

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

MAGISTRATES COURT (CIVIL JURISDICTION) (SOLICITORS' COSTS)
REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1989 No. 7

This Regulation amends the Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction) (Solicitors' Costs) Regulations to effectively increase the scales of costs in the Schedules to the Regulations by 1.8%.

The Schedules contain the scales of solicitors' costs allowed on a party and party basis for civil proceedings in the Magistrates Court under the Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction) Ordinance 1982.

The increase in the scales of costs gives effect to the recommendations of the Federal Costs Advisory Committee ("the Committee") in its Report of 20 December 1988 to the Attorney-General on solicitors' costs in civil proceedings in the Court.

The increase accords with the increase of 1.8% in the Supreme Court scale (to which the Magistrates Court scale is linked) recommended by the Committee and given effect to by the Judges of the Court.

The amending Regulation inserts a new Regulation 6 into the Magistrates Court (Civil Jurisdiction) (Solicitors' Costs) Regulations.

The new Regulation 6 provides that the scales of fees provided for in Schedules to the principal Regulations are increased by 1.8%. The increase of 1.8% applies only in relation to work or services performed on or after the commencement of the amending Regulation.