

Local Court Act
PRACTICE DIRECTION

DE FACTO RELATIONSHIPS ACT

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to section 21 of the *Local Court Act* and will be effective from 19 January 2004.

BACKGROUND

Since the issue of the Practice Direction dated 2 December 1998 regarding applications under the De Facto Relationships Act a new process, the originating application, has been introduced into the Local Court Rules. The originating application is a more appropriate form of originating process for applications under the *De Facto Relationships Act*.

DIRECTION

The Practice Direction dated the 2 December 1998 regarding applications under the *De Facto Relationships Act* is rescinded and replaced by the following:

1. Proceedings for orders, declarations, and other relief under Part 2 of the De Facto Relationships Act are to be commenced by filing an interparte Originating Application.
2. The Originating Application shall be accompanied by an affidavit supporting the application to be served with the Originating application.
3. The Application will then be dealt with pursuant to Division 2 of Part 7 of the Local Court Rules.

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