



## **DISTRICT COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE – COVID-19**

#### **LISTING OF CIVIL TRIALS**

*This notice applies from 22 May 2020 in respect of the listing of civil trials.*

#### **Background**

By Public Notice - COVID -19 Response Civil Jurisdiction Change in Practice the public was informed that from 6 April 2020 all civil trials listed for hearing up to 3 July 2020 would be vacated except where there were exceptional circumstances, that civil trials listed after the 3 July 2020 would be reviewed sometime in June 2020 and that, save for expedited trials, no new trial would be listed prior to 30 October 2020.

Due to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions and the reduced incidence of COVID-19 cases in the community the court has reviewed its trial listing practices.

#### **Trials**

Henceforth civil trials will be listed in accordance with normal listing practices and subject to any order made by a judge the trial will be conducted in accordance with social distancing requirements under Government COVID 19 guidelines. This means civil trials can now be listed for immediate hearing.

#### **Expedited trials**

The Court will continue to expedite the hearing of trials where circumstances require, including circumstances in which the plaintiff may have a limited life expectancy.



**Practice directions**

Practice Direction 17 of the Consolidated Civil Practice Directions will shortly be amended to reflect the above.

Dated the 22 May 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie Wager'.

Her Honour Judge Julie Wager

Chief Judge of the District Court of Western Australia