



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

### **LOCK DOWN IN PERTH, PEEL AND SOUTH WEST REGION COMMENCING 31 JANUARY 2021**

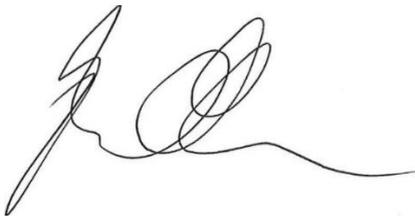
This notice applies to the Supreme Court of Western Australia (including the Court of Appeal), the District Court of Western Australia, the Family Court of Western Australia, the Magistrates Court of Western Australia, the Children's Court of Western Australia and the State Administrative Tribunal. It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

For the purposes of the lock down announced by the Government of Western Australia for the Perth, Peel and South West regions (the **affected regions**) on 31 January 2021, the following general directions apply in relation to court and tribunal hearings:

1. All trials and substantive in-person hearings listed during the week beginning 1 February 2021 in the affected regions will be vacated, unless alternative arrangements are expressly made for them to continue. This includes all jury trials.
2. All other in-person hearings (including mediations) listed on 1 February 2021 in the affected regions will be vacated, unless alternative arrangements are expressly made for them to continue.
3. Each court will determine whether other in-person hearings (including mediations) listed for 2 February to 5 February 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.

4. Each court and tribunal will maintain its duty roster for any matter that is urgent.
5. 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.

Dated 31 January 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Quinlan', written in a cursive style.

The Hon Justice Peter Quinlan  
Chief Justice of Western Australia