



Murri Court Evaluation

Defendant's consent

Please talk to the defendant about the Murri Court evaluation and ask if they consent to participate.

The Murri Court is being evaluated to find out what is working well and what could be improved. Information from Murri Court defendants, including information about their culture, lives, needs and referrals will be used in the evaluation. The evaluation will also ask Murri Court defendants what they think about the court and how it could be improved. All the information collected will help Elders and magistrates improve Murri Court for the future.

If you agree to take part in the evaluation, your information will be kept secure and anonymous. This means no-one will be able to link your information directly back to you. Your privacy is protected by the law (The *Information Privacy Act (2009)* (IP Act)). This means we cannot use your information in the evaluation without your consent.

You do not have to participate in the evaluation. By agreeing for your personal information to be included in the evaluation, you will be helping DJAG to improve Murri Court for future defendants.

I **consent** to my personal information being used in the evaluation of Murri Court.

I **do not consent** to my personal information being used in the evaluation of Murri Court.

Defendant's signature

Date

Parent/Guardian signature
(where defendant is under 18)

Date

If you would like more information about the evaluation, please ask the community justice group for a copy of the evaluation information sheet.

Please scan and email a copy of this consent form and the defendant's responses on the defendant questionnaire to: murricourt@justice.qld.gov.au

Murri Court Entry Questionnaire

Defendant questionnaire

Murri Court is being evaluated to find out what is working well and what could be improved. We will ask you what you like and don't like about Murri Court. We will also ask you what you like and don't like about the Magistrates Court. That way we will know how Murri Court and Magistrate Court are different. The things you tell us will help Elders and magistrates improve Murri Court in the future. We will **not** share your answers on this form with the Murri Court magistrate.

How motivated are you to make positive changes in your life? *Not at all motivated* *A little bit motivated* *Fairly motivated* *Very motivated*

Why do you want to go to **Murri Court**?

Do you think **Murri Court** will help you to make positive changes in your life? Yes No Don't know

Now I would like to ask you some questions about **Magistrates Court** which you might know as mainstream court.

Have you appeared in the **Magistrates Court (mainstream court)** before? Yes No (end questions)

Thinking about the last time you appeared in the **Magistrates Court (mainstream court)**, do you agree or disagree with the following statements...



Strongly disagree



Disagree



Agree



Strongly agree



Don't know

1. I felt welcomed at the **Magistrates Court (mainstream court)**
2. I was treated like a person, not a number
3. I felt nervous when I was sitting in the courtroom
4. I was able to explain my side of the story in the **Magistrates Court**
5. I felt fairly treated by the **Magistrates Court**
6. The **Magistrates Court** seemed interested in me as a person
7. I have a lot of respect for the **Magistrates Court**
8. I understood what was said to me in the **Magistrates Court**
9. The **Magistrates Court** respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
10. I understood my sentence
11. I think my sentence was fair
 - a. Why do you think your sentence was fair? OR
Why don't you think your sentence was fair?
12. I knew what was expected of me when I left the **Magistrates Court** (eg who I reported to, the conditions on my order)
13. Going to the **Magistrates Court** helped me to make positive changes in my life
14. What, if anything, would you like to change about the way the **Magistrates Court** dealt with you?
15. Did the **Magistrates Court** ask you to attend a support service (e.g drug & alcohol program, counselling)?
16. What support service did the **Magistrates Court** ask you to attend?
17. Did the support service help you to make positive changes in your life?

Yes No

Yes No