

MAGISTRATES COURTS

PRACTICE DIRECTION

NO. 1 OF 2002

UNIFORM CIVIL PROCEDURES RULES 1999

The purpose of this Practice Direction is to facilitate the referral for alternative dispute resolution of matters to be tried in the Magistrates Courts – **Southport Magistrates Registry only.**

Legal representatives of party or parties, are to indicate, in requests for trial dates, and for directions conferences, the estimated length of trials and that parties have been made or are aware of ADR processes.

Matters of two days or more, will, where appropriate, be referred by a Magistrate to an ADR process; matters of less than two days may be referred to a Magistrate by the Registrar for consideration for referral.

Parties are able to object to such a referral under Rule 319.



**(DM FINGLETON)
CHIEF MAGISTRATE**

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