

Explanatory Statement

Court Procedures Amendment Rules 2020 (No 3)

Subordinate Law SL2020-20

Issued by Authority of the Rule-Making Committee

The Rule-Making Committee (currently comprising the Chief Justice, Justice Elkaim, Chief Magistrate Walker 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 3)*.

The amended Rules inserts notes under Division 6.8.12 regarding Australia's obligations under the Hague Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil and Commercial Matters. Amendments have been made to schedule 4.

The amendments will commence on 1 July 2020.