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Dear Chief Justice Blow and Chief Magistrate Geason,

## **Lockdown Plan**

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As you would be aware the Tasmanian Government has developed a plan for a lockdown in case it is needed as a circuit breaker to COVID-19 being detected in the community.

That plan provides specific guidance to businesses including those that will be “open” and providing an “essential service”. It also provides Legal services, including conveyancing, that cannot be provided electronically are classed as “essential work and services”. Any legal service that can be provided electronically will not be an “essential work and service”.


Arguably many services that a Court provides can be provided electronically.

Looking at the experience of other jurisdictions across the nation, including notably New South Wales and Victoria, there are obvious benefits to the profession being well informed about the plan for a lockdown well in advance of any lockdown occurring.

On behalf of the profession, I enquire whether your Courts have developed a plan for a lockdown and, if so, whether you would agree to publish it to the profession and the broader community. If there is no lockdown plan, when does your Court anticipate developing a plan?

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss lockdown contingency planning.

Yours faithfully



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