

Workers Compensation Rules (Amendment)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Background

These Rules are made pursuant to section 421 of the *Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction) Act 1982*.

Detail

Clause 1 provides for the commencement of the Rules.

Clause 2 defines "Principal Rules" to mean the "Workers' Compensation Rules".

Clause 3 inserts a new Rule 31A that confers powers to the Court, after making an award against more than one insurer, to apportion the amount awarded among those insurers.

Clause 4 repeals Rule 63 of the Principal Rules to remove the right of solicitors to extract their costs from any sum paid into Court or payable in respect of the costs by the party against whom the costs are awarded as he or she would have if the costs were awarded on the hearing of a claim under the *Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction) Act 1982*.