

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by the authority of the Judges of the Federal Court of Australia

Federal Court (Corporations) Amendment (Publication of Notices) Rules 2017

Background

The *Federal Court (Corporations) Amendment (Publication of Notices) Rules 2017*, which came into force on 16 March 2017, made changes to the publication requirements for certain notices prescribed by the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *Federal Court (Corporations) Rules 2000*.

The background to the *Federal Court (Corporations) Amendment (Publication of Notices) Rules 2017* is set out in the Explanatory Statement for those Rules.

Purpose

The purpose of this Supplementary Explanatory Statement is to set out details of consultation undertaken in developing the *Federal Court (Corporations) Amendment (Publication of Notices) Rules 2017*.

Consultation

In preparing the rules, the Federal Court of Australia consulted the Council of Chief Justices' Rules Harmonisation Committee (**Committee**). The Committee is comprised of representatives of the Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court of Australia, the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the Supreme Court of Victoria, the Supreme Court of Queensland, the Supreme Court of South Australia, the Supreme Court of Tasmania, the Supreme Court of Western Australia, the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, the High Court of New Zealand and the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration. A proposal was circulated to members of the Committee. In response to that proposal, the Supreme Court of Victoria raised some additional issues. Draft rules were prepared and then considered at a meeting of the Committee. Amendments were made to the draft rules. The rules were subsequently approved by the Committee and, in turn, by the Council of Chief Justices.

As the amendments were directed at addressing an omission under the *Corporations Rules* of each Court, and involved no change in policy, no further external consultation was necessary.