




## FEDERAL CIRCUIT COURT OF AUSTRALIA

### *Information Notice*

#### COURT FILE

1. Since its establishment in 2000 the Federal Circuit Court of Australia has collaborated closely with the Federal Court of Australia and the Family Court of Australia in the development of case management systems and court registry services. During this time there have been significant advancements arising from the application of technology to court processes.
2. Both the Federal Court of Australia and the Family Court of Australia have instituted electronic filing and, accordingly, filings in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia in both general federal and family law jurisdictions can now be lodged electronically.
3. The Federal Circuit Court of Australia has also developed a fully electronic divorce file which permits the management of divorce applications in electronic format from filing to disposition.
4. These initiatives meet a range of objectives including aligning with Commonwealth Government strategies for digital administration and records management, and offering the legal profession and public streamlined services.
5. This note therefore establishes the manner in which files of the Federal Circuit Court of Australia may be constituted under different circumstances.
6. The official file for any proceeding in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, subject to any order made by the Court in that proceeding, is:
  - a. For all proceedings for which electronic court files are created – the electronic court file for that proceeding
  - b. Otherwise – the paper file created for that proceeding.
7. The Federal Circuit Court of Australia manages its official records, including the official files for its proceedings, under the *Archives Act 1983* in accordance with specific and general authorities and normal administrative practice approved by the National Archives of Australia.

  
J. PASCOE

Chief Judge