



## **PUBLIC NOTICE - COVID-19**

### **PERTH AND PEEL COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS FROM 8 FEBRUARY 2021**

This notice applies to the Supreme Court of Western Australia (including the Court of Appeal), the District Court of Western Australia, the Family Court of Western Australia, the Magistrates Court of Western Australia, the Children's Court of Western Australia, the Coroner's Court of Western Australia and the State Administrative Tribunal. It is made with the authority of the head of each jurisdiction.

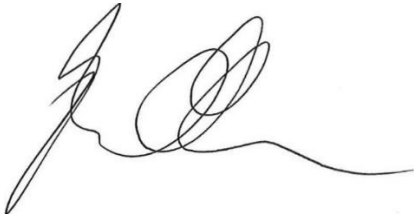
During the transition period announced by the Government of Western Australia for the Perth and Peel regions (the **affected regions**) for the period from 5 February 2021 to 14 February 2021, the following general directions apply in relation to court and tribunal hearings:

1. All trials and in-person hearings (including jury trials and mediations) listed to commence on or after 8 February 2021 in the affected regions will proceed as listed, unless alternative arrangements are expressly made for them to be vacated or to proceed remotely.
2. All persons attending courts and tribunals must wear masks at all times, including in courtrooms, hearing rooms and mediation rooms, unless expressly provided for in the *Safe Transition For Western Australia Directions*. The requirement to wear a mask applies to judicial officers, court staff, counsel, jurors and members of the public.
3. Exceptions to the wearing of masks may apply in some circumstances during the course of hearings or mediations. The application of those exceptions will be determined by the judicial officer presiding at each hearing.
4. In addition to the modifications already made to the layout of courtrooms to enable social distancing, a variety of other public health measures will apply,

including an enhanced cleaning regime and control over direction of movement.

5. Court and tribunal users should also refer to the website of each individual court or tribunal for further information as to any particular arrangements applicable to that court or tribunal.

Dated 5 February 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Quinlan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Hon Justice Peter Quinlan  
Chief Justice of Western Australia