



# SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

David Malcolm Justice Centre  
28 Barrack Street  
Perth WA 6000  
Ph: (08) 9421 5333

---

## MEDIA STATEMENT

12 July 2018

### **Bushfires trial to be live streamed by WA Supreme Court**

The Supreme Court of Western Australia will live stream a trial for the first time in the Court's history commencing next Monday, 16 July 2018.

The Court will stream the civil trial arising from the bushfires at Mt Helena, Parkerville and Stoneville, Western Australia, that occurred in January 2014.

Chief Justice Wayne Martin said web streaming provided a valuable mechanism to improve public access to the courts. "I have long held the view that the Courts should use technology which is now available to bring a real courtroom experience to many people in the community via the Internet," he said.

"This case has been selected to be the first trial to be streamed as it involves multiple plaintiffs, many of whom live in the Hills region. By streaming the case, those individuals and other interested parties will be able to view the trial without having to attend court in Perth."

Members of the public can log on to the Supreme Court of Western Australia website at [www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au](http://www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au) to view the trial which starts at 10am. The trial is set down from 16 July – 31 August, and will be presided over by Justice Rene Le Miere.

The link will be on the Court's home page, under the 'What's New' banner.

**Media Contact:** Val Buchanan, Manager, Media and Public Liaison  
Tel: 9421 5303 or mob 0439 953 898