

TASMANIA

*COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020*

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 20

I, ELISE ARCHER, the Attorney-General, in pursuance of section 20 of the *COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020* (“the Act”), at the request of the Chief Magistrate, being of the opinion that the relevant emergency circumstances exist in relation to this notice and with the approval of the emergency manager, declare in relation to proceedings conducted by the Magistrates Court that –

- (a) despite section 37(1) of the *Justices Act 1959*, to the extent that it requires that the room or place in which justices sit to hear and determine a complaint upon which a conviction or order may be made, is an open and public court, to which all persons may have access so far as it can conveniently contain them, such proceedings may be heard in the approved manner determined by the Chief Magistrate in accordance with section 20(2) of the Act; and
- (b) despite section 90(1) of the *Sentencing Act 1997*, to the extent that it provides that a sentence may be imposed in open court, a sentence for an offence, imposed by a magistrate, may be imposed in the approved manner determined by the Chief Magistrate in accordance with section 20(2) of the Act.

Signed

ELISE ARCHER

Attorney-General

Dated 17 April 2020

