

Explanatory Statement

Court Procedures Amendment Rules 2020 (No 2)

Subordinate Law SL2020-9

Issued by Authority of the Rule-Making Committee

The Rule-Making Committee (currently comprising the Chief Justice, Justice Elkaim, Acting Chief Magistrate Theakston and Magistrate Morrison) may make rules in relation to the practice and procedure of the ACT Courts and their registries pursuant to section 7 of the *Court Procedures Act 2004*. The Courts and the Joint Rules Advisory Committee have conducted a consultative review of the rules which has resulted in the amendments contained in *the Court Procedures Amendment Rules 2020 (No 2)*.

The amendment provides for a greater discretion in a Registrar, in consultation with the Heads of Jurisdiction to open or close the registry outside of standard operating times.