

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

HIGH COURT RULE OF COURT <u>4 SEPTEMBER 2017</u> <u>EXPLANATORY STATEMENT</u>

Each year, the Justices of the High Court of Australia make a Rule of Court appointing the places and days of the sittings of each Full Court for the following year. These Rules of Court are made by the Justices under the rule-making power given by s 86 of the *Judiciary Act* 1903.

This Rule of Court appoints the sittings of the Full Court of the High Court for 2018. Sittings of the Court will continue to be held in Adelaide, Brisbane, Hobart and Perth as required. Additional sittings of the Full Court may also be held on other days as required, for example in matters requiring expedition. These sittings are appointed by the Chief Justice pursuant to Rule 6.04.2 of the *High Court Rules* 2004.

As in previous years, no consultation was necessary in relation to the appointment of the High Court sitting dates for 2018. The Rule does not substantially alter long-standing arrangements.