



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

### **PERTH AND PEEL COVID-19 LOCKDOWN FROM 29 JUNE 2021 TO 2 JULY 2021**

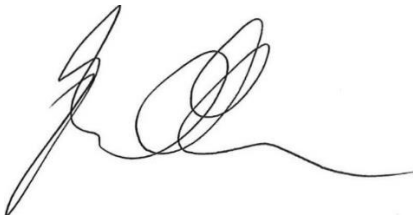
This notice applies to the Supreme Court of Western Australia (including the Court of Appeal), the District Court of Western Australia, the Family Court of Western Australia, the Magistrates Court of Western Australia, the Children's Court of Western Australia, the Coroner's Court of Western Australia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

During the lockdown period announced by the Government of Western Australia for the Perth and Peel regions (the **affected regions**) for the period from 29 June 2021 to 2 July 2021, the following general directions apply in relation to court and tribunal hearings:

1. All trials and substantive in-person hearings (including jury trials) listed to commence or continue from 29 June 2021 to 2 July 2021 in the affected regions will be vacated, unless alternative arrangements are expressly made for them to continue.
2. Each court or tribunal will determine whether other hearings (including mediations) listed from 29 June 2021 to 2 July 2021 will proceed as listed. Whether that occurs will depend upon the availability and suitability of a remote hearing, the urgency of the matter and the personal circumstances and availability of the parties and their representatives. Such arrangements should be made with the individual court or tribunal concerned.
3. Each court and tribunal will maintain its duty roster for any matter that is urgent.

4. Unless other arrangements are made, hearings in Western Australia outside the affected regions will proceed as listed. If any hearing outside the affected regions is likely to be impacted by the lock down, contact should be made with the court or tribunal concerned.
5. All persons attending courts and tribunals must wear masks at all times, including in courtrooms, hearing rooms and mediation rooms, unless expressly exempted. The requirement to wear a mask applies to judicial officers, court staff, counsel, jurors and members of the public.
6. 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.
7. 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 28 June 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'P' followed by several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

The Hon Justice Peter Quinlan  
Chief Justice of Western Australia