

PRACTICE DIRECTION NUMBER 27 OF 2019

SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND

**QUESTIONS REFERRED BY A COURT OR TRIBUNAL PURSUANT TO
THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 2019 (QLD)**

1. The purpose of this Practice Direction is to establish a system to facilitate the timely disposition of questions referred (a referral) by a court or tribunal pursuant to s 49 *Human Rights Act 2019* (HRA).
2. Paragraphs [3]-[5] of this Practice Direction only apply to referrals to the Supreme Court. For referrals originating in the Supreme Court, the existing Court of Appeal procedure is to be used – See Supreme Court Practice Direction 3 of 2013.
3. The form and content of a referral is to be as per Rule 486 of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules (UCPR)* and in the appropriately adapted approved *UCPR* Form 1.
4. The referring court or tribunal will file the referral with a Supreme Court registry.
5. Upon filing, the registry will list the matter before the Applications Judge for directions to facilitate the efficient and timely determination of the matter.
6. Parties must consider the requirements of section 52 HRA and give notice in the approved form as required.
7. If the Attorney-General and/or Human Rights Commission elect to intervene in the determination of a referral, each is to file a Notice of Appearance with the registry.
8. Once the referral has been finalised by the court, the registry will notify the relevant court or tribunal of the court's orders as soon as practicable.



Catherine Holmes
Chief Justice
16 December 2019