



PUBLIC NOTICE - COVID-19

GATHERINGS IN COURTROOMS AND TRIBUNALS

This notice applies to the Supreme Court of Western Australia, the District Court of Western Australia, the Family Court of Western Australia, the Magistrates Court of Western Australia, the Children's Court of Western Australia, the Coroner's Court of Western Australia and the State Administrative Tribunal. It is made with the authority of the head of each jurisdiction.

Questions have arisen as to whether the prohibition on public gatherings of more than two (2) persons applies to court and tribunals (including courtrooms and hearing rooms).

The answer to that question is 'No'. As courts and tribunals are essential services and workplaces, a gathering at a court or tribunal is not a prohibited gathering under the Prohibited Gathering Directions dated 31 March 2020 (see cl 8(k)).

Nevertheless, in accordance with the directions made in each individual court and tribunal, the gathering of persons at each court and tribunal is being kept to the minimum necessary to allow those essential services to be provided. All persons attending courts and tribunals for those purposes must also remain vigilant in relation to required social distancing and hygiene practices.

Dated 31 March 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Quinlan', written in a cursive style.

The Hon Justice Peter Quinlan
Chief Justice of Western Australia