



SUPREME COURT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

UPDATED PUBLIC NOTICE - COVID-19

CRIMINAL TRIALS

The notice applies in addition to the notice issued on 18 March 2020.

Given the uncertainty as to when trials by jury will be able to resume in the Supreme Court, and so as to better manage the listing of criminal matters in the interim, the following directions in relation to criminal trials are effective immediately:

1. All jury trials listed to commence in April, May and June 2020 are vacated. Those matters will be listed for a status conference in July 2020.
2. Trials by judge alone listed to commence in April, May and June 2020 will continue as listed.
3. Any application for trial by judge alone in relation to trials currently listed for 2020 will be heard and determined as a matter of priority. Where an order for trial by judge alone is ordered in relation to such a matter, the trial will be listed to commence as soon as practicable in May or June 2020.

Dated 6 April 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