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Courtroom technology in Australian courts: An exploration into its availability, use and acceptance – *Frederika De Wilde*

Today's high-tech world is marked by societal dependence on technology, innovative multimedia, rapid online dissemination of electronic files and e-commerce. Courts' traditional, long established principles and practices are adapting to this new reality. Australian courts are welcoming the technological momentum by adopting state-of-the-art courtroom technology and taking the initiative to encourage its use in litigation. This article explores the inevitable transformation in order to determine its extent, advantages, disadvantages, challenges and future direction. It demonstrates that Australian courts are resourceful and innovative in their use of courtroom technology. It also identifies and considers the impacts of courtroom technology on the judiciary, legal profession and the public.

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