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[Ed Note: The matters discussed by the Victorian Court of Criminal Appeal in this matter are not relevant to the Magistrates' Court]