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Few matters have been tried in Queensland in a form fairly regarded as “electronic trials.” The last matter tried with the use of sophisticated commercial software applications was over five years ago, in *Emanuel Management Pty Ltd v Fosters Brewing Group Ltd* [2003] QSC 205. This article considers the evidence in Australia and elsewhere about the substantial efficiencies and other intangible benefits evidence presentation technology offers to the trial process, and urges participants in the trial process to embrace courtroom technology to reduce court time and enhance the quality of evidence presentation. It argues that previous unsatisfactory electronic trial experience should be seen as a beginning from which best practice trial technology will develop, and from which substantial benefits will accrue. .... 139

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