

## NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION

**From:** Chief Justice Holmes AC  
Chief Judge Devereaux SC

**Date:** 29 March 2021

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In light of the three day lockdown announced this morning, from Tuesday 30 March 2021, the following steps will be taken in relation to court proceedings in the Brisbane, Beenleigh and Ipswich court areas:

1. No juries will be empanelled. A Supreme Court trial already under way will continue.
2. Supreme Court applications will proceed according to the protocol to be found on the courts' website. For District Court applications, practitioners will be advised by the Applications Judge whether and how applications will proceed.
3. No Court of Appeal matters are listed for hearing this week. A civil appeal callover listed for Wednesday 31 March will be held at a later date.
4. Civil and Planning & Environment trials will proceed wherever possible.
5. Sentences and other matters involving unrepresented prisoners will proceed by video link, provided that the prisons do not move from stage 3 to stage 4 lockdown. It is likely to be known later today whether that will be the case.
6. Masks must be worn at all times in court buildings, save at the direction of a Judge when a proceeding is under way.

**Catherine Holmes AC**  
Chief Justice of Queensland

**Brian Devereaux SC**  
Chief Judge