

Vacated Trials due to COVID-19

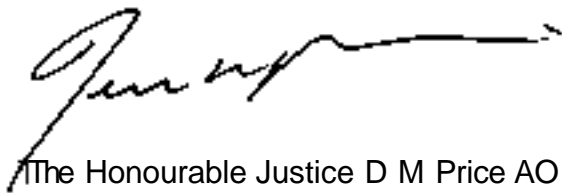
Due to the large number of criminal trials being vacated because of COVID-19, it is essential when jury trials resume that they proceed as efficiently as possible.

Accordingly, when a trial is to be vacated, the trial will not be allocated a new hearing date until all pre-trial issues are argued and determined.

The date allocated for the trial will be utilised for the hearing of pre-trial argument.

Where the parties consider there are no pre-trial issues, the Court will require signed statements in the form annexed from solicitors instructing counsel who are briefed to appear in the trial, which is to be vacated.

This Practice Note commences on 30 August 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Price', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Justice D M Price AO
Chief Judge of the District Court
24 August 2021

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Case number:

Name of the accused person:

- 1 I, _____, am the solicitor with carriage of the above matter for:
 - a the Crown **[OR, delete whichever option is inapplicable]** the accused.
- 2 The trial is listed for hearing on ____/____/____.
[DD/MM/YYYY]
- 3 The counsel briefed to appear on behalf of the Crown/the accused **[delete whichever option is inapplicable]** at the trial is _____.
- 4 Having discussed with counsel briefed to appear at the trial whether there are any pre-trial issues, I advise that there are no pre-trial issues for the Court's resolution in this matter.

Signature

Signature of solicitor:

Date: