



## **Covid-19 update on the District Court's Operations**

The Court is urgently reviewing its operations in response to the developing Covid-19 pandemic. In carrying out the review, the Court is working closely with the Attorney General, the Department of Communities and Justice and NSW Health.

Current jury trials and Judge alone trials are to continue. No new cases in either the Court's criminal or civil jurisdiction are to commence today, other than new sentence matters or appeal matters in which the offender/appellant is appearing by way of AVL, unless otherwise authorised by the Chief Judge in consultation with the relevant List Judge or resident Judge.

Unless otherwise authorised, all criminal trials which may proceed by way of Judge alone or in which there are pre-trial issues to be determined are to be identified and stood over until Wednesday 25 March 2020.

All other criminal trials are to be vacated and given dates after October 2020.

The Court's priority remains the health of all court users. Parties not essential to proceedings must not attend court houses and will be excluded from courtrooms. Social distancing is to be maintained at all times and all persons must comply with health advice.

The Court will utilise online court, audio visual equipment and digital technology to enable as many matters as possible to continue.

An update will be provided as soon as possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justice Price', written in a cursive style.

Justice Price AM, Chief Judge  
23 March 2020