



FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE

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FEDERAL MAGISTRATES SERVICE — ARRANGEMENTS IN PERTH

Chief Federal Magistrate Diana Bryant today confirmed that the Federal Magistrates Service would provide regular court services in general federal matters — such as bankruptcy, discrimination and consumer protection — in Perth.

Speaking in Perth, Chief Federal Magistrate advised that the first sitting of the Federal Magistrates Service in Perth would be on 29 January 2001.

The Federal Magistrates Service will sit in Perth once every two months thereafter and will be able to hear matters by video or audio conference between sittings.

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. However, it does not have a family law jurisdiction in Western Australia, where there is a state family court.

Twelve federal magistrates have been appointed in Melbourne, Sydney, Parramatta, Brisbane, Newcastle, Townsville, Canberra and Adelaide.

In Perth the registry of the Federal Magistrates Service is collocated with the Federal Court of Australia in Victoria Terrace.