

SUPREME COURT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

PRACTICE DIRECTION NO. 1 OF 1974

FOG AT CANBERRA AIRPORT

It is notorious that from April to October, in the morning, Canberra Airport is often closed by fog. During these months, practitioners and witnesses should not rely on a morning aircraft to Canberra to get them to court in time to appear that day.

The closure of Canberra Airport by fog in the morning will not be accepted by the court as an explanation for the absence of practitioners or witnesses. In such a case the court's normal practice will be either to require that the hearing proceed notwithstanding the absence of the practitioner or witness, or to take the matter out of the list.

The responsibility for bringing this matter to the attention of counsel who does not have chambers in the Territory is upon his or her instructing solicitor.

By direction of the Judges

Annie Glover
Registrar
ACT Supreme Court

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Amendment history

13 March 2015: This Practice Direction replaces the previous version of PD 1 of 1974 that was issued on 1 April 1974