



**SUPREME COURT
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
Stirling Gardens
Barrack Street
Perth WA 6000

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Supreme Court in Old Treasury development

Chief Justice Wayne Martin today welcomed the announcement that the Supreme Court will be part of the Old Treasury Buildings redevelopment.

He said the Court had been waiting more than 20 years for government to respond to its accommodation woes. He and the Court appreciated the fact that this Government had acted to address a need which had been recognised but not met by previous governments.

“The Court would have preferred a solution which would have enabled all its accommodation needs to be met on one site, but is aware that there has been some resistance to any expansion of its premises in Stirling Gardens,” he said.

“We are committed to maintaining the heritage value and significance of the 1903 building within the gardens by continuing to conduct trials and at least some appeals within that building.

“Because it is not practicable to conduct criminal trials in the new building, and the 1903 building has insufficient court rooms to accommodate our criminal work, this necessarily means that our work will be conducted across three sites. It is proposed to configure the new building so as to enable all civil work and some appellate work to be conducted in that building, whereas criminal work and some appellate work will be conducted in the 1903 building and some criminal trials in the District Court building.

“We are very pleased that these arrangements will provide satisfactory facilities for the administration of justice by the State’s highest court for the foreseeable future.”

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