



Magistrates' Court
of Victoria

Practice Direction

No. 1 of 2009

MEDIATION PILOT PROGRAMME

Background

Practice Direction No. 6 of 2007 created a mediation pilot programme for certain defended civil proceedings at the Magistrates' Court at Broadmeadows. Principally, the pilot programme concerned defended civil disputes where the amount sought in the complaint was less than \$10,000. Owing to the success of the pilot programme, it is proposed to extend the programme at the Magistrates' Court at Broadmeadows to all defended civil proceedings under \$40,000 instead of \$10,000.

Directions

1. From 2 April 2009, all defended civil proceedings 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 Magistrates' Court at Broadmeadows on or after 2 April 2009.
3. Apart from the extension, this Practice Direction does not affect the directions contained in Practice Direction No. 6 of 2007.
4. This Practice Direction operates from 2 April 2009.

IAN L GRAY
Chief Magistrate

30 March 2009