

## **CHAMBERS OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Operation of the ACT Supreme Court during COVID-19 outbreak**

**16 March 2020**

The space and audiovisual facilities available in the new Court building will support the safe continuation of the Court's functions.

There will be no disruption to current jury trials.

Commencing Monday 16 March 2020, special measures will be taken to protect the health of persons summoned to attend for jury service and those who are selected as jurors. These measures are designed to provide good hygiene and ensure appropriate social distancing between panel members, jurors and others. Implementation of these measures may mean that, during March/April 2020, some jury trials are rescheduled, but rescheduling will be kept to a minimum.

Commencing Tuesday, 17 March 2020, the Registrar and Deputy Registrar will conduct all lists by way of teleconference or video link. Further information will be provided to affected legal representatives and parties.

As Court staff are working hard to implement the new measures, please keep direct inquiries to a minimum and refer to the Court website for further information. As a starting point, assume that the Court is operating as normal.

The health situation may change rapidly, and the Court will respond as soon as practicable to any change.

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