

Queensland

COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020 Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012 Magistrates Courts Act 1921

## **Domestic and Family Violence Protection (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020**

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### Repeal/Expiry Information

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### Reprint note

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## Domestic and Family Violence Protection (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020

### Part 1 Preliminary

#### 1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020.* 

#### 2 Commencement

The following provisions are taken to have commenced on 19 March 2020—

- (a) sections 6 to 8;
- (b) section 10.

#### 3 Declaration

This regulation is made under the *COVID-19 Emergency Response Act 2020*, sections 9 and 17.

### 4 Interpretation

In parts 2 and 4, a reference to the Act is a reference to the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012*.

## Part 2 Modification of Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 2012

### 5 Application of part

This part modifies the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act* 2012.

### 6 Use of audio visual links or audio links for particular proceedings

- (1) This section applies in relation to a proceeding under the Act before a Magistrates Court.
- (2) The Magistrates Court may conduct all or part of the proceeding by the use of audio visual links or audio links.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), the Magistrates Court may enable a person to do any of the following by audio visual link or audio link—
  - (a) appear before the Magistrates Court;
  - (b) give evidence or make a submission to the Magistrates Court;
  - (c) take an oath or make an affirmation.
- (4) If all or part of a proceeding is conducted by the use of audio visual links or audio links, a person who appears before the Magistrates Court for the proceeding is taken to be present before the Magistrates Court.

## 7 Modification of verification of protection order applications—Act, s 32

A requirement under section 32(2)(d) of the Act for an applicant who is not a police officer to verify by statutory declaration an application for a protection order is taken to be

satisfied if the applicant informs a magistrate that the application is true and correct.

### 8 Modification of verification of variation of domestic violence order applications—Act, s 86

A requirement under section 86(2)(d) of the Act for an applicant who is not a police officer to verify by statutory declaration an application for a variation of a domestic violence order is taken to be satisfied if the applicant informs a magistrate that the application is true and correct.

## Part 3 Modification of Domestic and Family Violence Protection Rules 2014

### 9 Application of part

This part modifies the *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Rules 2014*.

### 10 Modification of filing requirements

- (1) The *Domestic and Family Violence Protection Rules 2014*, rule 9(1) is taken to permit a document in a proceeding to be filed by sending the document to the registry by email under subsection (2).
- (2) For subsection (1), a person files a document by email if the document is sent by email to the registry and the person receives an electronic message from the registry that the email was received.

### Part 4 Other provisions

### 11 Transitional provision for COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2020

- (1) This section applies in relation to an application made under section 32 or 86 of the Act during the period—
  - (a) starting on 4 December 2020; and
  - (b) ending immediately before the enactment of the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2020.
- (2) To remove any doubt, it is declared that sections 7 and 8 apply, and are taken always to have applied, in relation to the requirement under section 32 or 86 of the Act for the applicant to verify the application.

### 12 Expiry

This regulation expires on the COVID-19 legislation expiry day.