HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

9 November 2026

MEDIA RELEASE

The Court will expand the public livestreaming of its proceedings from February 2027.

Under the new arrangements, the Court intends for the following kinds of proceedings to be livestreamed on the Court's website, unless the Justices of the Court consider that it is not appropriate for a particular proceeding to be livestreamed:

- oral hearings before the Full Court
- the handing down of Full Court judgments
- oral hearings of applications for leave or special leave to appeal before the Full Court
- oral hearings of applications for removal before the Full Court; and
- ceremonial sittings.

Prior to the launch in February 2027, the Court will undertake technical testing of public livestreaming for hearings listed during the week of 9 November 2026. The purpose of the testing will be to identify and address any technical issues before the new arrangements commence in February 2027.

A new Practice Direction has been issued to provide guidance to practitioners and litigants in relation to the Court's approach to livestreaming. Relevant Forms will also be updated.