



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

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MEDIA STATEMENT

TRANSCRIPT ONLINE FROM WA SUPREME COURT TRIAL

Members of the public will be able follow a high-profile Supreme Court trial online after the WA Chief Justice and the presiding judge agreed to allow publication of the trial transcript.

The transcript will be published on the Western Australian Supreme Court website at www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au

The Hon Wayne Martin AC said the civil trial of Marsh v Baxter, which is currently being heard by the Hon Justice Kenneth Martin, had attracted widespread community interest both in Western Australia and elsewhere.

“Due to the high level of public interest in this case, we believe it is important that we make this transcript available to the wider community,” the Chief Justice said.

“The publication of transcript will allow people to gain a full understanding of the issues before the Court.

“Many people who have a real interest in this matter are from rural areas and can’t attend the court personally, so by publishing the transcript online, it provides an opportunity to many people that would not otherwise be available.

“This is another way in which the Court can be open and accountable and allow the public to learn about how our courts operate.”

The trial, which commenced on February 10, is set down for three weeks. Initially, transcript of the opening submissions will be available. All transcript from the trial will be progressively posted on the Court’s website, with final timing being in the hands of the trial Judge.

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