



FEDERAL CIRCUIT AND FAMILY COURT OF AUSTRALIA

NOTICE TO PRACTITIONERS – 21 September 2021

THE FUTURE OF BURNIE CIRCUITS

I am writing to the profession in Launceston and more particularly the North West Coast of Tasmania.

For the past 20 years the Federal Magistrates Court, the Federal Circuit Court and now the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia have had the privilege of being able to sit in the premises of the Magistrates Court of Tasmania at Devonport and Burnie and more recently the Supreme Court of Tasmania.

We have just been advised that, as of 12 November 2021, we do not have the privilege of being able to utilise those premises any longer due to the appointment of Justice Jago permanently to the Supreme Court of Tasmania at Burnie.

The sittings of 4 October 2021 and 8 November 2021 will remain in Burnie but all matters listed (and to be listed in the future), after the 12 November 2021, will have to be listed in Launceston.

We will continue to search for any solutions to be able to service the North West Coast region of Tasmania and acknowledge the many difficulties clients and solicitors alike will have to endure in having to travel to Launceston.

We are still in negotiations with the Supreme Court of Tasmania to be able to utilise the new Burnie premises in Mooreville Road when completed and in this regard we are hoping to talk to the project people organising the new complex in Mooreville Road as soon as we can.

Regards

Judge Turnbull

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Launceston