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**SUPREME COURT OF THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS

SPECIAL FIXTURES

The following procedure is to apply in respect of special fixtures.

Hearing estimated to take 5 days or more

When the hearing of a matter is estimated to take 5 days or more, it will be set down, at the time of the listing hearing, as a special fixture.

Matter given an expedited hearing

When a matter is given an expedited hearing date, it will be set down as a special fixture.

An application for an expedited hearing will be listed before the Registrar (Mondays at 10:00am) and should be accompanied by an affidavit containing:

- (1) The grounds for expedition and the issues which are anticipated will arise;
- (2) An estimate of the hearing time;
- (3) The number of witnesses to be called and the nature of their evidence;
- (4) A statement as to whether senior or junior counsel are briefed in the matter; and
- (5) Any other facts which are relevant to the reason for expedition.

Procedure relating to special fixtures

Matters set down as a special fixture will be docketed to the trial judge (or to a nominated resident judge where the hearing has been set down before an

additional judge), and will be given a date for directions before that judge 14 days after the date on which the trial date has been allocated.

Directions will be given for purposes which include confining the issues to those really in dispute, discovery of documents and facts appropriate to the circumstances, simplifying proof of facts and preventing surprise by giving adequate notice of the documentary and oral evidence to be relied upon. There must be strict compliance with the directions given.

The parties must be prepared to accept and work towards the hearing date allocated.

The matter will then remain under the control of the assigned judge who will monitor compliance with any directions given. All further applications will be listed before the assigned judge.

The court file will clearly identify the assigned judge. All documents should be filed at the registry in the usual manner and will be forwarded to the assigned judge.

J.E. CIRCOSTA
Registrar

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