

Magistrates Courts

Practice Direction No. 2 of 2020

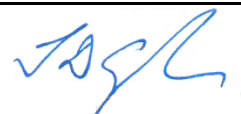
Court Arrangements (COVID-19)

1. Magistrates Courts across Queensland are open and hearing cases. This Practice Direction positions the Court to respond to the evolving situation. Arrangements are being put in place to respond to COVID-19 to ensure the spread of the infection is limited as far as possible and to continue to provide Court services to the Queensland community.
2. From Monday, 23 March 2020 Courts in Column 1 (of the below schedule) will hear matters in accordance with local guidelines issued by a Regional Coordinating Magistrate until directed by a Regional Coordinator Magistrate that matters will be heard from a nominated Court in Column 2.
3. The Regional Coordinating Magistrates are:

Brisbane	Deputy Chief Magistrate Brassington
Ipswich	Magistrate MacCallum
Gold Coast	Magistrate Philipson
Sunshine Coast	Magistrate Callaghan
Rockhampton	Magistrate Press
Townsville	Magistrate Mack
Cairns	Magistrate Pinder
4. Each Regional Coordinating Magistrate will issue a Guideline for their Region incorporating local arrangements for their Region.
5. Subject to any legislative provisions, where a Guideline issued by the Regional Coordinating Magistrate is inconsistent with the provisions of a previous Practice Direction, then the Guideline shall apply until such time as it is amended or revoked.
6. Local Guidelines may be amended and reissued by the Regional Coordinating Magistrate as the need arises.

SCHEDULE 1

Column 1 Original courts	Column 2 Alternative courts
Brisbane District Cleveland Holland Park Longreach District Pine Rivers Redcliffe District Richlands Sandgate Wynnum	Brisbane Central
Cairns District Cooktown District Innisfail District Thursday Island District	Cairns Brisbane Central
Townsville District Charters Towers District Cloncurry District Hughenden District Mount Isa District	Townsville Brisbane Central
Rockhampton District Bowen District Bundaberg District Clermont District Emerald District Gladstone District Mackay District	Rockhampton Mackay Brisbane Central
Maroochydore District Caboolture Gympie District Hervey Bay District Kingaroy District Maryborough District	Maroochydore Caboolture Kingaroy Brisbane Central
Gold Coast District Beenleigh District	Southport Beenleigh Brisbane Central
Ipswich District Beaudesert District Charleville District Cunnamulla District Dalby District Goondiwindi District Roma District Stanthorpe District Toowoomba District Warwick District	Ipswich Toowoomba Brisbane Central Division



Judge Terry Gardiner
 Chief Magistrate
 18 March 2020