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Support for persons with disability No. 1

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[1A] Section 14E

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14E Reasonable support for potential jurors with disability

- This section applies if a judge is satisfied a person summoned to (1) attend to serve as a juror, and who has not claimed an exemption or otherwise been excused from attendance, may be unable to properly discharge the duties of a juror, because the person has a mental or physical disability.
- (2) The judge must
 - consider if support that would enable the person to (a) properly discharge the duties of a juror can reasonably be given, and

Examples of reasonable support— the provision of an Auslan interpreter, disability aid, support person or assistance animal

(b) if satisfied the support can reasonably be given, make a direction that the support be given.