Magistrates Courts

Practice Direction No. 7 of 2008

Part heard matters at the Brisbane Magistrates Court

- 1. This Practice Direction is intended to assist with case management of the Brisbane Magistrates Court (hereinafter referred to as "the Court").
- 2. It applies to all matters which are:
 - (a.) Part heard before a particular magistrate; and
 - (b.) A party in the matter requests an adjournment from or the vacation of future hearing dates, or a change of plea in the matter ("the change of arrangements")
- The party requesting the change of arrangements will advise the Registrar of Courts, the Brisbane Co-ordinating Magistrate and all other parties in the hearing (including non-legally represented parties) that the matter is to be listed for the purpose of determining this request.
- 4. The Registrar of Courts (or Brisbane Co-ordinating Magistrate) will list the matter for mention before the Magistrate who is hearing the matter to determine the issue and advise the parties of the mention date.
- 5. In the event that the Magistrate who is hearing the matter is not available within a reasonable time to hear the application then the matter will be listed for mention before the Brisbane Co-ordinating Magistrate or another Magistrate who will cause the Magistrate hearing the matter to be advised of the making and outcome of such application.
- the advice may be given to the Registrar of Courts and Brisbane Co-ordinating Magistrate either by :
 - (a) email to cmoffice@justice.qld.gov.au;
 - (b) facsimile to (07) 3220 0088; or
 - (c) post to GPO Box 1649, Brisbane Qld 4001
- 7. This Practice Direction will take effect on and from 29 August 2008.

Judge MP Irwin Chief Magistrate 29 August 2008