

## **SCHEDULE 1**

### **NOTICE THAT COMPLYS WITH PARAGRAPH 5(b) OF PRACTICE DIRECTION 1 OF 2025 CASE MANAGEMENT IN PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED BY ORIGINATING CLAIM**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Practice Direction 1 of 2025 (the Practice Direction) requires that the legal practitioners acting for you give you notice of some important matters.

The Magistrates Court of the Australian Capital Territory aims to deal with cases quickly and fairly. It aims to have cases completed within 12 months. The manner in which cases will usually be managed is set out in the Practice Direction. The Court will usually make orders that set a timetable for the preparation of each case for hearing.

The Court considers that compliance with those orders, the requirements of the Practice Direction and the *Court Procedures Rules 2006* is very important. If Court orders are not complied with, the Court may dismiss actions or counterclaims or strike out defences. It may also make costs orders against parties. This means that if you fail to comply with the orders of the Court for the preparation of your case for hearing there may be serious adverse consequences for you.

Your lawyers act on your behalf. If your lawyers do not conduct your case in accordance with the orders of the Court, the Practice Direction and the *Court Procedures Rules 2006* then you are responsible. This may have significant consequences for you. You should ensure that you discuss with your lawyers what they will do to ensure that you comply with all requirements including the orders of the Court for the preparation of your case.