



# COURTS AND TRIBUNALS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Western Australian Courts and Tribunals Reconciliation Statement**

In an Australian first, a special joint sitting of all Western Australian courts and tribunals will be convened by the heads of jurisdiction during Reconciliation Week to mark the launch of the Western Australian Courts and Tribunals Reconciliation Statement.

The heads of jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, District Court, Family Court, Children's Court, Magistrates Court, Coroner's Court and the State Administrative Tribunal will preside during the special joint sitting.

The Reconciliation Statement is an important formal acknowledgement of the history of the relationship between the justice system and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"It is a commitment by all Western Australian courts and tribunals to ensuring access to justice in a culturally sensitive and culturally safe manner," Chief Justice Peter Quinlan said.

The ceremony will take place on Monday, 29 May 2023 at 9:00 am in Court 42 of the David Malcom Justice Centre.

Courthouses around Western Australia will also be convened at that time to enable people in regional areas to attend and view a livestream of the sitting.

Video of the proceedings will be available to media organisations shortly after the ceremony.

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