

# Magistrates Courts

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## Practice Direction No. 5 of 2025

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### Court Link – Brisbane Magistrates Court

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1. This Practice Direction commences on Friday 21 February 2025 and applies solely to the conduct of matters in the Court Link list in the Brisbane Magistrates Court. It is to be read in conjunction with Practice Direction 8 of 2017 (Amended) – Court Link.
2. Recommendation 124 from the Womens Safety and Justice Taskforce, Report 2, states:

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General, work with the Chief Magistrate, in a way that does not jeopardise judicial independence, to pilot a women's list within the Court Link program operating within the Magistrates Court. The women's list will aim to identify and address the underlying needs of women in contract with the criminal justice system through risk assessment, connect women to gender-responsive case management, and support women to address their needs while they are on bail.

3. This Practice Direction establishes a staggered listing approach at the Brisbane Magistrates Court Court Link Callover.
4. A Court Link Callover will continue being held every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month unless otherwise appears in the Court Calendar for Brisbane Magistrates Court.
5. As from Friday 21 February 2025 a staggered listing times of 9 am and 11 am will be trialed.
6. The 11 am list will be for the following participants:
  - (a) women who are admitted to the Court Link program case management; and
  - (b) who are recommended by their case manager and willing to appear in the 11 am list.
7. All other defendants will be listed to appear at 9:00 am.

  
Judge Janelle Brassington  
Chief Magistrate  
7 February 2025