



**Magistrates' Court
Victoria**

Practice Direction

No. 1 of 2011

MEDIATION PILOT PROGRAMME

Background

Practice Direction No. 6 of 2007 created a mediation pilot programme for certain defended civil proceedings at the Magistrates' Court of Victoria at Broadmeadows. In Practice Direction 5 of 2009 the programme was extended to the Magistrates' Court at La Trobe Valley. The purpose of this Practice Direction is to extend the programme at the Court at La Trobe Valley to all defended civil proceedings under \$40,000 instead of \$10,000.

Directions

1. From 1 June 2011, all defended civil proceedings issued in the Court at La Trobe Valley will be referred to mediation under section 108 of the Magistrates' Court Act 1989 where the amount sought in the complaint is less than \$40,000.
2. This extension to the pilot programme will only involve those proceedings where a notice of defence is filed at the Court at La Trobe Valley on or after 1 June 2011.
3. Apart from the extension, this Practice Direction does not affect the directions contained in Practice Direction No 5 of 2009.
4. This Practice Direction commences on 1 June 2011.



Ian L Gray
Chief Magistrate
11 May 2011