

SUPREME AND DISTRICT COURTS
USE OF TECHNOLOGY DURING COVID-19 RESPONSE

Further to the announcement made by the Chief Justice and the Chief Judge on 18 March 2020, the Queensland Supreme and District Courts will over coming weeks be seeking to maximise the use of technology with a view to minimising the need for physical attendance in courtrooms.

The judge presiding over particular matters will determine whether they may be conducted by telephone or video link. Where possible parties will be advised of that determination by the way in which the matter is listed in the law list. Otherwise the presiding judge's associate will advise (or may be contacted).

The attached guides have been prepared to assist the profession in the use of telephone or video links. It is important to note, however, that it is expected that the video conference infrastructure will be under unprecedented pressure during the coming weeks, and therefore every effort must be made to minimise usage to avoid it being overloaded. Steps are underway to solve that issue, but for the moment, the first preference for hearing matters remotely is the use of the Chorus Call Telephone Conference solution. Video Conferencing should only be used for contentious matters or those where there is a special need to do so. The allocation of call-in numbers the solution to be used in any particular matter will be communicated to all parties by the Registry (or the presiding judge's associate) as required.

Chief Justice
23/3/2020

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