



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

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Statement by the Hon David K. Malcolm AC Chief Justice of Western Australia**

I welcome the announcement by the State Government of the establishment of drug courts in Western Australia. I have previously expressed support in principle for the idea behind establishing these courts.

Given the substantial number of offences currently being committed by people, particularly by young people, to feed their drug addiction, the community stands to benefit greatly by the establishment of a regime which is designed to cure addiction. This will remove the reason for offending and help significantly reduce the crime rate.

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