



SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

UPDATED PUBLIC NOTICE - COVID-19

Consistent with the Phase 2 easing of restrictions due to commence in Western Australia on 18 May 2020, the following directions in relation to the business of the Supreme Court of Western Australia (including the Court of Appeal) are effective immediately.

Unless otherwise stated the directions in the Public Notice dated 18 March 2020 continue to apply.

COURT OF APPEAL

The provisions of the Public Notice dated 18 March 2020 in relation to appeal hearings, status conferences and directions hearings continue to apply subject to the following:

In criminal appeal hearings where all parties are legally represented, counsel and one instructing solicitor for each party may appear in person at all hearings provided that appropriate social distancing (1.5 metres) is observed at all times.

An offender in a criminal appeal will continue to appear by video link. If that is not feasible, then attendance is to be by telephone.

In civil appeal hearings counsel and one instructing solicitor for each party, or a self-represented party, may appear in person at all hearings provided that appropriate social distancing (1.5 metres) is observed at all times

SUPREME COURT - GENERAL DIVISION

The provisions of the Public Notice dated 18 March 2020 in relation to civil proceedings, appeal hearings, status conferences and directions hearings continue to apply subject to the following:

The direction made on 27 March 2020 (to the effect that civil proceedings, to the extent that they involve witnesses giving oral evidence, will only proceed with the express

authorisation of the Chief Justice) is revoked. Such hearings may be listed for hearing by the judicial officer concerned in the usual manner.

Civil trials will be conducted, in the ordinary course, with the attendance of counsel, solicitors and parties in person, provided that appropriate social distancing (1.5 metres) is observed at all times. Civil trials will only occur in courtrooms that can ensure appropriate social distancing.

Wherever possible, contested chambers hearings and General Division appeals (civil and criminal) will be conducted in person. Attendance by telephone may be arranged upon request by prior arrangement. Arrangements will be made by the associate to the judicial officer concerned.

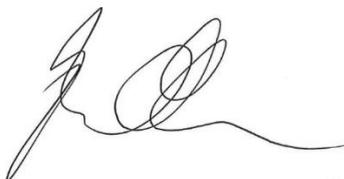
Directions hearings, case management conferences and strategic conferences will continue to be conducted by telephone, at the discretion of the judicial officer. Arrangements will be made by the associate to the judicial officer concerned. Where practitioners or parties are present in person at such hearings appropriate social distancing (1.5 metres) must be observed at all times.

ADMISSIONS

The provisions of the Public Notice dated 18 March 2020 will apply to the admissions ceremonies scheduled for hearing on 5 June 2020 and 3 July 2020. The Full Court will sit on those dates to accommodate any urgent applications for admission.

It is expected that, subject to final confirmation, formal admissions ceremonies will resume on 7 August 2020.

Dated 15 May 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Quinlan', written in a cursive style.

The Hon Justice Peter Quinlan
Chief Justice of Western Australia