SUPREME COURT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ADVICE TO COURT USERS

ACT Lockdown - Special Measures in response to the COVID 19 Virus

General Information

Court users are advised that the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory is following the advice of the Territory and Commonwealth governments (the governments) in relation to COVID 19, in managing the Courts operations.

The Supreme Court will continue operations during the current ACT lockdown with the below measures in place.

Anyone required to quarantine in accordance with government advice must not attend the court precinct. This includes individuals on bail or subject to summonses, subpoenas or other compulsory processes. Instead, such persons MUST contact the registry team in advance on the contact details below to make other arrangements, for example appearing by video link or telephone. If you fail to do so you may be in breach of your bail or Court Orders and action may be taken against you.

Changes to Court Operations:

All Supreme Court and Court of Appeal matters will proceed with appearances by AVL where appropriate to the circumstances of the matter.

How to make arrangements to appear by video-link or telephone:

To request an appearance by video link or telephone, court users are to contact the registry by email:

Supreme Court: SCListing@courts.act.gov.au:

or telephone 6205 0000 no later than 1 business day prior to their listing to provide contact details (email and telephone) for the purposes of the video link or telephone link.

Public Counter Filing Documents and Public Counter

All documents are to be filed by e-lodgement, where available, or by email to the following addresses:

Supreme Court appeals and Supreme Court Criminal: SCCriminal@courts.act.gov.au

Supreme Court Civil: Civil@courts.act.gov.au

Documents can also be filed by leaving them in the "postbox" in the court foyer marked "Supreme Court"

The public counter will close for lodgements and enquiries for Supreme Court matters from 4:30pm on 12 August 2021 until further notice.

Jayne Réece

Registrar, ACT Supreme Court

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