



**Children's Court
Victoria**

PRACTICE DIRECTION

No. 1 of 2014

MELBOURNE CHILDREN'S COURT

Family Division Section 162(1)(d) Pilot Specialist List

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Section 592 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005*.

Preamble

Practice Direction 4 of 2012 established a pilot Section 162(1)(d) list (the "D List") in the Family Division of the Melbourne Children's Court. The D List provides intensive judicial case management of these complex and challenging cases. Practice Direction 1 of 2013 extended the pilot D List for six months until 13 December 2013.

The purpose of this Practice Direction is to state that the D List is no longer a pilot and will henceforth be maintained as an ongoing specialist list at the Melbourne Children's Court.

This Practice Direction applies to protection applications filed by the Department of Human Services in metropolitan Melbourne.

Directions

The list will sit on the following dates in 2014:

- 14 February
- 21 March
- 11 April
- 16 May
- 27 June
- 18 July
- 15 August
- 12 September
- 17 October
- 14 November
- 12 December

This Practice Direction commences on 17 January 2014.

Judge Peter Couzens
President
Children's Court of Victoria

16 January 2014