



FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE

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FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE SERVICES IN DARWIN

The Chief Federal Magistrate today confirmed that the Federal Magistrates Service would provide regular court services in family law and other matters in Darwin.

The Federal Magistrates Service has been established by the government to provide affordable, quick and simple justice in family law, administrative law, bankruptcy, discrimination and consumer protection matters.

It is proposed that a federal magistrate will sit in the Commonwealth Law Courts in Darwin during the first week in November 2000 (6 November 2000 to 10 November 2000) with a second circuit visit being planned for February 2001 (5 February 2001 to 9 February 2001).

In addition, first court date, divorce and bankruptcy matters can be finalised at other times if necessary using video facilities. Urgent matters will be dealt with in the first instance by video or audio conference. Video-conferencing facilities are available, if necessary, to deal with pre-hearing issues.