## **Magistrates Courts**

## **Practice Direction No. 8 of 2020**

Issued: 18 August 2020

Repeal of Practice Directions – Queensland Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment (QMERIT) Program & Queensland Integrated Court Referrals

- 1. Court Link commenced in Redcliffe and Maroochydore in December 2019, replacing the Queensland Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment Program (QMERIT).
- 2. All QMERIT matters at those locations have been finalised. Accordingly Practice Direction No. 1 of 2016 (Amended) is now repealed.
- 3. Court Link commenced in Brisbane in November 2017, Cairns in June 2018, Ipswich and Southport in November 2018, replacing Queensland Integrated Court Referrals (QICR). QICR was provided in Mount Isa until July 2019 with Court Link commencing in January 2020.
- 4. All QICR matters at those locations have been finalised. Accordingly, Practice Direction No. 4 of 2016 (amended) is now repealed.

Judge Terry Gardiner Chief Magistrate 18 August 2020