



**Magistrates Court of Western Australia**

**WARDEN'S COURT**

**Practice Direction Number 4 of 2022**

1. This Practice Direction applies only to matters listed in the Warden's Court and to matters where the Warden is sitting administratively, as it sits in Perth, Western Australia. It does not apply to other fields.
2. The purpose of this Practice Direction is to assist in the efficient, expeditious and fair determination of disputes in the jurisdiction.

**Provision of Electronic Materials**

- 1 Commencing from 28 March 2022, any represented party involved in the conduct of a trial of hearing in the Warden's Court in Perth is to provide electronic copies of the documentation which has been filed in the matter in support of the parties' position, or which is to be relied upon at any substantive hearing.
- 2 In this respect it is required of parties to provide electronic copies of any:
  - a. Affidavits,
  - b. Submissions,
  - c. Authorities,
  - d. Or any other document intended to be used for the purposes of cross-examination.
- 3 In respect of this the Warden has given a direction to the Warden's Court Registry, that parties may, if they wish, file electronically.
- 4 All electronic materials to be relied upon by the parties at the conduct of a hearing are to be provided to the Warden's Court no later than seven days prior to the conduct of a hearing.

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- 5 It is intended that the Court will move to be an eCourt, however that is not currently able to be achieved. As a result, parties at substantive hearings are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient copies of documentation as might be required for the purposes of examination in chief, and cross examination.
- 6 Unrepresented parties may continue to lodge paper materials, should they wish to do so.



Steven Heath  
**Chief Magistrate**

Dated: 4/4/22