an electronic record of the proceeding is considered adequate.

Accordingly, the purpose of this Practice Direction is to limit the need for filing the complaint and affidavit of service to those cases in which there is a response by the defendant.

**Directions:**

Direction 4 is amended to read:

1. Where a complaint is filed by lodging an electronic message in accordance with the rule 4.04 (2) (b) of the Rules, true copies of the complaint and affidavit of service must be filed by the plaintiff in the relevant Registry of the Court upon the defendant taking any step in the proceeding.
2. This practice direction operates from 13 February 2014.

Peter Lauritsen  
Chief Magistrate

Date: 13 February 2014