

Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

Strategic Statement

The Court's Purpose

1. To maintain and promote the rule of law.
2. To provide leadership within the justice system.

The Court achieves its purpose:

1. By delivering impartial, high quality and timely decisions.
2. By resolving each case by the process most suited to achieving a just, quick and effective outcome.
3. By ensuring transparent, easy and cost-effective access to the Court for all.
4. By communicating openly, clearly and respectfully.
5. By being accountable for the use of public resources.
6. By developing and applying best practice.

Judicial Priorities for 2018/2019

1. To transition smoothly to the new Supreme Court building and to develop the best methods of integration into the new physical environment.
2. To pilot criminal case conferencing.
3. As far as practicable, to implement the National Standards for Working with Interpreters in Courts and Tribunals developed by the Judicial Council for Cultural Diversity.
4. As part of implementing the International Framework for Court Excellence, to review key activities and projects against the Framework and undertake a user survey of the Court.
5. To develop protocols for undertaking Court processes by electronic means and to pilot eTrial technologies.
6. To review all the Court's practice directions including the Court of Appeal Practice Direction.

7. To review and continue implementing the Court's Strategic Plan to Facilitate access to the Court for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in the ACT.
8. Subject to Government funding, to finalise a proposal for a Drug and Alcohol Court and commence implementing the proposal.