

PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 1 OF 2016

CHILDRENS COURT OF QUEENSLAND

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS – CHILD PROTECTION PROCEEDINGS WHERE THE
DIRECTOR OF CHILD PROTECTION LITIGATION IS DEEMED A PARTY**

1. This Practice Direction repeals Practice Direction 1 of 2014 and applies to proceedings under the *Child Protection Act 1999* (CPA) that are dealt with in the Childrens Court of Queensland as constituted by a Judge or a Magistrate.
2. Upon commencement of the *Director of Child Protection Litigation Act 2016* (DCPLA) on 1 July 2016, transitional provisions under the DCPLA deem the Director of Child Protection Litigation (the Director) to be the applicant in child protection proceedings, including proceedings transferred to Queensland, and relevant appellate proceedings, in lieu of the authorised officer, where such proceedings have not been finally dealt with immediately before the date of commencement.
3. The *Childrens Court Rules 2016* (“CCR”) do not prescribe any obligation to file a notice of change of a party, but rule 21(4) CCR does require a party to a proceeding to file and serve a notice of any change in the party’s address for service as soon as practicable after the change.
4. The purpose of this Practice Direction is to relieve the Director from their obligation under s21 (4) of CCR to file and serve a notice of change of address for service in child protection proceedings where the Director has been deemed to be the applicant in those proceedings as referred to in paragraph 2 above. This will ensure that child protection proceedings in this court are dealt with efficiently and expeditiously.
5. For the purposes of the *Childrens Court Rules 2016*, as and from the 1 July 2016, the address for service of The Director of Child Protection Litigation for proceedings referred to in paragraph 2 above is taken to be:

Director of Child Protection Litigation

Level 1 State Law Building,
50 Ann Street, Brisbane Qld 4000
Email: enquiries@dcpl.qld.gov.au
Fax: 3404 3577

GPO Box 2939
Brisbane 4001
Ph: 3404 3578
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6. It will not be necessary for the Registrar to place on the file for any such proceeding a copy of this practice direction or other notification of the change of address. The publication of the practice direction is itself deemed to be sufficient notification of the change.

**Judge M Shanahan
President
Childrens Court of Queensland
1 July 2016**