



11th June, 2007.

Dear Family Law Practitioners,

Further to the meeting at the Family Law Courts Wollongong Regional Registry on 21st February 2007, we are jointly writing to advise you of the plans for the ongoing management and delivery of Family Law services to the Wollongong area. A range of changes have been devised to better meet the family law requirements of the Wollongong area, and the emerging roles of the Family Law Courts.

The FMC will continue to deliver the mainstay of judicial services in the Wollongong area. The Family Court of Australia (FCoA) will continue to provide judicial services on a special fixture basis to accommodate complex matters where a local trial is more appropriate. Family Law Registry counter and filing services will be expanded to include direct filing into the FMC.

Specific details of the changes are outlined below:

- The present FCoA case management arrangements will continue until the 30th June 2007.
- Filings into the FCoA after the 1st July 2007 will continue and generally be returnable in the Sydney Registry.
- FCoA cases requiring judicial determination will generally take place in Sydney.
- Federal Magistrate Altobelli will manage the FMC Circuit.
- A FMC duty list will be scheduled every month.
- FMC circuit weeks will be held every second month.
- The 17th August 2007 has been established as the first FMC duty list for first return date filing of matters listed direct into this Court.
- Earlier FMC duty lists already in place will be used to settle pending matters.
- FMC subpoenas and mentions will be listed at 10:30am and the first return matters will be listed at 11am on the FMC duty days.
- Family Law Registry staff will accept filings into the FMC 17th August 2007 duty list from 1st July, 2007 onwards.
- A list of all future FMC duty list dates and circuit dates are available on the FMC website www.familylawcourts.gov.au

It is anticipated that these new arrangements will better focus the delivery of Family Law services available to the Wollongong area.

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